Agritourism in New Mexico

New Mexico has 25,044 Farms

Agritourism activities fit within five main categories:

- **Direct sales**: consumers buy directly from farmers
- **Education**: learning experiences, such as school tours
- **Hospitality**: includes farm stays, on-farm dinners
- **Outdoor recreation**: outdoor farm experiences
- **Entertainment**: on-farm activities such as festivals

According to the 2017 Agricultural Census, New Mexico has **1,899 Farms offering Direct Sales or Agritourism**

**Direct Sales or Agritourism**

- **1,434 Farms with only Direct Sales**
- **416 Farms with only Agritourism**
- **49 Farms with both Direct Sales and Agritourism**

Each of these three subsets of farms is detailed on its own page in the remainder of this information sheet.

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In the questionnaire for farms and ranches, two questions were included that pertain to agritourism (USDA NASS Census of Agriculture 2017):

1. “Report the gross dollar amount received before taxes and expenses in 2017 for income from agritourism and recreational services, such as farm tours, hayrides, hunting, fishing, etc.”
2. “How much was received in 2017 for the food produced and sold directly to consumers: farmers markets, on-farm stores or farm stands, roadside stands or stores, u-pick, CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), online marketplaces, and so on? Include edible agricultural products for human consumption. Exclude nonedible products such as hay, cut flowers, Christmas trees, nursery products, and so on; commodities produced under production contracts; products purchased and resold.”

Please note that NASS gets information on up to 4 “producers” per farm, so the summed number of producers exceeds the number of farms. The three categories are mutually exclusive as presented here. In the publicly available census data the number of farms receiving income from agritourism totals 465, the category of farms receiving income from direct sales totals 1,483.


New Mexico
1,434 Farms with only Direct Sales

Most operators are full owners

8.6% Tenants 15.3% Part Owners 76.2% Full Owners

Most farms are more than 10 years old

>10 years, 64.3%
5-9 years, 18.7%
3-4 years, 10.3%
<2 years, 6.7%

Farms with direct sales sell a variety of products (top four)

24.7% Fruit and tree nut
23.1% Vegetable and melon
14.7% Beef cattle
9.3% Sheep and goat

The largest proportion of farmers are 55-64 years old

55-64 years, 31.2%
45-54 years, 15.8%
35-44 years, 12.0%
25-34 years, 7.8%
<25 years, 1.2%
>75 years, 9.9%
65-74 years, 22.2%

43.6% of operators are female

Female
Male

78.5% of farms are less than 50 acres in size

1-9 acres 54.5%
10-49 acres 24.0%
70-99 acres 8.4%
50-69 acres 7.7%
100-139 acres 5.1%
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260-499 acres 1.5%
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140-179 acres 1.2%
180-219 acres 1.2%
220-259 acres 1.0%

37.8% of farms make less than $10,000 annually from direct sales

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New Mexico
416 Farms with only Agritourism

Most operators are full owners

- Tenants: 3.4%
- Part Owners: 35.6%
- Full Owners: 61.1%

Most farms are more than 10 years old

- >10 years, 74.9%
- <2 years, 5.4%
- 4 years, 5.8%
- 5.9 years, 13.9%

Most farms are more than 10 years old

36.2% of operators are female

Farms with direct sales sell a variety of products (top four)

- Beef cattle: 65.4%
- Diversified livestock: 19.5%
- Diversified crops: 7.7%
- Sheep and goat: 1.7%

The largest proportion of farmers are 55-64 years old

- 55-64 years, 29.1%
- 45-54 years, 19.7%
- 25-34 years, 4.2%
- <25 years, 1.1%
- >75 years, 11.4%

18.5% of farms are less than 50 acres in size

20.3% of farms make less than $10,000 annually from only agritourism

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New Mexico
49 Farms with both Direct Sales and Agritourism

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Most farms are more than 10 years old

- >10 years, 64.2%
- 5-9 years, 19.8%
- 3-4 years, 9.4%
- <2 years, 6.6%

46.2% of operators are female

Female | Male

34.7% of farms are less than 50 acres in size

- 10.49 acres: 24.5%
- >2,000 acres: 22.4%
- 500-999 acres: 14.3%
- 1,000-1,999 acres: 12.2%
- 1-9 acres: 12.2%
- 260-499 acres: 10.2%
- 140-179 acres: 6.1%
- 220-259 acres: 6.1%

Farms with direct sales sell a variety of products (top four)

- Beef cattle: 42.9%
- Vegetable and melon: 20.4%
- Floriculture: 8.2%
- Fruit and tree nut: 6.1%

The largest proportion of farmers are 65-74 years old

- >75 years, 5.7%
- 65-74 years, 39.6%
- 55-64 years, 16.0%
- 45-54 years, 16.0%
- 35-44 years, 10.4%
- 25-34 years, 11.3%
- <25 years, 0.9%
- 7.0% of farmers are 24 years or younger

17.3% of farms make less than $10,000 annually from both agritourism and direct sales

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