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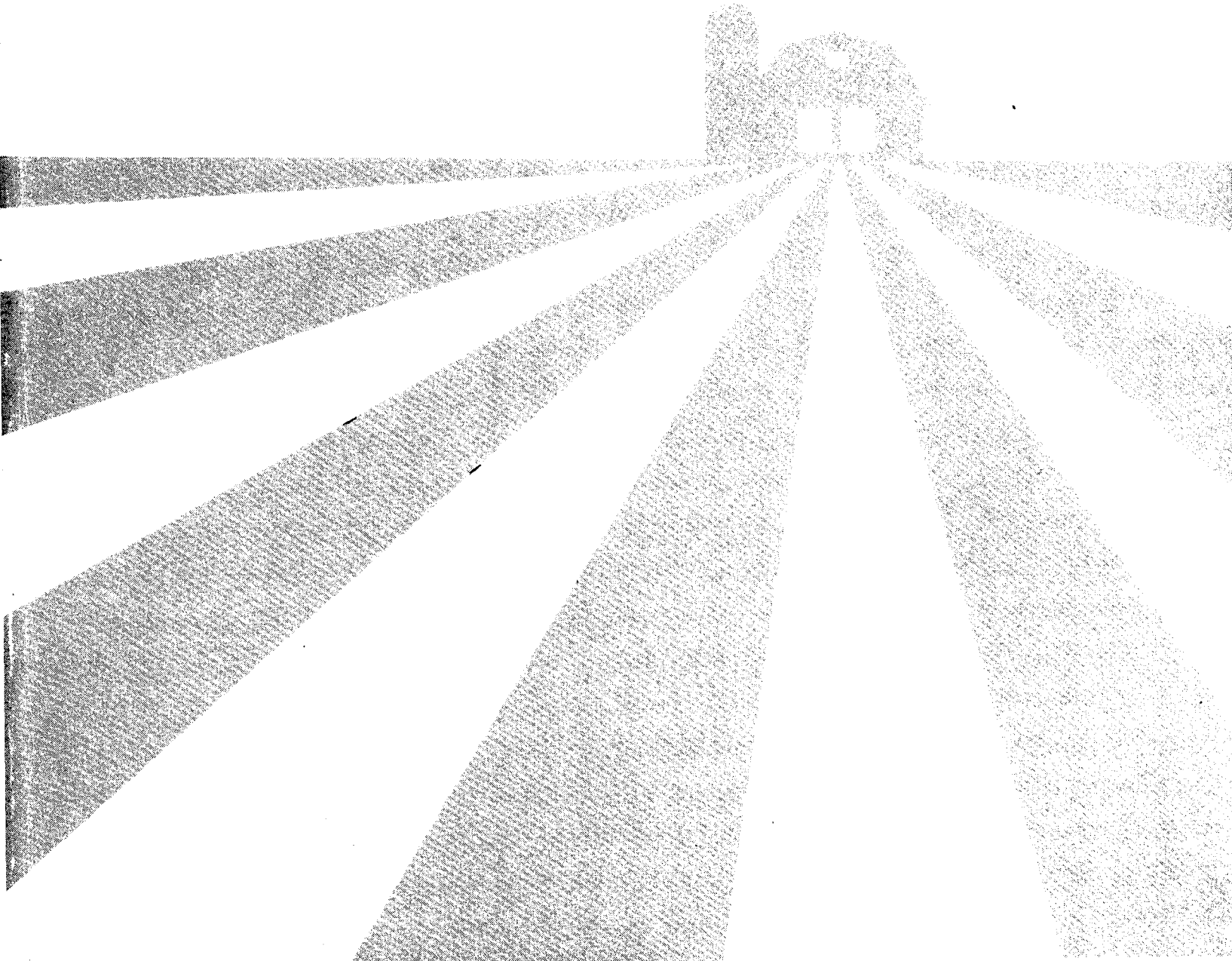
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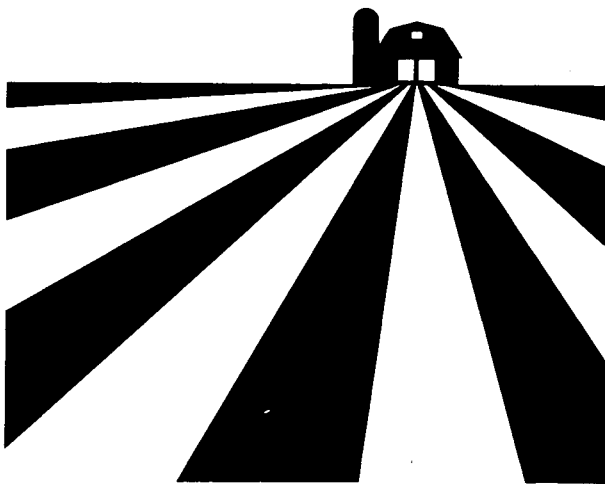
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HISTORY

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.

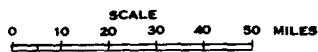
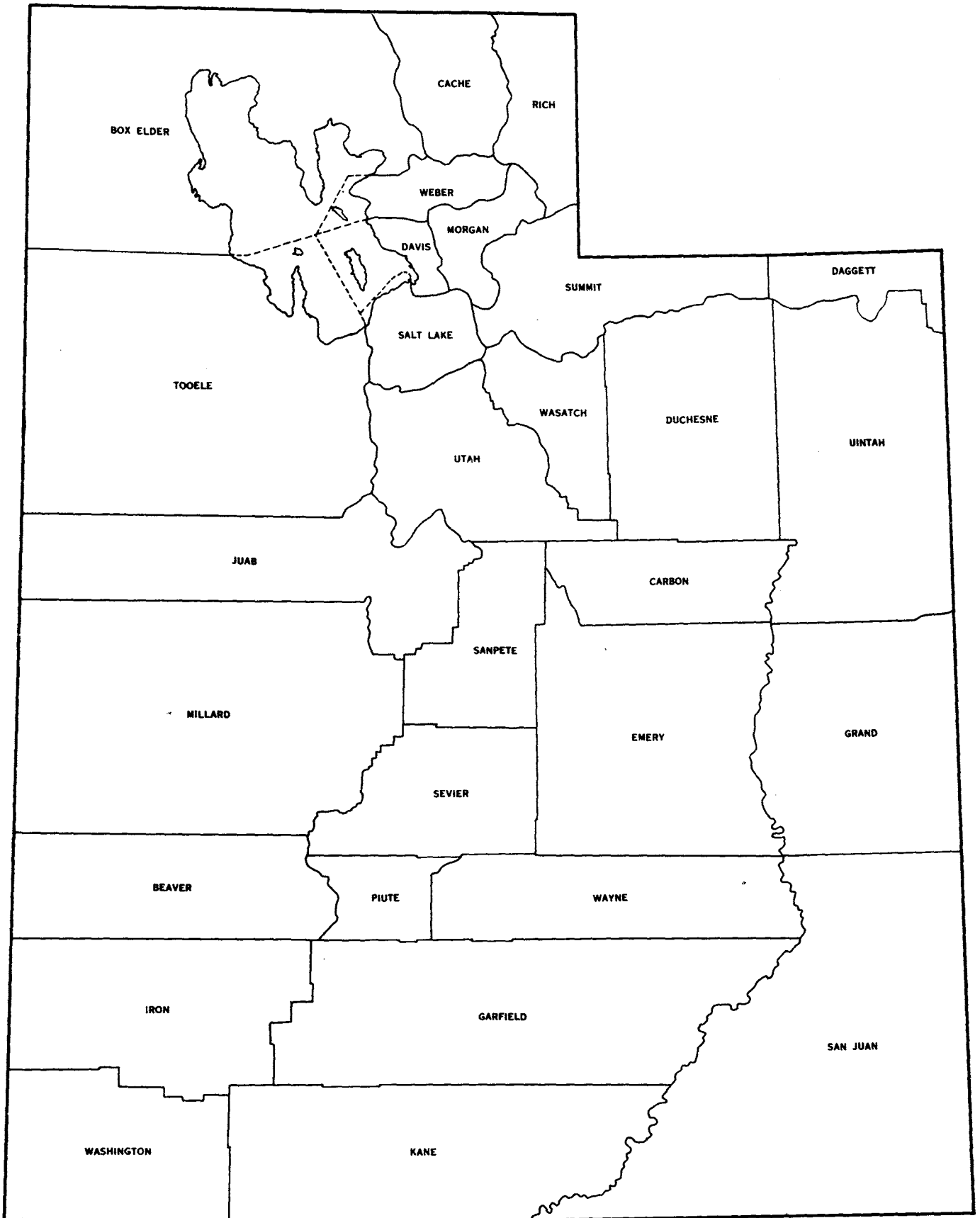
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	All farms		Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more			
	1978		1974 ¹	1978		1974 ¹
	Total	Not on mail list	Total	Total	Not on mail list	Total
Farms..... number.....	13 833	1 069	12 184	9 748	308	8 745
Land in farms..... acres.....	10 517 668	47 104	10 610 050	8 679 520	27 111	8 725 598
Average size of farm..... acres.....	760	44	871	890	88	998
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	1 174 703	11 562	1 089 243	1 111 201	6 920	1 024 528
Average per farm..... acres.....	85	11	89	114	22	117
Farms by size:						
1 to 49 acres..... number.....	5 432	790	4 064	2 472	151	1 873
50 to 499 acres..... number.....	6 050	274	5 755	5 081	152	4 692
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	946	5	904	883	5	823
1,000 acres or more..... number.....	1 405	-	1 461	1 312	-	1 357
Value of land and buildings: ²						
Average per farm..... dollars.....	303 763	107 099	163 989	357 757	147 654	192 839
Average per acre..... dollars.....	400	2 431	188	406	1 677	193
Value of machinery and equipment on farms: ²						
\$1,000.....	379 093	8 263	245 726	341 537	3 734	210 256
Average per farm..... dollars.....	27 405	7 730	20 168	35 037	12 124	24 043
Value of agricultural products sold..... \$1,000.....	468 195	2 815	338 649	456 689	2 063	328 440
Average per farm..... dollars.....	33 846	2 633	27 795	46 850	6 498	37 557
Crops sold..... \$1,000.....	102 608	1 058	94 887	99 873	880	91 454
Average per farm..... dollars.....	7 418	989	7 788	10 245	2 856	10 458
Livestock and livestock products sold..... \$1,000.....	311 005	1 748	201 392	302 971	1 183	195 130
Average per farm..... dollars.....	22 483	1 635	16 529	31 080	3 842	22 313
Poultry and poultry products sold..... \$1,000.....	54 583	9	42 230	53 846	-	41 729
Average per farm..... dollars.....	3 946	8	3 466	5 524	-	4 772
Farms by value of agricultural products sold:						
Less than \$2,500..... number.....	3 948	761	3 491	-	-	214
\$2,500 to \$9,999..... number.....	4 129	261	3 508	4 129	261	3 508
\$10,000 to \$39,999..... number.....	3 216	47	3 183	3 216	47	3 183
\$40,000 to \$99,999..... number.....	1 442	-	1 250	1 442	-	1 250
\$100,000 to \$199,999..... number.....	594	-	375	594	-	375
\$200,000 or more..... number.....	367	-	215	367	-	215
Abnormal farms..... number.....	137	(X)	162	(X)	(X)	(X)
Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—						
Less than \$2,500..... \$1,000.....	4 623	752	4 159	-	-	280
\$2,500 to \$9,999..... \$1,000.....	21 931	1 294	19 357	21 931	1 294	19 357
\$10,000 to \$39,999..... \$1,000.....	66 167	769	65 988	66 167	769	65 988
\$40,000 to \$99,999..... \$1,000.....	91 208	-	77 374	91 208	-	77 374
\$100,000 to \$199,999..... \$1,000.....	80 886	-	51 340	80 886	-	51 340
\$200,000 or more..... \$1,000.....	196 498	-	114 100	196 498	-	114 100
Abnormal farms..... \$1,000.....	6 882	(X)	6 329	(X)	(X)	(X)
Farm production expenses for selected items: ²						
Feed for livestock and poultry..... \$1,000.....	102 865	593	87 162	99 873	262	84 257
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees..... \$1,000.....	7 169	60	4 797	6 841	38	4 566
Commercial fertilizer..... \$1,000.....	11 985	92	9 442	11 444	62	8 987
Other agricultural chemicals..... \$1,000.....	4 676	51	2 471	4 454	35	2 382
Petroleum products—gasoline, diesel, etc..... \$1,000.....	22 708	281	14 589	21 587	182	13 714
Hired farm labor..... \$1,000.....	35 054	108	22 269	33 593	63	20 906
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves..... number.....	810 543	5 608	839 849	774 272	2 528	785 516
Hogs and pigs..... number.....	48 850	1 921	37 295	43 235	852	32 003
Sheep and lambs..... number.....	621 399	3 552	759 261	607 322	1 571	732 669
Chickens 3 months old or older..... number.....	2 298 463	4 452	2 109 377	2 246 624	883	2 052 170
Crops harvested:						
Corn for all purposes..... acres.....	78 602	419	73 332	74 736	265	69 578
Wheat for grain..... acres.....	254 603	324	264 168	251 098	197	256 578
Barley for grain..... bushels.....	6 689 017	16 250	6 377 354	6 590 140	12 400	6 184 670
Hay crops..... acres.....	146 520	1 174	(NA)	139 539	729	114 693
Hay crops..... tons, dry.....	633 511	8 334	550 926	8 758 852	44 825	6 020 011
Hay crops..... tons, dry.....	1 780 972	21 424	1 537 290	1 681 173	15 421	1 433 343

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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