



## United States Statistics

- Approximately 42% of the agricultural land in the U.S. is owned by absentee landowners.
- Absentee landowners lag owner-operators in the Conservation and Wetland Reserve Programs. Nationally only 8% of absentee landowners report acres enrolled in CRP or WRP.
- Approximately 27% of all landlords of agricultural land in the US are female, about 26% are male, The remaining 48% is in a joint ownership.
- 85% of absentee landowners are not actively engaged in decision making on the farm. The tenant of the leased land, rather than the owner, professional farm manager, or a shared decision overwhelmingly makes management decisions concerning selection of fertilizer and chemicals, and cultivation practices.
- Professional farm management services are utilized by less than 4% of all landlords.
- About 23% of all landlords of agricultural land live over 50 miles from the land they own; 15% live over 150 miles from the land they own.
- Approximately 42% of all landlords reside in a city, town, or urban area removed from rural areas or farms.
- 55% of all landlords in the US are 65 years or older.

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