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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

A complete count, taken every five years,
of America's farms and ranches and
the people who operate them.

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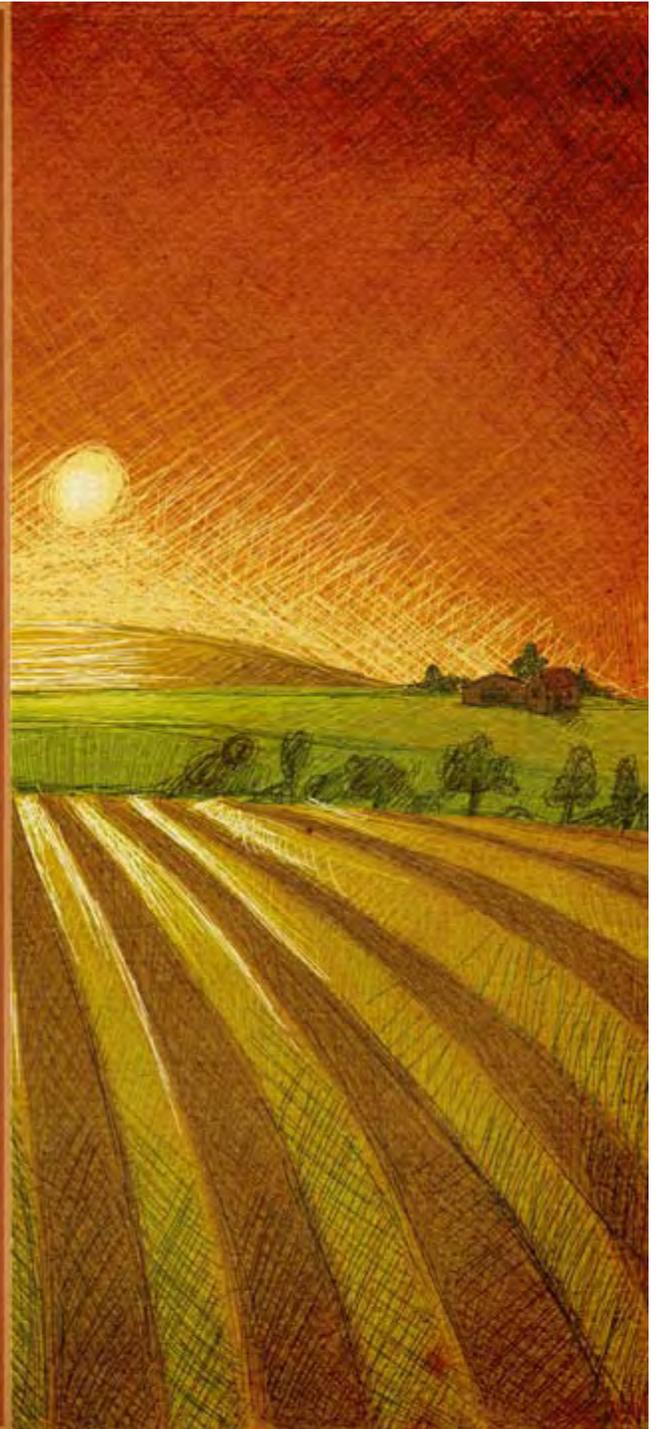
"FARM" DEFINED

Any place from which \$1,000 of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year.



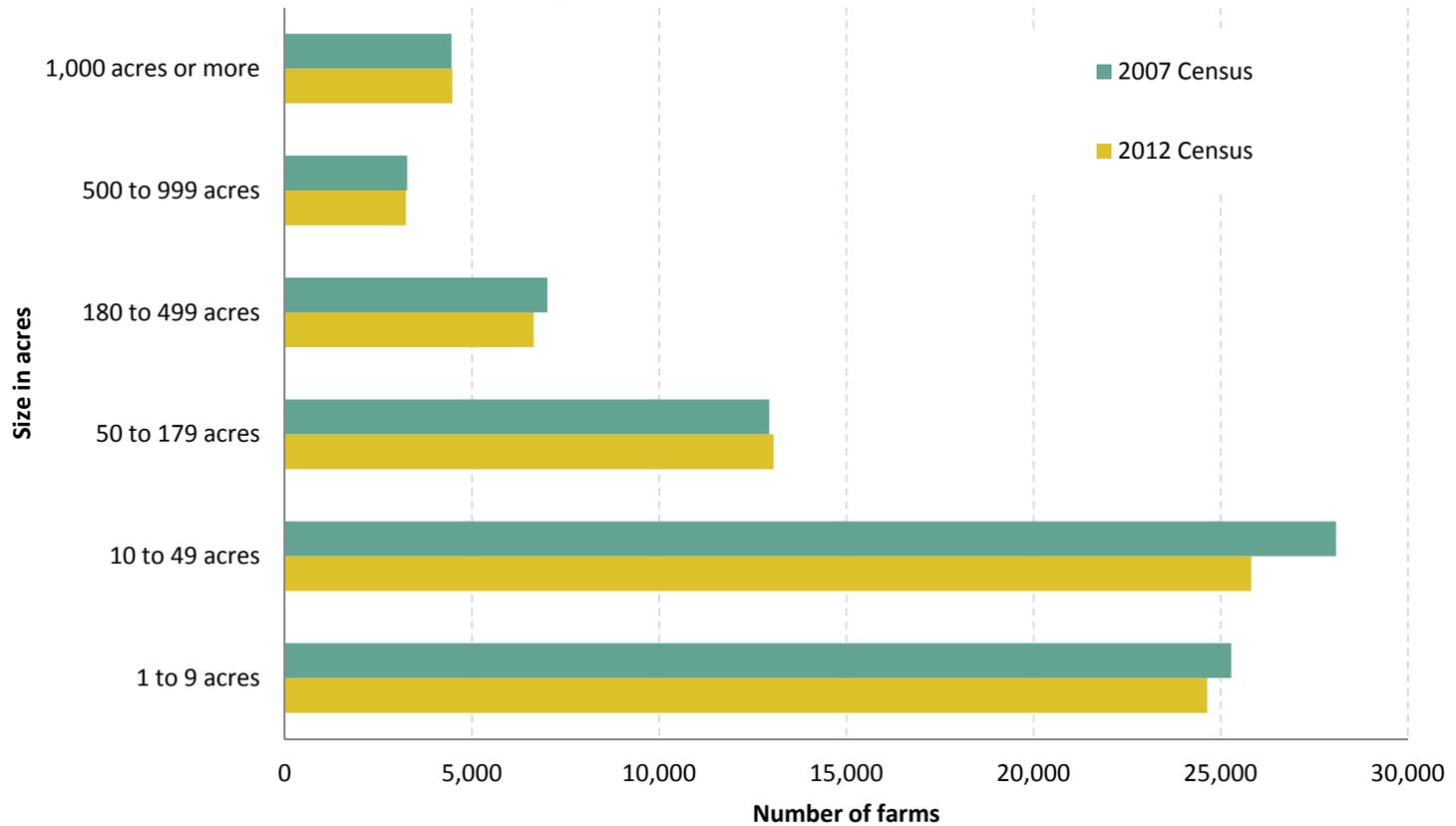
FARM NUMBERS

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CALIFORNIA HIGHLIGHTS

Farms by Size, 2007 and 2012





2.11 million farms, down 4%

77, 864 farms, down 4%

915 million acres, down <1%

25.6 million acres, up <1%

**10.6% of farms < 10 acres
(same)**

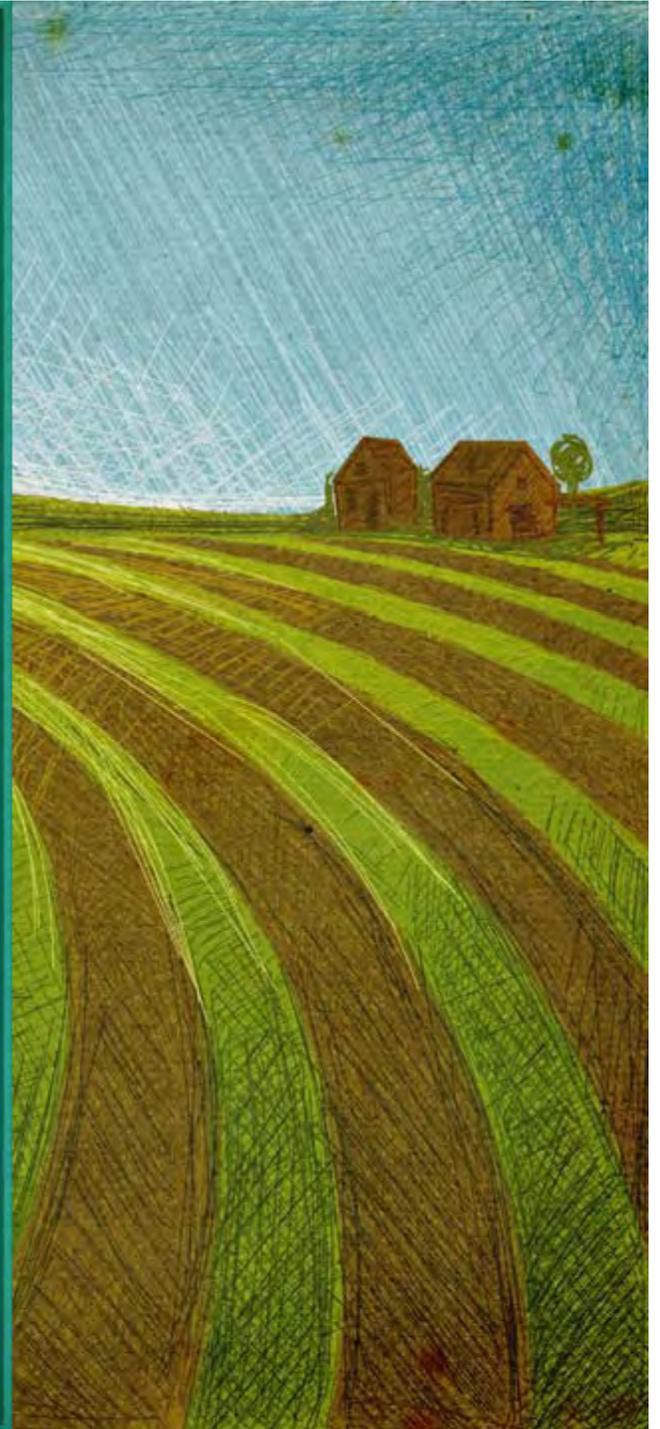
**32% of farms < 10 acres
(31%)**

**8.2% of farms > 1,000 acres
(7.8%)**

**5.7% of farms >1,000 acres
(5.5%)**

ECONOMICS

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US Value of Sales \$395 billion, up 33%
Crops - \$212 B, up 48%
Lvstk - \$182 B, up 19%

CA Value of Sales \$42.6 billion, up 26%
Crops - \$30.4 B, up 33%
Lvstk - \$12.2 B, up 12%

farms < \$50K Sales = 1.58 million, down 8%

farms < \$50K Sales = 50,514, down 9%

farms > \$1 million Sales = 81,634, up 42%

farms > \$1 million Sales = 6,366, up 12%

TOP 5 STATES

Market Value of Products Sold (Billion)

CA - \$42.6

IA - \$30.8

TX - \$25.4

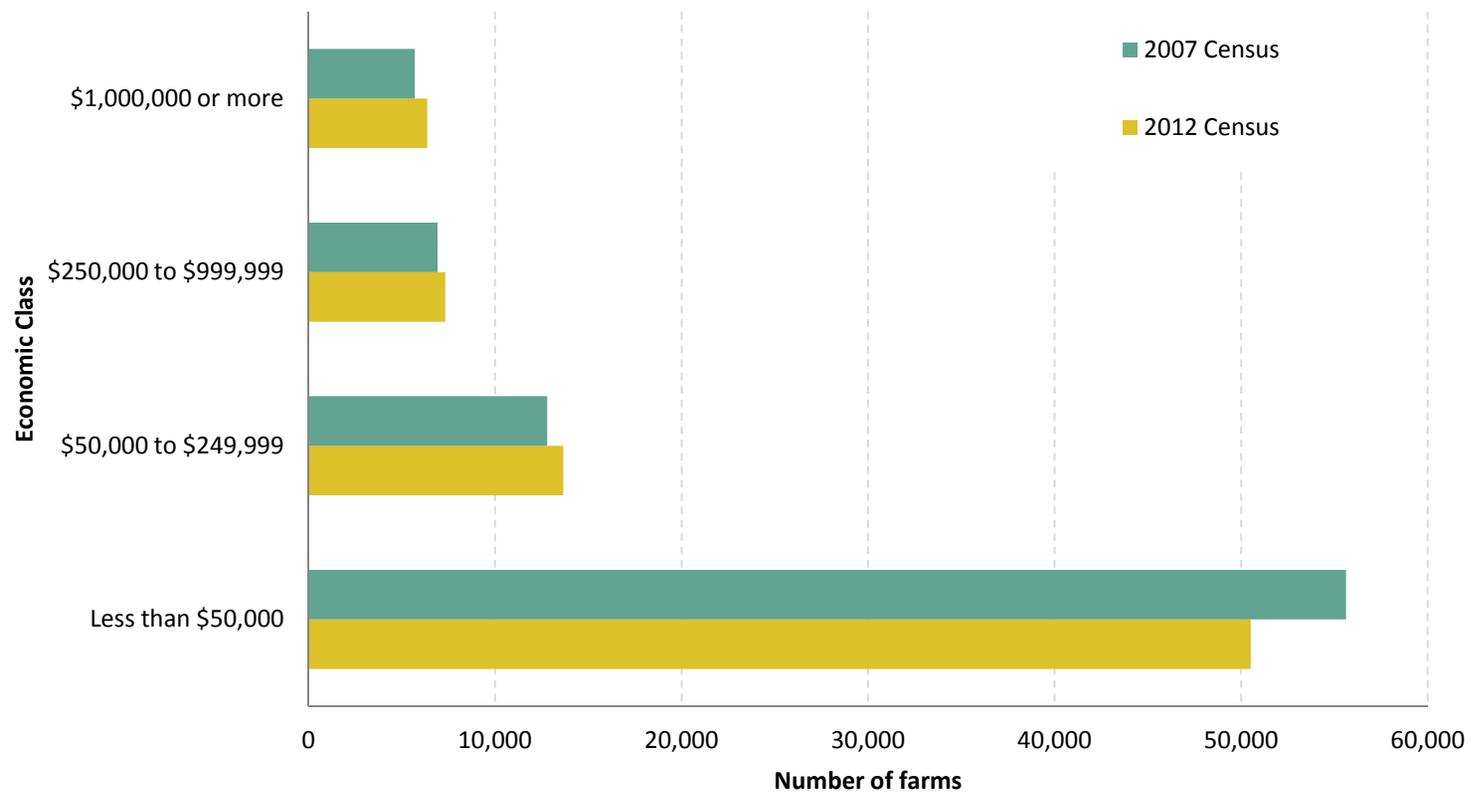
NE - \$23.1

MN - \$21.3



CALIFORNIA HIGHLIGHTS

Farms by Economic Class, 2007 and 2012



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DEMOGRAPHICS





US Avg age = 58.3, up 1.2 yr

CA Avg age = 60.1, up 1.7 yr

**>74 years old = 257,697, up
6%**

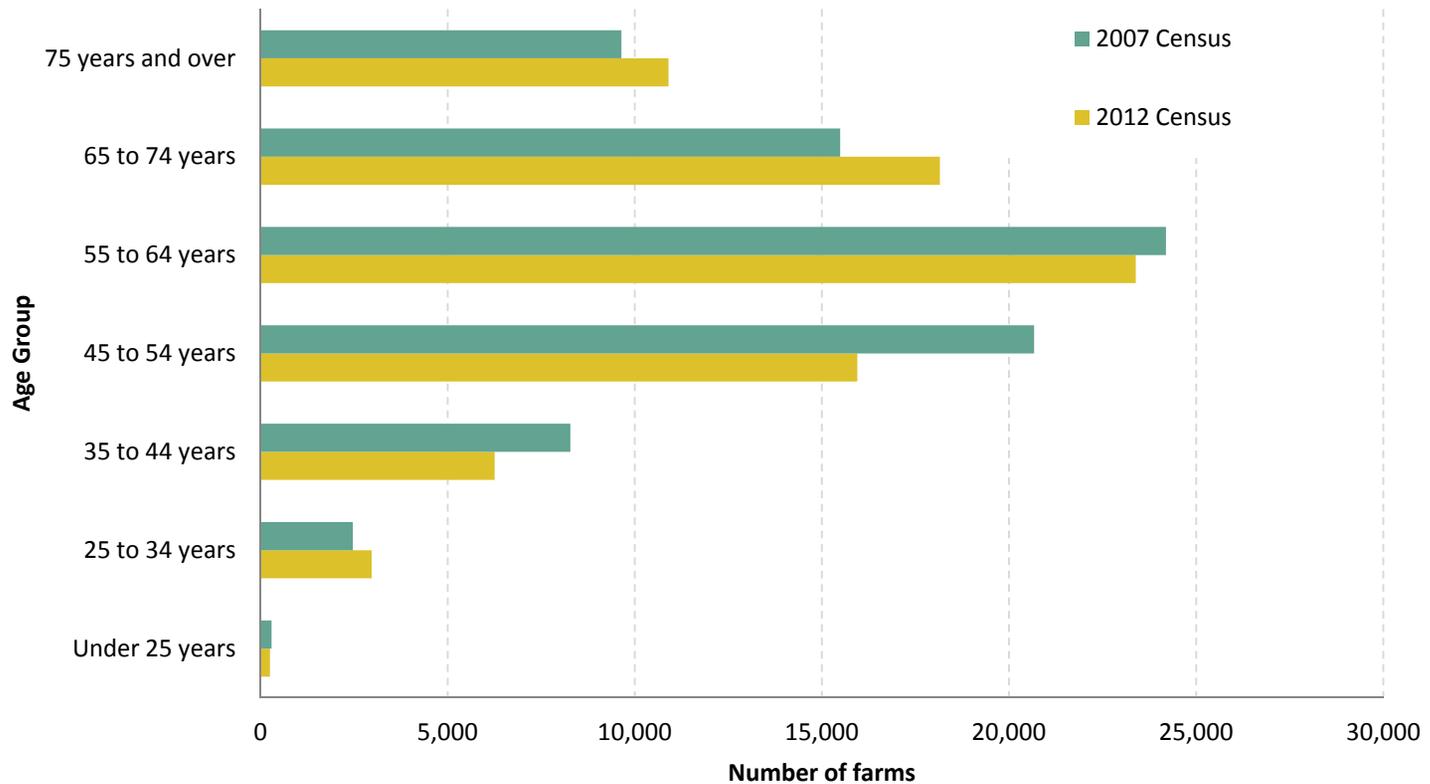
**>74 years old = 10,899, up
13%**

**< 25 years old = 10,719,
down 10%**

**< 25 years old = 253, down
13%**

CALIFORNIA HIGHLIGHTS

Principal Operators by Age Group, 2007 and 2012



CALIFORNIA DEMOGRAPHICS

	2012	2007	% Change
Hispanic	9,816	9,118	+8%
Female Operators	13,984	14,965	-7%
Asian Operators	4,820	3,684	+31%
White	70,526	75,021	-6%
American Indian	1,192	1,178	+1%
Black	345	320	+8%



CA & US DEMOGRAPHICS

	2012	2007	% Change
CA Primary Occupation:			
Farming	42,479	40,910	+4%
Other	35,385	40,123	-12%
US Primary Occupation:			
Farming	1.01 M	0.99 M	+1.4%
Other	1.10 M	1.21 M	-9%

