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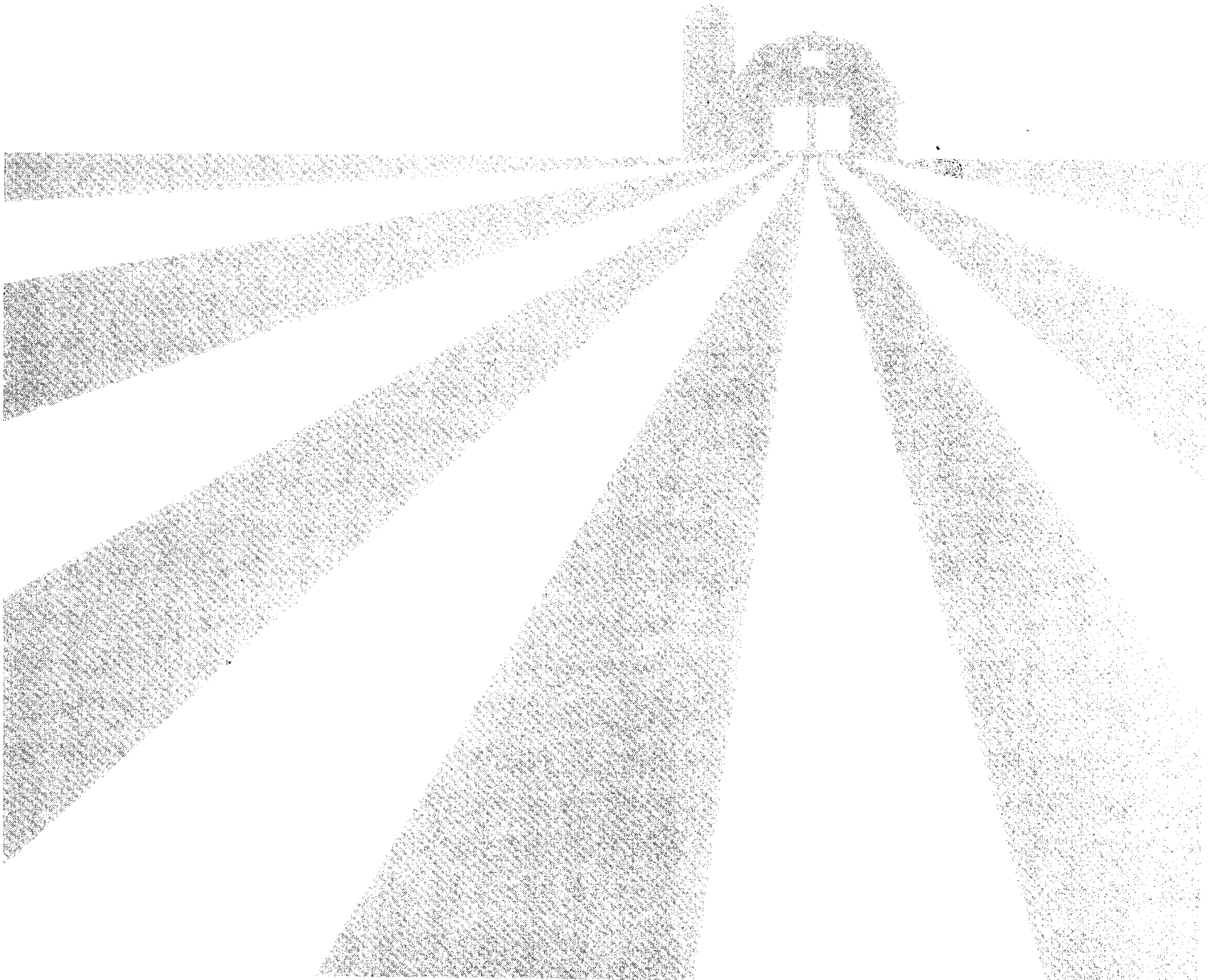
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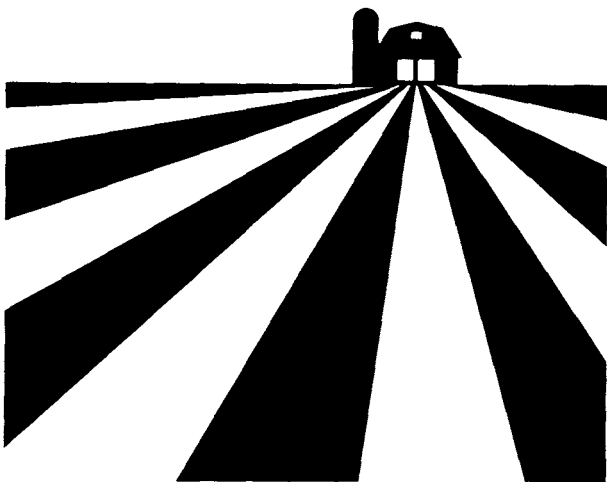
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HISTORY

The census of agriculture provides a periodic statistical picture of the Nation's farming, ranching, and related activities. The 1978 Census of Agriculture is the 21st taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census of population. A mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974 a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. Thereafter, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is authorized under the provisions of title 13, United States Code. Section 142(a) provides for the census to be taken in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983. Section 191 provides that the census shall include each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. A census of agriculture will be conducted in American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands in conjunction with the 1980 Census of Population and Housing.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes were first established, the farm definition has been changed nine times, as the Nation has grown and changed. The current definition was announced on August 12, 1975, in accordance with a joint agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Bureau of the Census. It defines a farm, for statistical purposes, as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agri-

cultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. The previous definition (used for the 1959, 1964, and 1969 censuses, and for the 1974 preliminary county reports) counted as a farm any place with less than 10 acres from which \$250 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year, or any place of 10 acres or more from which \$50 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year.

METHOD OF ENUMERATION

Evaluation studies of the 1969 and 1974 censuses, which were conducted primarily by mail, indicated that the administrative lists used to create the census mailing list were not adequate to assure complete coverage in the census. Also, censuses prior to 1969, conducted by direct enumeration, had been found by evaluation studies (conducted since 1950) to be progressively less and less complete, as increased mobility of farm operators led to increases in the numbers of nonresident operators, operators farming on a part-time basis, and operators farming two or more separate tracts.

The 1978 Census of Agriculture was conducted primarily by mail for maximum economy, supplemented by a personal canvass of a statistical area segment sample for maximum completeness of coverage. The area segment sample, which consists of selected geographic areas completely canvassed by direct enumeration, provides reliable estimates for States of the number and characteristics of any farms not represented in the mail portion of the census. Estimates for such farms are an integral part of the State totals published for the 1978 census. The direct enumeration sample estimates are statistically reliable only for State totals and have not been allocated to counties. Appendix A provides a more detailed description of how the 1978 census was taken and includes a discussion of census coverage.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

State totals for 1978 are not directly comparable with totals for 1974 or earlier censuses as they include data for farm operations represented on the mail list plus estimates from the direct enumeration sample for farms not represented on the mail list. The 1974 State level data include only operations represented on the mail list.

Coverage evaluation studies for the 1974 census indicated that 10.7 percent of all farms were not included in the census. Farms missed in the census were usually small and accounted for less than 3 percent of the total value of agricultural products sold and less than 6 percent of the land in farms. The proportion of farms missed in the 1974 census was generally higher in

States having a large proportion of small farms and urbanized areas having a sizable number of part-time farms. Farm counts for 1974, adjusted for the net undercount, are shown in appendix C.

County level data on acreages and inventories for 1978 and 1974 are generally comparable; however, improvements in the coverage of the 1978 census, especially of smaller farms, should be taken into consideration when comparing farm counts.

USE OF SAMPLING

Two types of sampling were used for data collection for the 1978 census. In addition to the State estimates from the direct enumeration sample discussed previously, data for items in sections 22 through 27 of the census report form were collected from only a sample of farms. Data based on a sample are subject to sampling error. Detailed discussions of the census report forms, the use of sampling, and estimates of sampling error are included in appendix A.

GRAPHICS

Several charts and maps presented on the following pages show selected agricultural statistics for this State. The items in the charts and the first four maps are presented for all States. The last four maps present data of particular importance to this State.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data—In chapter 1, State tables 1 through 28 show detailed State level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more censuses. Tables 29 through 35 provide 1978 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County summary data—Selected data items are presented by county in chapter 2. Tables 1 through 15 include general data such as land in farms, size of farms, land use, operator characteristics, expenses, and machinery and equipment. Inventory and sales data for livestock, poultry, and animal specialties are contained in tables 16 through 27 and detailed crop data in tables 28 through 35. Tables 36 through 43 present data on foreign ownership, income from customwork, direct sales to consumers, operators by racial group, and female operators.

Individual county data—Five pages of tables are presented in chapter 3 for each county with 10 farms or more in 1978. The tables include final data for each county and are more comprehensive than those in the preliminary reports. Data are provided for all farms and for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more for both 1978 and 1974.

This chapter also includes a set of similar tables for the State as a whole and for those farms in the State not on the mailing list and not included in county tables.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS

Preliminary reports have been published separately for all counties in the United States with 10 farms or more in 1978, each State, the four geographic regions, and the United States. This series provided, at the earliest possible date, information on major data items, with comparable final data from the 1974 census. The data items were standard for each State and county except in table 3 where the selected crops varied by State according to their relative importance in the State. The State preliminary report also included a full set of tables providing data derived from the direct enumeration sample on the estimated number and characteristics of farms not included in county totals because they were not represented on the mailing list.

For major data items at the county level differences between the preliminary and final figures are in general less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, data that would disclose the operations of an individual farm are not published. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure. Appendix A presents additional information on disclosure rules.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Appendix A includes definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables.

“SEE TEXT” REFERENCE

Items in the tables which are followed by the reference “See text” are explained or defined in appendix A.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

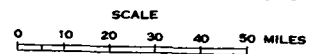
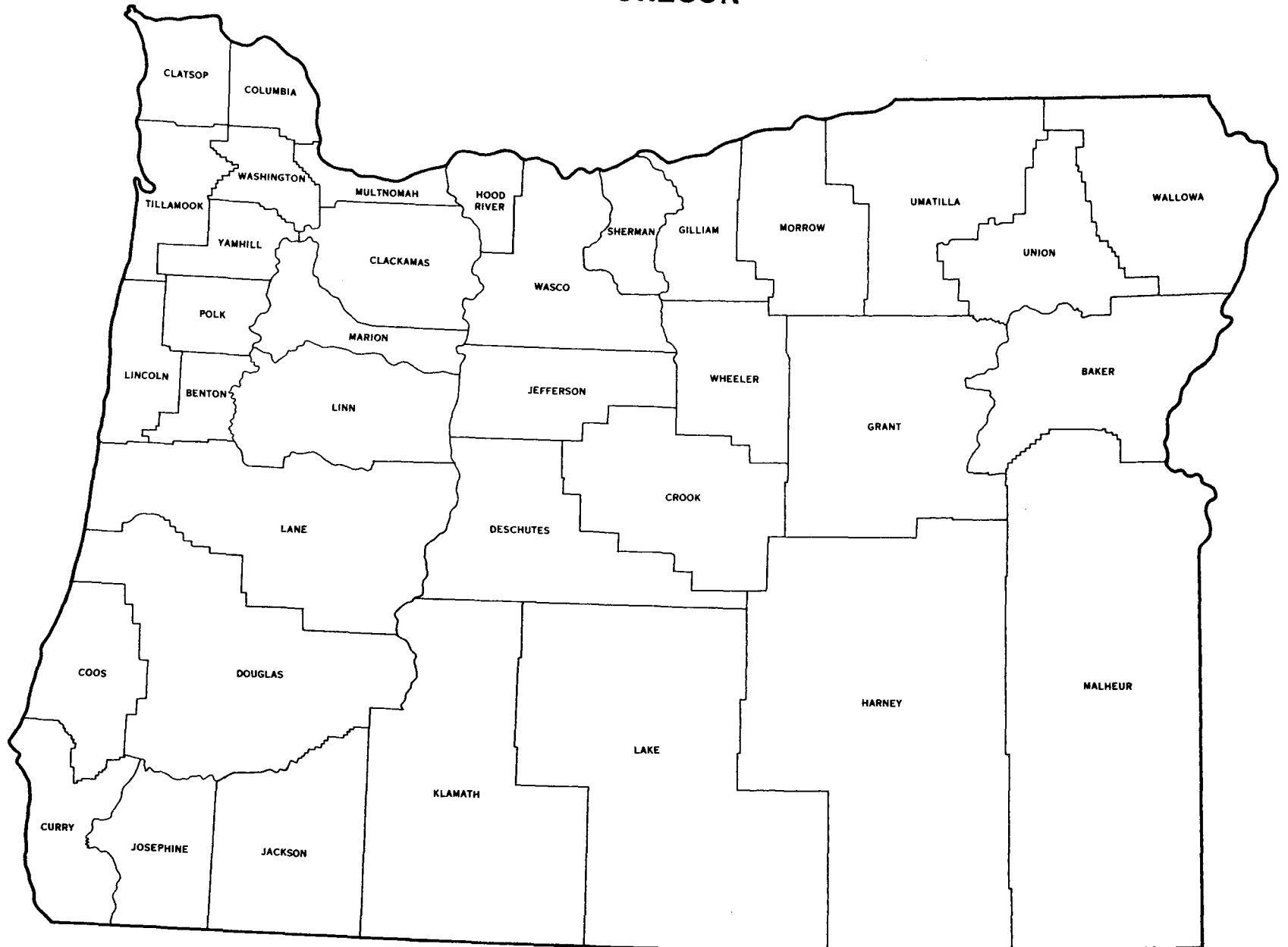
- Zero.
- (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit reported.
- (NA) Not available.
- * Independent city.

Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1978 and 1974

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978		1974 ¹	1978		1974 ¹
	Total	Not on mail list	Total	Total	Not on mail list	Total
Farms..... number.....	34 642	6 139	26 753	20 819	1 353	17 017
Land in farms..... acres.....	18 414 484	360 524	18 241 445	16 982 246	213 022	16 861 101
Average size of farm..... acres.....	532	59	682	816	157	991
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	3 280 005	70 358	3 213 399	3 165 287	35 208	3 122 858
Average per farm..... acres.....	95	11	120	152	26	184
Farms by size:						
1 to 49 acres..... number.....	17 695	4 994	10 813	6 875	782	4 193
50 to 499 acres..... number.....	12 613	1 083	11 611	9 757	509	8 653
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	1 611	44	1 568	1 546	44	1 469
1,000 acres or more..... number.....	2 723	18	2 761	2 641	18	2 702
Value of land and buildings:²						
Average per farm..... dollars.....	267 149	108 548	170 145	371 548	166 145	231 907
Average per acre..... dollars.....	504	1 848	250	460	1 055	234
Value of machinery and equipment on farms:²						
Average per farm..... \$1,000.....	980 389	42 730	585 085	879 517	16 256	505 686
Average per farm..... dollars.....	28 301	6 960	21 870	42 246	12 015	29 717
Value of agricultural products sold..... \$1,000.....						
Average per farm..... dollars.....	1 285 016	23 151	1 025 082	1 267 332	18 883	1 012 282
Crops sold..... \$1,000.....	37 094	3 771	38 317	60 874	13 957	59 487
Average per farm..... dollars.....	695 820	7 013	651 552	691 804	6 199	647 118
Livestock and livestock products sold..... \$1,000.....	20 086	1 142	24 354	33 229	4 582	38 028
Average per farm..... dollars.....	530 664	16 051	314 389	517 247	12 665	306 324
Poultry and poultry products sold..... \$1,000.....	15 319	2 615	11 752	24 845	9 361	18 001
Average per farm..... dollars.....	58 532	87	46 091	58 282	19	45 944
Average per farm..... dollars.....	1 690	14	1 723	2 799	14	2 700
Farms by value of agricultural products sold:						
Less than \$2,500..... number.....	13 762	4 786	10 196	-	-	515
\$2,500 to \$9,999..... number.....	9 062	937	6 034	9 062	937	6 034
\$10,000 to \$39,999..... number.....	5 731	283	5 216	5 731	283	5 216
\$40,000 to \$99,999..... number.....	3 143	113	2 838	3 143	113	2 838
\$100,000 to \$199,999..... number.....	1 633	20	1 458	1 633	20	1 458
\$200,000 or more..... number.....	1 250	-	956	1 250	-	956
Abnormal farms..... number.....	61	(X)	55	(X)	(X)	(X)
Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—						
Less than \$2,500..... \$1,000.....	15 215	4 268	11 235	-	-	620
\$2,500 to \$9,999..... \$1,000.....	46 189	4 523	32 999	46 189	4 523	32 999
\$10,000 to \$39,999..... \$1,000.....	117 280	4 852	109 684	117 280	4 852	109 684
\$40,000 to \$99,999..... \$1,000.....	201 674	6 770	181 279	201 674	6 770	181 279
\$100,000 to \$199,999..... \$1,000.....	226 759	2 739	202 530	226 759	2 739	202 530
\$200,000 or more..... \$1,000.....	675 430	-	485 171	675 430	-	485 171
Abnormal farms..... \$1,000.....	2 469	(X)	2 185	(X)	(X)	(X)
Farm production expenses for selected items:²						
Feed for livestock and poultry..... \$1,000.....	156 984	5 292	135 954	149 972	2 687	130 432
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees..... \$1,000.....	31 023	415	20 454	30 422	285	20 174
Commercial fertilizer..... \$1,000.....	74 017	921	68 346	72 580	704	67 151
Other agricultural chemicals..... \$1,000.....	33 303	540	20 175	32 548	360	19 956
Petroleum products—gasoline, diesel, etc..... \$1,000.....	52 596	1 682	35 528	49 714	902	33 795
Hired farm labor..... \$1,000.....	139 790	1 301	94 663	137 402	1 150	93 504
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves..... number.....	1 599 684	52 887	1 559 319	1 491 733	22 914	1 452 693
Hogs and pigs..... number.....	120 584	6 677	94 933	107 843	1 395	86 139
Sheep and lambs..... number.....	457 700	19 857	459 804	418 196	14 671	415 813
Chickens 3 months old or older..... number.....	3 176 773	53 094	2 520 001	3 087 062	7 583	2 468 503
Crops harvested:						
Wheat for grain..... acres.....	1 159 360	7 600	1 250 119	1 154 416	7 384	1 245 023
..... bushels.....	46 040 229	314 048	50 087 492	45 912 411	304 382	49 903 390
Barley for grain..... acres.....	216 528	1 134	(NA)	214 386	990	187 033
..... bushels.....	11 400 345	56 736	(NA)	11 324 687	50 400	8 050 329
Hay crops..... acres.....	1 068 102	51 339	980 967	976 968	21 268	909 715
Field seed crops..... tons, dry.....	2 602 351	92 504	2 217 388	2 450 446	51 497	2 098 606
..... acres.....	327 755	1 404	(NA)	327 062	1 404	322 155

¹Not fully comparable because of direct enumeration sample in 1978 totals; see text.
²1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.

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