# 2 Structure of U.S. Agriculture 

## - Farming Regions

The 10 major farm production regions in the United States differ in soils, slope of land, climate, distance to market, and storage and marketing facilities. Together they comprise the agricultural face of the Nation.

The Northeastern States and the Lake States are the Nation's principal milkproducing areas. Climate and soil in these States are suited to raising grains and forage for cattle and for providing pastureland for grazing.

Broiler farming is important in Maine, Delaware, and Maryland. Fruit and vegetables are also important to the region.

The Appalachian region is the major tobacco-producing region in the Nation. Peanuts, cattle, and dairy production are also important there.

In the Southeast region, beef and broilers are important livestock products. Fruits, vegetables, and peanuts are grown in this region. Big citrus groves and winter vegetable production areas in Florida are major suppliers of agricultural goods. Cotton production is making a comeback.

In the Delta States, the principal cash crops are soybeans and cotton. Rice and sugarcane are also grown. With improved pastures, livestock production has gained in importance. This is a major broiler-producing region.

The Corn Belt has rich soil and good climate for excellent farming. Corn, beef, cattle, hogs, and dairy products are the major outputs of farms in the region. Other feed grains, soybeans, and wheat are also important.

Agriculture in the northern and southern Plains, which extend north and south from Canada to Mexico, is restricted by rainfall in the western portion and by cold winters and short growing seasons in the northern part. About three-fifths of the Nation's winter and spring wheat is produced in this region. Other small grains, grain sorghum, hay, forage crops, and pastures form the basis for raising cattle. Cotton is produced in the southern part.

The Mountain States provide a still different terrain. Vast areas of this region are suited to raising cattle and sheep. Wheat is important in the northern parts. Irrigation in the valleys provides water for such crops as hay, sugar beets, potatoes, fruits, and vegetables.

The Pacific region includes the three Pacific Coast States plus Alaska and Hawaii. Farmers in Washington and Oregon specialize in raising wheat, fruit, and potatoes; vegetables, fruit, and cotton are important in California. Cattle are raised throughout the region. In Hawaii, sugarcane and pineapples are the major crops. Greenhouse/nursery and dairy products are Alaska's top-ranking commodities.
U.S. farm production regions


## Farms and Land in Farms

The United States had 2.06 million farms in 1996, down less than 1 percent from 1995. A farm is defined as any establishment from which $\$ 1,000$ or more of agricultural products was sold or would normally be sold during the year. The number of farms declined annually about 1 percent from 1986 through 1996 except for an increase in 1995 of less than half a percent which was due in part to a change in definition; the overall decline for the period was 8 percent.

Land in farms continues to decline slowly; the total of 968 million acres in 1996 is down 0.4 percent from a year earlier and down 3.7 percent from 1986. Land in farms has declined every year since reaching its peak at 1.206 billion acres in 1954.

The number of farms has declined at a faster rate than land in farms; the average size of farms increased from 447 acres in 1986 to 469 acres in 1996.

Table 2-1.
Number of farms, land in farms, average farm size:
United States, J une 1, 1986-96¹

| Year | Number <br> of Farms | Land in Farms | Average <br> Farm Size |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | In 1,000 | In 1,000 of acres | In acres |
| 1986 | 2,250 |  |  |
| 1987 | 2,213 | $1,005,333$ | 447 |
| 1988 | 2,201 | 998,923 | 451 |
| 1989 | 2,175 | 994,423 | 452 |
| 1990 | 2,146 | 990,723 | 456 |
| 1991 | 2,117 | 986,850 | 460 |
| 1992 | 2,108 | 981,736 | 464 |
| 1993 | 2,083 | 978,503 | 464 |
| 1994 | 2,065 | 976,463 | 469 |
| 1995 | 2,072 | 973,403 | 471 |
| 1996 | 2,063 | 972,253 | 469 |

${ }^{1}$ A farm is any establishment from which $\$ 1,000$ or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Farms and Land in Farms

## Farms by Sales Class

Farms are commonly classified in size groups based on the total value of their gross farm sales. Data from the annual Farm Costs and Returns Survey, which is conducted by ERS and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, show that the greatest number of farms is in the lowest sales class, with over 60 percent reporting gross farm sales of less than $\$ 20,000$ in 1994. According to the survey, these small farms accounted for only 16.2 percent of the acreage operated and 5 percent of the cash receipts from marketings.

A relatively small number of very large farms produce the largest share of farm sales. Only 2.3 percent of the farms in 1994 were large operations with sales of $\$ 500,000$ or more, but they generated 38 percent of cash receipts from marketings and operated 14.8 percent of the land.

Average farm size increases consistently with sales class, ranging from 128 acres per farm in the less than $\$ 20,000$ category to 3,032 acres for farms with receipts of $\$ 500,000$ or more. The average farm in the $\$ 500,000$ or more sales class reported farm sales of more than $\$ 1.4$ million in 1994, compared with sales of more than $\$ 7,200$ for the average farm in the less than $\$ 20,000$ sales class.

Table 2-2.
Number of farms and land in farms: by State and United States, J une 1, 1991-96¹

| State | Farms |  |  | Land in farms |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 |
|  | Number of farms |  |  | 1,000 Acres |  |  |
| AL | 46,000 | 46,000 | 46,000 | 9,900 | 9,800 | 10,000 |
| AK | 560 | 540 | 530 | 970 | 950 | 940 |
| AZ | 7,600 | 7,500 | 7,400 | 35,800 | 35,600 | 35,500 |
| AR | 46,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 15,500 | 15,300 | 15,300 |
| CA | 83,000 | 82,000 | 79,000 | 30,500 | 30,200 | 30,000 |
| CO | 26,000 | 25,500 | 25,500 | 32,800 | 32,800 | 32,800 |
| CT | 3,900 | 4,000 | 3,800 | 420 | 410 | 400 |
| DE | 2,900 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 600 | 590 | 570 |
| FL | 40,000 | 39,000 | 39,000 | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,300 |
| GA | 46,000 | 46,000 | 46,000 | 12,100 | 12,100 | 12,100 |
| HI | 4,700 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 1,630 | 1,590 | 1,590 |
| ID | 21,400 | 21,000 | 20,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| IL | 82,000 | 81,000 | 79,000 | 28,300 | 28,200 | 28,100 |
| IN | 65,000 | 65,000 | 63,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| IA | 103,000 | 103,000 | 102,000 | 33,500 | 33,400 | 33,300 |
| KS | 69,000 | 67,000 | 65,000 | 47,900 | 47,800 | 47,800 |
| KY | 91,000 | 91,000 | 91,000 | 14,100 | 14,100 | 14,100 |
| LA | 30,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,600 |
| ME | 7,100 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 1,420 | 1,420 | 1,400 |
| MD | 15,400 | 15,600 | 15,000 | 2,250 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| MA | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,200 | 630 | 630 | 610 |
| MI | 54,000 | 54,000 | 52,000 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,700 |
| MN | 88,000 | 88,000 | 87,000 | 30,000 | 29,800 | 29,700 |
| MS | 40,000 | 39,000 | 39,000 | 12,800 | 12,800 | 12,800 |
| MO | 107,000 | 107,000 | 106,000 | 30,400 | 30,300 | 30,200 |
| MT | 24,700 | 24,300 | 23,800 | 60,300 | 60,000 | 59,800 |
| NE | 56,000 | 56,000 | 55,000 | 47,100 | 47,100 | 47,100 |
| NV | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 8,900 | 8,900 | 8,900 |
| NH | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 440 | 440 | 440 |
| NJ | 8,500 | 9,000 | 8,900 | 880 | 880 | 870 |
| NM | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 44,300 | 44,200 | 44,200 |
| NY | 38,000 | 38,000 | 37,500 | 8,300 | 8,200 | 8,100 |
| NC | 60,000 | 60,000 | 59,000 | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,400 |
| ND | 33,000 | 33,000 | 32,500 | 40,400 | 40,400 | 40,400 |
| OH | 80,000 | 78,000 | 76,000 | 15,500 | 15,300 | 15,200 |
| OK | 70,000 | 71,000 | 70,500 | 33,000 | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| OR | 37,000 | 37,500 | 37,500 | 17,800 | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| PA | 53,000 | 52,000 | 51,000 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 7,900 |
| RI | 700 | 700 | 700 | 66 | 63 | 63 |
| SC | 24,500 | 24,500 | 24,000 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,150 |
| SD | 35,000 | 35,000 | 34,500 | 44,200 | 44,200 | 44,200 |
| TN | 85,000 | 85,000 | 84,000 | 12,100 | 12,100 | 12,100 |
| TX | 197,000 | 198,000 | 200,000 | 131,000 | 130,000 | 30,000 |
| UT | 13,300 | 13,200 | 13,000 | 11,300 | 11,300 | 11,200 |
| VT | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 1,430 | 1,430 | 1,430 |
| VA | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,600 |
| WA | 37,000 | 37,000 | 36,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| WV | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| WI | 79,000 | 79,000 | 79,000 | 17,500 | 17,300 | 17,100 |
| WY | 9,000 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 34,700 | 34,600 | 34,600 |
| US | 2,116,760 | 2,107,840 | 2,083,430 | 981,736 | 978,503 | 976,463 |

See footnotes at end of table.
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Table 2-2 continued.
Number of farms and land in farms, by State and U.S., J une 1, 1991-96 ${ }^{1}$ (continued)

Farms Land in farms

|  | Farms |  |  | Land in farms |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|  | Number of farms |  |  | 1,000 Acres |  |  |
| AL | 46,000 | 47,000 | 45,000 | 10,200 | 10,200 | 9,800 |
| AK | 520 | 520 | 510 | 930 | 920 | 920 |
| AZ | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,500 | 35,400 | 35,400 | 35,400 |
| AR | 44,000 | 43,000 | 43,000 | 15,100 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| CA | 79,000 | 80,000 | 82,000 | 29,900 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| CO | 25,300 | 25,000 | 24,500 | 32,700 | 32,700 | 32,500 |
| CT | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 390 | 380 | 380 |
| DE | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 570 | 570 | 565 |
| FL | 39,000 | 39,000 | 40,000 | 10,300 | 10,300 | 10,300 |
| GA | 45,000 | 45,000 | 43,000 | 12,100 | 12,000 | 11,800 |
| HI | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,600 | 1,590 | 1,590 | 1,590 |
| ID | 20,500 | 21,500 | 22,000 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| IL | 77,000 | 77,000 | 76,000 | 28,100 | 28,100 | 28,100 |
| IN | 63,000 | 62,000 | 60,000 | 16,000 | 15,900 | 15,900 |
| IA | 101,000 | 100,000 | 98,000 | 33,200 | 33,200 | 33,200 |
| KS | 65,000 | 66,000 | 66,000 | 47,800 | 47,800 | 47,800 |
| KY | 89,000 | 89,000 | 88,000 | 14,100 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| LA | 28,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 8,400 | 8,500 | 8,700 |
| ME | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,400 | 1,360 | 1,350 | 1,340 |
| MD | 14,500 | 14,300 | 13,700 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 |
| MA | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,200 | 600 | 570 | 570 |
| MI | 52,000 | 54,000 | 53,000 | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10,600 |
| MN | 85,000 | 87,000 | 87,000 | 29,700 | 29,800 | 29,800 |
| MS | 39,000 | 42,000 | 44,000 | 12,800 | 13,000 | 12,600 |
| MO | 105,000 | 105,000 | 104,000 | 30,100 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| MT | 22,500 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 59,700 | 59,700 | 59,700 |
| NE | 55,000 | 56,000 | 56,000 | 47,100 | 47,000 | 47,000 |
| NV | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,800 |
| NH | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 440 | 440 | 430 |
| NJ | 8,900 | 9,000 | 9,200 | 860 | 850 | 840 |
| NM | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 44,200 | 44,000 | 43,700 |
| NY | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 7,900 | 7,700 | 7,700 |
| NC | 58,000 | 58,000 | 58,000 | 9,300 | 9,200 | 9,200 |
| ND | 32,000 | 32,000 | 31,000 | 40,400 | 40,300 | 40,300 |
| OH | 75,000 | 74,000 | 72,000 | 15,200 | 15,200 | 15,100 |
| OK | 70,000 | 71,000 | 72,000 | 34,000 | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| OR | 38,000 | 38,500 | 38,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| PA | 51,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 7,800 | 7,700 | 7,700 |
| RI | 700 | 700 | 700 | 63 | 63 | 63 |
| SC | 23,000 | 22,000 | 21,500 | 5,100 | 5,050 | 5,000 |
| SD | 34,000 | 33,000 | 32,500 | 44,200 | 44,000 | 44,000 |
| TN | 83,000 | 81,000 | 80,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 11,800 |
| TX | 200,000 | 202,000 | 205,000 | 129,000 | 129,000 | 127,000 |
| UT | 13,000 | 13,400 | 13,400 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 11,000 |
| VT | 6,200 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 1,400 | 1,370 | 1,350 |
| VA | 46,000 | 47,000 | 48,000 | 8,600 | 8,600 | 8,600 |
| WA | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 15,800 | 15,800 | 15,700 |
| WV | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| WI | 79,000 | 80,000 | 79,000 | 16,900 | 16,900 | 16,800 |
| WY | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 | 34,600 | 34,600 | 34,600 |
| US | 2,064,720 | 2,071,520 | 2,063,010 | 973,403 | 972,253 | 968,048 |

[^0]Table 2-3.
Percent of farms and land in farms: by economic sales class, United States, J une 1, 1995-96¹

| Economic class (gross value of sales) | Percent of total |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { size of } \\ \text { farms (acres) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Farms |  | Land |  |  |  |
|  | 1995 | 1996 | 1995 | 1996 | 1995 | 1996 |
| \$1,000-\$2,499 | 21.5 | 22.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 59 | 63 |
| \$2,500-\$4,999 | 14.4 | 14.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 94 | 102 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 13.0 | 12.6 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 148 | 168 |
| \$10,000-\$19,999 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 265 | 268 |
| \$20,000-\$39,999 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 438 | 451 |
| \$40,000-\$99,999 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 20.2 | 19.9 | 734 | 741 |
| \$100,000-\$249,999 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 25.7 | 25.2 | 1,170 | 1,159 |
| \$250,000-\$499,999 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 1,755 | 1,593 |
| \$500,000 + | 2.3 | 2.4 | 14.9 | 15.1 | 3,038 | 2,952 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 469 | 469 |

${ }^{1}$ A farm is any establishment from which $\$ 1,000$ or more of agriculture products were sold or normally would be sold during the year. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Legal Structure of U.S. Farms (Individual, Partnership, Corporation)

Type of organization refers to the farm's form of business organization. Farms may broadly be classified as individual operations (proprietorships), partnerships, or corporations (family and nonfamily). Farm Costs and Returns Survey data indicate that individual operations are the most common type of farm organization. Nine out of ten farms in the 1995 survey were classified as individual operations. Partnerships and corporations make up a very small share of farms. About 87 percent of farm corporations are family corporations, with more than 50 percent of the stock held by people related by blood or marriage. Individual operations account for the largest share of farmland ( 74 percent) and gross farm sales ( 62 percent).

Corporate farms have the highest average farm sales. The average value of gross farm sales by corporate farms in 1995 was $\$ 576,900$, while partnerships averaged $\$ 218,800$. Gross sales for individual operations averaged $\$ 54,300$, about one-tenth of the corporate level. Average acreage was also higher for corporate farms ( 1,608 acres) and for partnerships (1,154 acres) than for individual operations (351 acres).

## - Land Tenure

Land tenure describes the farm operator's ownership interest in the land farmed. The major land tenure categories are (1) full owners, who own all the land they operate, (2) part owners, who own some and rent the remainder of their land, and (3) tenants, who rent all of their land or work on shares for others. The majority of farms in the 1995 Farm Costs and Returns Survey ( 55 percent) reported full ownership of

Figure 2-2.
Major Uses of Cropland, 1974-96

the land they operated, while 36 percent owned part and rented part of the farmland they operated. Only 9 percent of operations reported that they rented all of their land.

Part owners generally operate the largest farms, averaging 714 acres in 1995, followed by tenants with 602 acres and full owners with 223 acres per farm. Part owners account for the largest share of acreage operated ( 59 percent of the total in 1995).

Gross farm sales are also concentrated on part-owner operations ( 51 percent of gross farm sales in 1995). The average value of gross farm sales for part owners in 1995 was $\$ 114,400$, about $\$ 32,000$ less than the average for tenants at $\$ 146,300$. Gross farm sales for full-owner operations were much smaller, averaging \$47,700.


## Major Uses of U.S. Land

The major uses of U.S. cropland include cropland harvested, summer fallow, land idled in Federal programs and crop failure. Cropland harvested peaked in 1991 at about 351 million acres. Harvested cropland declined to 287 million acres in 1988 and is expected to have reached 314 million acres in 1996. Summer fallow acreage ranges between 22 million and 34 million acres per year. Cropland idled in Federal
commodity and conservation programs has ranged from none in 1980 and 1981 to 78 million acres in 1983 and 1988. Crop failure generally varies within a range of 5-11 million acres per year. The noticeable differences are often the result of weather conditions such as the drought in 1988, or the flood and wet weather at planting time in 1993.

In 1983, the sharp decline in cropland harvested was the result of "PIK" (pay-ment-in-kind), a USDA land retirement program that paid for the land retirement with surplus commodities. The idle acreage in 1993 included nearly 49 million acres in the PIK program and more than 29 million acres in the Acreage Conservation Reserve and Paid Land Diversion programs.

## - Acreage Harvested of Major Crops

The harvested acreage of corn in recent years has varied from 74.5 million acres in 1981 to 51.5 million acres in 1983, largely as the result of Federal acreage reduction programs. The PIK program idled nearly 22 million acres of corn acreage in 1983. Wheat acreage has ranged between a high of 80.6 million acres in 1981 to a low of 53.2 million acres in 1989. The PIK program removed about 18 million acres of wheat base from production in 1983. Barley and oat acreage harvested have been declining since the early 1970's. Acreage has tended to shift out of barley and oats to the more profitable crops. Soybean acreage harvested has fluctuated as the relative prices of soybeans and corn changed and as prices for soybeans in the world market were more or less favorable.

Figure 2-3.
Cropland Harvested


## - Foreign Ownership of U.S. Farmland

Foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land remained relatively steady from 1981 through 1995-slightly above or below 1 percent of the privately owned agricultural land in the United States.

At the end of 1995, foreign persons owned 15.1 million acres-slightly more than 1 percent of the 1.3 billion acres of privately owned U.S. agricultural land (farm and forest land).

Forest land accounts for 49 percent of all foreign-owned acreage, cropland for 16 percent, pasture and other agricultural land for 32 percent, and nonagricultural land for 3 percent.

Corporations own 72 percent of the foreign-held acreage, partnerships own 20 percent, and individuals own 6 percent. The remaining 2 percent is held by estates, trusts, institutions, associations, and others.

About 56 percent of the reported foreign holdings involve land actually owned by U.S. corporations. The law requires them to register their land holdings as foreign if as little as 10 percent of their stock is held by foreign investors. The remaining 44 percent of the foreign-held land is owned by investors not affiliated with U.S. firms.

A total of 63 percent of foreign-held acreage is owned by investors (including individuals, corporations, partnerships, etc.) from Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands Antilles, and the British Virgin Islands (in descending rank order). Japanese investors own only 3 percent of foreign-owned acreage.

Maine is the State with the largest number of acres $(2,968,434)$ owned by foreign persons. Foreign holdings in Maine account for 16 percent of that States's privately owned agricultural land and 20 percent of all the reported foreign-owned agricultural land nationwide. Four companies own 91 percent of the foreign-held acres in Maine, almost all in forest land. Two of these companies are Canadian, one is French, and the fourth is a U.S. corporation that is partially Canadian owned.

Outside of Maine, foreign holdings are concentrated in the West and South, containing 34 and 32 percent, respectively, of all reported foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land.

These findings are based on reports submitted to USDA under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978.

Table 2-4.
U.S. agricultural landholdings by country of foreign owner, December 31, 1995
Interests excluding U.S. Corporations with foreign shareholders

| Country | Acres | Country | Acres |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  | Number |
|  |  | Lebanon | 12,663 |
| Argentina | 12,578 | Liberia | 30,981 |
| Australia | 6,106 | Liechtenstein | 133,276 |
| Austria | 29,336 | Luxembourg | 3,109 |
| Bahamas | 36,325 | Malaysia | 7,948 |
| Bahrain | 313 | Mexico | 179,276 |
| Belgium | 65,586 | Morocco | 1,035 |
| Belize | 549 | Namibia | 197 |
| Bermuda | 73,835 | Netherlands | 112,104 |
| Bolivia | 11 | Netherlands Antilles | 355,382 |
| Brazil | 10,336 | New Zealand | 14,011 |
| British Virgin Islands | 124,062 | Nicaragua | 1,378 |
| Canada | 1,571,341 | Norway | 4,913 |
| Cayman Islands | 39,028 | Oman | 454 |
| Chile | 2,055 | Pakistan | 982 |
| China | 924 | Panama | 121,629 |
| Colombia | 11,414 | Peru | 308 |
| Costa Rica | 13,835 | Philippines | 3,816 |
| Croatia | 1,023 | Poland | 147 |
| Cuba | 58 | Portugal | 4,146 |
| Czech Republic | 347 | Russia | 771 |
| Denmark | 12,948 | St. Vincent | 2,637 |
| Dominican Republic | 2,108 | Saudi Arabia | 31,956 |
| Ecuador | 971 | Senegal | 10 |
| Egypt | 2,076 | Singapore | 504 |
| El Salvador | 128 | Somalia | 11 |
| France | 128,663 | South Africa | 2,673 |
| Gambia | 294 | Spain | 4,883 |
| Germany | 753,530 | Sweden | 54,880 |
| Greece | 60,491 | Switzerland | 286,005 |
| Guatemala | 1,102 | Syria | 2,689 |
| Guyana | 35 | Taiwan | 7,899 |
| Honduras | 1,018 | Tanzania | 10,143 |
| Hong Kong | 15,061 | Thailand | 1,835 |
| Hungary | 103 | Trinidad \& Tobago | 94 |
| India | 1,754 | Turkey | 38 |
| Indonesia | 1,392 | Turks Island | 3,292 |
| Iran | 2,343 | United Arab Emirates | 4,149 |
| Ireland | 10,490 | United Kingdom | 1,798,722 |
| Israel | 951 | Uruguay | 10,807 |
| Italy | 81,477 | Venezuela | 22,339 |
| Ivory Coast | 119 | Vietnam | 152 |
| Jamaica | 567 | Zimbabwe | 230 |
| Japan | 199,980 | Multiple ${ }^{1}$ | 54,843 |
| Jordan | 1,580 | Third tier ${ }^{2}$ | 54,872 |
| Kampuchea | 31 |  |  |
| Korea (South) | 1,570 |  |  |
| Kuwait | 20,188 |  |  |
| Laos | 31 | Subtotal ${ }^{3}$ | 6,644,252 |
| See footnotes at end |  | -contin |  |

Table 2-4 continued.
U.S. agricultural landholdings by country of foreign owner, December 31, 1995 (continued)

## U.S. Corporations with foreign shareholders

| Country | Acres | Country | Acres |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  | Number |
|  |  | US/Lebanon | 411 |
| US/Andorra | 3,741 | US/Liberia | 24,064 |
| US/Argentina | 4,056 | US/Libyan Arab Republic | 280 |
| US/Australia | 5,030 | US/Liechtenstein | 101,202 |
| US/Austria | 26,138 | US/Luxembourg | 234,551 |
| US/Bahamas | 61,500 | US/Malaysia | 300 |
| US/Barbados | 41 | US/Malta | 500 |
| US/Belgium | 88,553 | US/Mexico | 254,395 |
| US/Bermuda | 37,571 | US/Netherlands | 384,297 |
| US/Brazil | 14,396 | US/Netherlands Antilles | 210,572 |
| US/Brit. Virgin Islands | 424,704 | US/New Hebrides | 883 |
| US/Canada | 1,799,034 | US/New Zealand | 50,455 |
| US/Cayman Islands | 52,536 | US/Nicaragua | 282 |
| US/Chile | 9,948 | US/Norway | 9,709 |
| US/China | 13,151 | US/Pakistan | 423 |
| US/Colombia | 11,435 | US/Panama | 151,088 |
| US/Costa Rica | 407 | US/Paraguay | 236 |
| US/Denmark | 8,228 | US/Peru | 1,696 |
| US/Dominican Republic | 589 | US/Philippines | 7,881 |
| US/Ecuador | 1,632 | US/Portugal | 1,683 |
| US/Egypt | 4,264 | US/Qatar | 219 |
| US/EI Salvador | 607 | US/Saudi Arabia | 10,711 |
| US/Finland | 2,419 | US/Singapore | 73 |
| US/France | 1,100,081 | US/South Africa | 2,733 |
| US/Germany | 872,745 | US/Spain | 7,846 |
| US/Greece | 5,249 | US/Sweden | 4,094 |
| US/Guatemala | 412 | US Switzerland | 331,355 |
| US/Guyana | 334 | US/Taiwan | 45,029 |
| US/Honduras | 37 | US/Thailand | 252 |
| US/Hong Kong | 131,139 | US/Trinidad \& Tobago | 20 |
| US/Indonesia | 644 | US/Turkey | 443 |
| US/Iran | 1,861 | US/United Arab Emirates | 4,543 |
| US/Iraq | 800 | US/United Kingdom | 1,044,245 |
| US/Ireland | 1,942 | US/Uruguay | 695 |
| US/Israel | 414 | US/Venezuela | 40,182 |
| US/Italy | 23,547 | US/Multiple | 178,776 |
| US/Japan | 290,936 | US/Third Tier | 342,754 |
| US/Jordan | 434 |  |  |
| US/Kenya | 32 | Subtotal ${ }^{4}$ | 8,457,880 |
| US/Korea (South) | 85 |  |  |
| US/Kuwait | 8,330 | Total all landholdings | 15,102,037 |

[^1]Source: USDA, ERS, Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act data.

Table 2-5.
U.S. agricultural landholdings of foreign owners, by State, December 31, 1995

| State or <br> Territory | Foreign-owned <br> agricultural land | State or <br> Territory | Foreign-owned <br> agricultural land | State or <br> Territory | Foreign-owned <br> agricultural land |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
|  | Acres |  | Acres |  | Acres |
| Alabama | 299,579 | Louisiana | 682,366 | Oklahoma | 56,306 |
| Alaska | 75 | Maine | $2,968,434$ | Oregon | 644,143 |
| Arizona | 338,653 | Maryland | 51,260 | Pennsylvania | 91,769 |
| Arkansas | 155,691 | Massachusetts | 2,029 | Puerto Rico | 839 |
| California | 954,052 | Michigan | 444,239 | Rhode Island | 17 |
| Colorado | 678,173 | Minnesota | 221,971 | S. Carolina | 198,852 |
| Connecticut | 881 | Mississippi | 444,286 | S. Dakota | 42,957 |
| Delaware | 5,878 | Missouri | 73,354 | Tennessee | 83,010 |
| Florida | 620,559 | Montana | 474,496 | Texas | $1,209,677$ |
| Georgia | 558,953 | Nebraska | 74,769 | Utah | 61,013 |
| Hawaii | 180,058 | Nevada | 388,393 | Vermont | 86,532 |
| Idaho | 22,624 | New Hampshire | 16,477 | Virginia | 144,284 |
| Illinois | 209,549 | New Jersey | 18,369 | Washington | 389,777 |
| Indiana | 94,395 | New Mexico | 785,355 | W. Virginia | 166,974 |
| lowa | 33,105 | New York | 280,614 | Wisconsin | 77,890 |
| Kansas | 69,490 | N. Carolina | 153,962 | Wyoming | 210,983 |
| Kentucky | 121,151 | N. Dakota | 27,839 |  |  |
|  |  | Ohio | 185,935 | Total | $15,102,037$ |

[^2]
[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A farm is any establishment from which $\$ 1,000$ or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would be sold during the year. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Farms and Land in Farms.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ A report is processed as "multiple" when no single country predominates-for example, an equal partnership between a Canadian and a German.
    ${ }^{2}$ A report is processed as "third tier" if three or more levels of ownership are reported with no foreign interests stated.
    ${ }^{3}$ Total interests excluding U.S. corporations with foreign shareholders.
    ${ }^{4}$ Total interest of U.S. corporations with foreign shareholders.

[^2]:    Source: USDA, ERS, Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act data.

