

FS-11. National estimates of grain storage practices on US farms, 2011

Grain storage practices	2011
<b>Total farms with grain storage (1)</b>	<b>436,646</b>
<b>Total farms using tower silos over 30 feet in height</b>	<b>130,515</b>
Number of silos in use	281,787
Number of silos used for silage	114,204
Number of oxygen limiting silos	51,184
Number of silos with sweep augers	97,071
Number of silos with permanent external blower pipe ladder	194,076
Number of silos with restricted access to blower pipe ladder	124,231
Number of silos with ladder enclosed by cage	131,859
Number of silos with locked top entrance	73,996
<b>Total farms using grain bins with 5,000 bushel or more capacity</b>	<b>230,202</b>
Number of grain bins in use	769,937
Number of bins with sweep augers	383,439
Number of bins with harness and life line system	60,921
Number of bins with permanent external stairs or ladder	598,142
Number of bins with restricted access to stairs or ladder	248,417
Number of bins with ladder enclosed by cage	117,431
Number of bins with locked top entrance	198,500
<b>Total farms using grain trenches</b>	<b>32,163</b>
Number of trenches in use	61,012
Number of trenches with side barriers	31,746
<b>Total farms using storage bags</b>	<b>147,456</b>
Number of storage bags in use	1,263,395

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

Source: Farm Safety Survey, 2011.