

About the U.S. Agriculture Census

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(Information from the NASS website)

- Confidentiality Pledge
- Uses Of Agriculture Census Data
- Farms with a Black or African American principal operator (2012/2007/2002)
- NASS regional offices in the southern United States

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FARM DEFINITION

The census definition of a farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The definition has changed nine times since it was established in 1850.

The current definition was first used for the 1974 Census of Agriculture and has been used in each subsequent agriculture census. This definition is consistent with the definition used for current USDA surveys. The farm definition used for each U.S. territory varies. The report for each territory includes a discussion of its farm definition.