

FS-10. National estimates of grain storage practices on US farms, 2006

Grain storage practices	2006
Total farms with grain storage (1)	504,249
Total farms using tower silos and/or stand alone grain bins	432,770
Number of tower silos and stand alone grain bins	1,462,529
Number of oxygen limiting silos	89,136
Number of silos and bins with augers	700,388
Number of silos and bins with permanent stairs	514,824
Number of silos and bins with permanent external ladder	1,105,979
Number of silos and bins with restricted access to ladder	605,002
Number of silos and bins with enclosed cage for ladder	246,509
Number of silos and bins with locked top entrance	356,648
Total farms using grain trenches	32,810
Number of trenches in use	58,292
Number of trenches with side barriers	37,522
Total farms using storage bags	91,559
Number of storage bags in use	910,159

1 Estimates do not sum because the categories are not mutually exclusive

Source: Farm Safety Survey, 2006.