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Since the last Census of Agriculture in 2008 in American Samoa, the number of farms increased while land in farms decreased. There was a large increase in farms operating less than 1 acre of land.

What is a "farm"? The American Samoa Census of Agriculture defines a farm as any place with agricultural activity. Commercial farms are defined as operations that sold \$100 or more in agricultural products during the census year.

The census measures both the amount of agricultural product sold as well as the value consumed by farm households. In 2018, farms on American Samoa produced \$44.3 million in agricultural products, of which \$11.1 million was sold, and \$33.2 million was consumed by farm households.

6,329
farms



14,404
acres



2.3 acres
average farm size



Farms and Land

In 2018, American Samoa had 6,329 farms, up 8% or 489 farms from 2008. These farms accounted for 14,404 acres of farmland, or 30% of all land in American Samoa. This was a decline of 4,601 acres (24%) from the 2008 level.

During the same time, the average farm size decreased 30%, from 3.3 acres in 2007 to 2.3 acres in 2018.

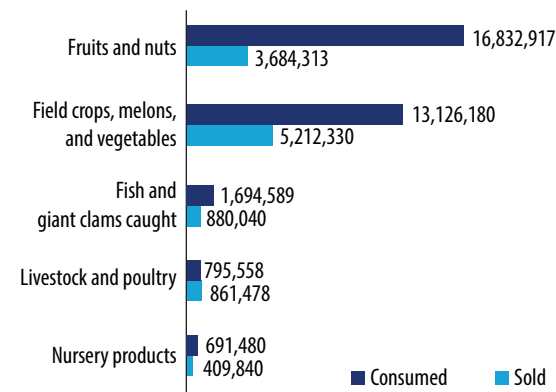
Farms with less than 1 acre almost doubled from 1,283 farms in 2008 to 2,232 farms in 2018.

Farm Counts by Size

	2008	2018
< 1 acre	1,283	2,232
1-2 acres	2,589	2,803
3-4 acres	858	730
5-9 acres	802	429
10-19 acres	241	103
20+ acres	67	32

Almost 80% of all farms in American Samoa are less than 2 acres in size.

Top Commodities (dollars)



Fruits and nuts was the top commodity group in American Samoa in 2018, with a combined value of \$20.5 million in consumption and sales, followed by field crops, melons, and vegetables (\$18.3 million).

Top Commodities by Number of Farms, 2018

	No. of Farms
Taro	5,726
Bananas (Other)	5,500
Breadfruit	5,189
Coconuts	4,613
Bananas (Fai Palagi)	4,590
Giant Taro	4,176
Papayas	4,011
Laupele	3,344

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American Samoa Farmers, 2018

(percent)

Sex

Male	72
Female	28

Age

<45	25
45 - 64	54
65+	21

Farms with paid labor

<25 days	1
25 - 149 days	1
>149 days	2

Facilities

Electricity	69
Running Water	71

44%

The percentage of farms with internet access. Fiber optic was the most common mode (39%).

For more information about the Census of Agriculture, visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.