



## TOBACCO-GROWING STATES IN THE USA

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The most recent count of U.S. tobacco farms was done by the 2007 Census of Agriculture, which counted 16,234 tobacco farms using 359,846 acres to grow tobacco. Overall, there were 2.2 million farms of any type in the United States in 2007, using 922 million acres, which means that tobacco farms accounted for less than one percent of both the total number of U.S. farms and U.S. farm acreage. Tobacco farm revenue totaled \$1.3 million or less than one half of a percent of total U.S. farm income (\$297,220,491).

### Ranked By Number of Tobacco Farms

1. Kentucky	8,113
2. North Carolina	2,622
3. Tennessee	1,610
4. Pennsylvania	1,152
5. Virginia	895
6. Ohio	475
7. Indiana	267
8. South Carolina	260
9. Georgia	224
10. Wisconsin	195

### Ranked By Total Tobacco Acreage

1. North Carolina	170,083
2. Kentucky	87,641
3. Virginia	20,881
4. Tennessee	20,109
5. South Carolina	20,084
6. Georgia	17,989
7. Pennsylvania	7,886
8. Ohio	3,499
9. Connecticut	3,128
10. Indiana	2,174

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, *2007 Census of Agriculture*, February 2009, and earlier editions (Census is done every five years), <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/index.asp>.

The 2007 Census found fewer tobacco farms and less tobacco acreage than the 2002 Census of Agriculture. It is likely that the number of farms has declined even more since 2007, but the next Census count will not be done until 2012.

The role of tobacco farming in the United States economy and in the so-called tobacco states' economies has been shrinking rapidly for some time.<sup>1</sup> While some of that decline has been caused by reductions in the amount of smoking in the United States, much of the reduced demand for U.S. tobacco leaf has come from U.S. cigarette companies using more foreign tobacco in the cigarettes they make and sharply reducing, if not eliminating, their cigarette exports.<sup>2</sup>

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**For more information on tobacco farming, see the Campaign's website**  
[http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts\\_issues/fact\\_sheets/misc/farming/](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/fact_sheets/misc/farming/).

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<sup>1</sup> See the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids factsheet, *The Shrinking Role of Tobacco Farming & Tobacco Product Manufacturing in the United States' Economy*, and similar factsheets on the role of tobacco farming and tobacco product manufacturing in each of the major tobacco states, available online at [http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts\\_issues/fact\\_sheets/misc/farming/](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/fact_sheets/misc/farming/).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., the Campaign factsheet, *The Big Cigarette Companies (Not Smoking Declines) Are Hurting American Tobacco Farmers*, <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0112.pdf>.