Number of Small Farms Increases Faster in Oregon

Oregon is adding more small farms and more farms with low sales

- Small farms (less than 10 acres) are the fastest growing farm size in the state and increased 7.6% from 2012 (increased 2.8% nationally)
- A higher percentage of all farms in Oregon are small farms with less than 10 acres (33.3% of all Oregon farms and 13.4% of all US farms)
- 43.5% of all Oregon farms reported total sales of less than $2,500; farms with this level of sales increased 17% since 2012

Oregon Gained Small and Very Large Farms, Now Has Fewer Mid-sized farms

- The number of farms 9 acres or less increased by 37 percent in Oregon from 2012-2017, these farms increased their total share of all Oregon farms 7.6 percentage points representing one-quarter of all farms in 2012 to now representing one-third of all Oregon farms. This represents a net gain of 3,417 farm operations that are one to nine acres in size.
- The largest decrease of farms by size were those between 50 and 179 acres. The state has 881 fewer farms in this size category, a decline of 12.7 percent.
- The state also has 289 fewer farms sized 180 to 499 acres and 101 fewer farms 500 to 999 acres in size.
- The number of farms 2,000 or more acres in size increased by 1.4 percent and Oregon now has 21 additional very large farms.

![Oregon's Farms by Size, 2012 to 2017](image)

Growth in Small Farms Drives Down Oregon's Average Farm Size to 424

- 2017 average farm size more closely reflect 2002 values for both Oregon and the US
- Average farm size increased from 2007 to 2012 for both the US and Oregon – and increased further in Oregon

2017 Census of Agriculture
The last 5 years reversed a trend of increasing average farm size for the state but not the nation.

Half of all Oregon Farms are 20 acres or less; One-third of all Farms are 9 acres or less

- Oregon's median farm size is 20 acres (75 acres nationally); Median farm size has been decreasing both nationally and in Oregon.
- Oregon stands out from the US by having a much higher percent of small farms (33.3% of all Oregon farms and 13.4% of all US farms are 9 acres or less).
- Two thirds of all Oregon farms are less than 50 acres compared to 41.9% of all US farms.
- Oregon and the US have a similar number of very large farms, over 2,000 acres (4.0% compared to 4.2%).
- 43% of all US farms are between 50 and 499 acres, in Oregon 23.2% of all farms fit into this size category.