



COUNTING DIVERSITY IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

The 2002 Census of Agriculture Provides a Comprehensive Count of Minority and Women Principal Operators in the United States

State	Black or African American			American Indian or Alaska Native			Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander*			Spanish, Hispanic or Latino Origin			Women		
	2002 Principal Operators	1997 Principal Operators	% Change	2002 Principal Operators	1997 Principal Operators	% Change	2002 Principal Operators	1997 Principal Operators	% Change	2002 Principal Operators	1997 Principal Operators	% Change	2002 Principal Operators	1997 Principal Operators	% Change
United States	29,090	26,785**	8.6%	15,494	12,911	20.0%	9,358	9,620**	-2.7%	50,592	33,450	51.2%	237,819	209,784	13.4%
Alabama	2,350	2,251	4.4%	349	288	21.2%	27	26	3.8%	451	229	96.9%	4,821	4,610	4.6%
Alaska	1	1	0.0%	32	19	68.4%	2	N/A	N/A	8	6	33.3%	117	95	23.2%
Arizona	41	23	78.3%	291	321	-9.3%	49	44	11.4%	761	495	53.7%	1,520	1,522	-0.1%
Arkansas	982	780	25.9%	424	213	99.1%	72	40	80.0%	586	326	79.8%	4,839	4,571	5.9%
California	278	396	-29.8%	977	676	44.5%	3,780	3,746	0.9%	7,711	5,347	44.2%	12,615	13,018	-3.1%
Colorado	47	39	20.5%	256	156	64.1%	71	87	-18.4%	1,747	988	76.8%	5,217	3,748	39.2%
Connecticut	5	7	-28.6%	5	13	-61.5%	3	3	0.0%	72	36	100.0%	868	809	7.3%
Delaware	22	9	144.4%	9	10	-10.0%	23	17	35.3%	35	15	133.3%	329	317	3.8%
Florida	1,068	807	32.3%	317	168	88.7%	481	276	74.3%	2,588	1,326	95.2%	8,116	6,811	19.2%
Georgia	1,988	1,487	33.7%	180	102	76.5%	92	53	73.6%	406	390	4.1%	6,455	5,767	11.9%
Hawaii	12	8	50.0%	30	18	66.7%	2,514	3,212	-21.7%	241	176	36.9%	1,060	922	15.0%
Idaho	8	22	-63.6%	160	139	15.1%	86	112	-23.2%	920	382	140.8%	2,843	2,245	26.6%
Illinois	59	123	-52.0%	61	65	-6.2%	21	34	-38.2%	366	312	17.3%	5,253	4,689	12.0%
Indiana	55	61	-9.8%	93	105	-11.4%	26	22	18.2%	349	265	31.7%	4,520	4,178	8.2%
Iowa	31	40	-22.5%	61	66	-7.6%	27	30	-10.0%	380	362	5.0%	6,204	5,101	21.6%
Kansas	116	122	-4.9%	203	174	16.7%	17	23	-26.1%	437	338	29.3%	5,660	4,272	32.5%
Kentucky	687	593	15.9%	168	143	17.5%	38	43	-11.6%	668	433	54.3%	8,274	8,607	-3.9%
Louisiana	1,856	1,580	17.5%	106	103	2.9%	32	25	28.0%	456	286	59.4%	2,547	2,517	1.2%
Maine	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	13	30.8%	9	6	50.0%	143	48	197.9%	1,559	1,154	35.1%
Maryland	239	219	9.1%	56	26	115.4%	35	19	84.2%	118	94	25.5%	1,917	1,614	18.8%
Massachusetts	23	22	4.5%	19	8	137.5%	20	13	53.8%	143	47	204.3%	1,305	1,368	-4.6%
Michigan	184	133	38.3%	146	120	21.7%	43	35	22.9%	828	315	162.9%	5,904	4,939	19.5%
Minnesota	16	36	-55.6%	111	123	-9.8%	46	45	2.2%	502	268	87.3%	6,370	4,205	51.5%
Mississippi	5,145	3,925	31.1%	78	74	5.4%	39	32	21.9%	388	216	79.6%	5,241	4,608	13.7%
Missouri	205	219	-6.4%	450	354	27.1%	72	58	24.1%	703	508	38.4%	10,818	9,759	10.9%
Montana	5	8	-37.5%	924	836	10.5%	20	19	5.3%	324	209	55.0%	3,667	2,877	27.5%
Nebraska	9	73	-87.7%	83	70	18.6%	14	37	-62.2%	295	266	10.9%	3,005	2,948	1.9%
Nevada	7	3	133.3%	85	123	-30.9%	8	2	300.0%	140	119	17.6%	517	507	2.0%
New Hampshire	2	N/A	N/A	17	2	750.0%	9	1	800.0%	59	19	210.5%	838	800	4.8%
New Jersey	66	46	43.5%	23	20	15.0%	53	68	-22.1%	162	123	31.7%	1,922	1,601	20.0%
New Mexico	56	27	107.4%	403	448	-10.0%	23	8	187.5%	4,499	4,160	8.1%	2,168	2,601	-16.6%
New York	70	62	12.9%	85	49	73.5%	57	64	-10.9%	413	265	55.8%	5,672	4,469	26.9%
North Carolina	1,686	2,212	-23.8%	455	707	-35.6%	95	78	21.8%	615	366	68.0%	5,356	5,246	2.1%
North Dakota	N/A	N/A	N/A	205	208	-1.4%	2	2	0.0%	175	148	18.2%	2,494	1,485	67.9%
Ohio	168	165	1.8%	192	145	32.4%	40	43	-7.0%	804	361	122.7%	7,660	5,915	29.5%
Oklahoma	840	889	-5.5%	4,546	3,982	14.2%	64	41	56.1%	1,498	635	135.9%	8,720	7,931	9.9%
Oregon	28	32	-12.5%	410	247	66.0%	324	261	24.1%	1,028	628	63.7%	7,092	6,032	17.6%
Pennsylvania	62	46	34.8%	70	65	7.7%	39	49	-20.4%	349	275	26.9%	6,079	5,009	21.4%
Rhode Island	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	8	250.0%	142	160	-11.3%
South Carolina	1,929	1,949	-1.0%	83	54	53.7%	25	19	31.6%	273	138	97.8%	3,511	2,913	20.5%
South Dakota	9	8	12.5%	639	530	20.6%	11	4	175.0%	192	185	3.8%	2,184	1,652	32.2%
Tennessee	1,054	1,201	-12.2%	236	185	27.6%	68	59	15.3%	649	452	43.6%	9,413	8,549	10.1%
Texas	5,979	5,561	7.5%	1,501	952	57.7%	357	244	46.3%	15,104	9,903	52.5%	27,192	25,710	5.8%
Utah	4	4	0.0%	91	43	111.6%	36	63	-42.9%	351	141	148.9%	1,228	884	38.9%
Vermont	2	7	-71.4%	18	9	100.0%	13	1	1200.0%	153	55	178.2%	967	1,067	-9.4%
Virginia	1,583	1,456	8.7%	112	61	83.6%	52	53	-1.9%	371	273	35.9%	6,781	5,775	17.4%
Washington	43	58	-25.9%	426	377	13.0%	324	395	-18.0%	1,107	974	13.7%	5,632	5,379	4.7%
West Virginia	37	31	19.4%	43	40	7.5%	6	9	-33.3%	177	100	77.0%	2,322	2,095	10.8%
Wisconsin	27	31	-12.9%	102	153	-33.3%	76	93	-18.3%	523	308	69.8%	7,353	5,793	26.9%
Wyoming	6	3	100.0%	146	108	35.2%	17	5	240.0%	296	131	126.0%	1,532	940	63.0%

*Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander were separate categories in the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

To provide comparable data to 1997 the two categories were combined for this chart.

**U.S. total includes state data not individually published.



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