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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	680	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	132,113	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	98	70
Average size of farm (acres)	194	171
Percent of land area in farms	86.0%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	904	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	354	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	598	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	56.7	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	104	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	685	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	219	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	20.1	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	160	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	272	29,304

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	524	58,847
Part owner	106	14,320
Tenant	50	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	615	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$2,156,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	74	10,605
Unpaid workers*	652	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$26,183,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$38,504	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$31,335,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$46,081	\$75,533

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	781	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	141,054	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	47	70
Average size of farm (acres)	181	171
Percent of land area in farms	72.2%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	1,057	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	356	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	695	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	55.2	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	127	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	778	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	279	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	20.7	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	168	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	378	29,304

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<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	566	58,847
Part owner	199	14,320
Tenant	16	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	446	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$1,758,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	49	10,605
Unpaid workers*	1,028	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$41,198,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$52,750	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$45,793,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$58,634	\$75,533

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	283	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	35,362	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	75	70
Average size of farm (acres)	125	171
Percent of land area in farms	27.1%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	373	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	107	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	248	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	57.1	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	15	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	275	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	98	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	20.3	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	74	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	116	29,304

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<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	228	58,847
Part owner	43	14,320
Tenant	12	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	144	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$308,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,605
Unpaid workers*	247	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$3,270,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$11,557	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$2,391,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$8,450	\$75,533

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,108	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	136,446	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	61	70
Average size of farm (acres)	123	171
Percent of land area in farms	85.7%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	1,509	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	543	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	1,064	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	55.0	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	187	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	1,074	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	435	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	17.8	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	247	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	489	29,304

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Full owner	900	58,847
Part owner	163	14,320
Tenant	45	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	561	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$4,952,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	86	10,605
Unpaid workers*	1,257	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$49,802,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$44,948	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$45,903,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$41,428	\$75,533

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	945	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	138,477	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	73	70
Average size of farm (acres)	147	171
Percent of land area in farms	74.7%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	1,273	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	531	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	865	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	56.1	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	111	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	960	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	313	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	20.6	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	200	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	343	29,304

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Part owner	208	14,320
Tenant	44	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	775	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$3,479,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	169	10,605
Unpaid workers*	1,045	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$39,320,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$41,609	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$43,143,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$45,654	\$75,533

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Median size of farm (acres)	92	70
Average size of farm (acres)	209	171
Percent of land area in farms	75.8%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
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<b><u>Work</u></b>		
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Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	690	64,315
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Average number of years principal producer on present farm	23.5	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	125	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	233	29,304

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	569	58,847
Part owner	167	14,320
Tenant	29	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	538	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$5,376,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	147	10,605
Unpaid workers*	661	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$75,261,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$98,381	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$102,471,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$133,949	\$75,533

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	659	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	103,033	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	80	70
Average size of farm (acres)	156	171
Percent of land area in farms	81.6%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	884	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	320	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	543	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	58.8	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	48	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	624	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	260	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	20.3	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	159	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	281	29,304

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	511	58,847
Part owner	123	14,320
Tenant	25	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	360	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$1,575,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	24	10,605
Unpaid workers*	656	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$21,004,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$31,873	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$21,393,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$32,462	\$75,533

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	657	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	106,529	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	90	70
Average size of farm (acres)	162	171
Percent of land area in farms	43.7%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	861	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	342	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	544	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	56.5	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	53	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	656	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	205	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	21.7	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	67	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	207	29,304

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	515	58,847
Part owner	130	14,320
Tenant	12	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	421	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$340,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	n/a	10,605
Unpaid workers*	674	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$6,948,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$10,575	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$5,784,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$8,803	\$75,533

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	549	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	127,522	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	93	70
Average size of farm (acres)	232	171
Percent of land area in farms	42.7%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	758	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	298	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	458	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	57.8	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	58	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	561	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	197	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	21.1	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	106	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	220	29,304

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<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	398	58,847
Part owner	138	14,320
Tenant	13	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	555	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$5,333,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	129	10,605
Unpaid workers*	625	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$69,741,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$127,034	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$94,467,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$172,070	\$75,533

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,434	75,966
Land in farms (acres)	213,534	12,961,784
Median size of farm (acres)	43	70
Average size of farm (acres)	149	171
Percent of land area in farms	79.9%	51.3%
<b><u>Principal Producers</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Producers	1,932	100,889
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal producers for whom primary occupation is farming	778	39,268
Number of principal producers working any days off the farm	1,279	64,315
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal producers	57.1	57.3
Number of principal producers who are under 35 years old	153	8,194
Number of principal producers who are male	1,380	73,677
Number of principal producers who are female	552	27,212
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal producer on present farm	21.5	21.2
Number of principal producers on present farm for 4 years or less	294	14,851
Number of principal producers on present farm for 9 years or less	552	29,304

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<b><u>Farm Tenure</u></b>		
Full owner	1,148	58,847
Part owner	243	14,320
Tenant	43	2,799
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Hired farm workers	513	52,701
Hired farm workers payroll	\$4,590,000	\$442,928,000
Total migrant workers*	90	10,605
Unpaid workers*	1,394	80,840
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total farm production expenses	\$63,248,000	\$4,704,510,000
Farm production expenses (average per farm)	\$44,106	\$61,929
<u>Total Products Sold</u>		
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$67,099,000	\$5,737,920,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$46,792	\$75,533

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