

What is a farm?

For the purpose of the Agricultural Census, a farm is any place that produces \$1,000 or more of agricultural products. A “farm” does not have to produce \$1,000 or more. A place may be defined as a farm if they could have produced that much under normal conditions. For example, an extreme weather event might reduce a small farm’s crop output to less than \$1,000. “Farms” may also be defined as farms if they receive government payments of \$1,000 or more, or they attain points worth \$1,000 or more. Points are assigned to crops and livestock on the farm to determine normal production levels. (More information on the 2012 Agricultural Census at: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>)