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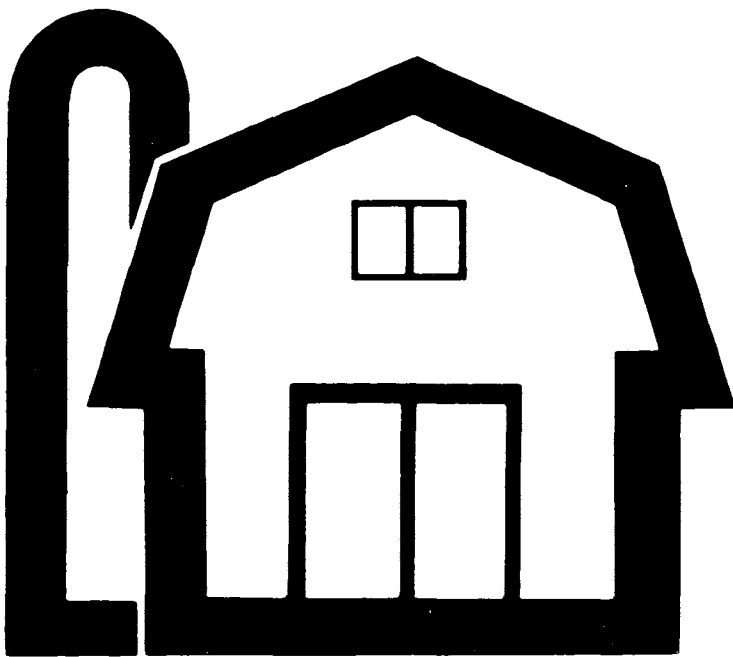
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HISTORY

The census of agriculture provides a periodic statistical picture of the Nation's farming, ranching, and related activities. The 1982 Census of Agriculture is the 22d 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 of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate 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. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in 2 and 7.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agriculture and the only source of consistent, comparable data about agriculture at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs affecting agriculture are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the farm community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that the census be taken in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983 covering the prior year. The 1982 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes were first established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 final reports, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural 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 reports) was 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.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

All censuses since 1969 were conducted primarily by mail. To improve the coverage of the 1978 census, especially in counting the number of small farms, the mailout/mailback enumeration was supplemented by the direct enumeration of all households in approximately 6,400 sample segments in rural areas in all States, except Alaska and Hawaii. Due to budget reductions, the direct enumeration area sample was eliminated for 1982.

The U.S. region, and State data for 1978 shown in the 1978 Census of Agriculture publications included data for farms represented on the mail list plus estimates from the area sample for farms not on the mail list. The 1978 county data included only farms represented on the mail list as the sample was not large enough to provide reliable estimates for each county.

To provide comparable data for 1982 and 1978, estimates from the 1978 area sample have been subtracted from the 1978 data. Thus, the 1978 data in this report include only farms represented on the mail list. Appendix B includes a detailed discussion of the effect of the area sample on census comparability.

In general, data for 1982, 1978, and 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition. Data on acreages and inventories for 1982 and 1978 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data—In chapter 1, State tables 1 through 43 show detailed State level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 44 through 50 provide 1982 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data—Selected data items are presented by county in chapter 2. Tables 1 through 16 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the

column headings. In tables 17 through 36, only counties reporting the data item are included in the table stub. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, are not listed separately. Data for these counties are combined and presented as "all other counties."

PRELIMINARY REPORTS

Preliminary reports have been published separately for each county with 10 farms or more in 1982, each State, and the United States. This series provided, at the earliest possible date, information on major data items together with comparable final data from the 1978 census. The data items were standard except in tables 4 and 5 where the selected crops varied by State according to their relative importance.

For farms, land in farms, livestock inventories, and other major items at the county level, differences between the preliminary and final figures are generally less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

MICROFICHE AND COMPUTER TAPES

The data in this report and final data for individual counties are available on microfiche. The final microfiche county tables have the same format as the county preliminary report. Also, computer tapes are available for the same summary statistics that are found in the preliminary and volume 1 reports. Microfiche reports are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Computer tapes are sold by the Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

Copies of computer printouts of the following unpublished county summary tables are available:

- Land in Farms With Cropland Harvested and Land in Farms and Cropland Harvested on Irrigated Farms, by Size of Farm: 1982
- Owned and Rented Land—Farms, Land in Farms, and Value of Land and Buildings: 1982
- Farms With Grazing Permits: 1982

Other special unpublished tables and summaries on computer tape can be developed to individual user specifications.

Inquiries about the availability and cost of unpublished tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

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.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

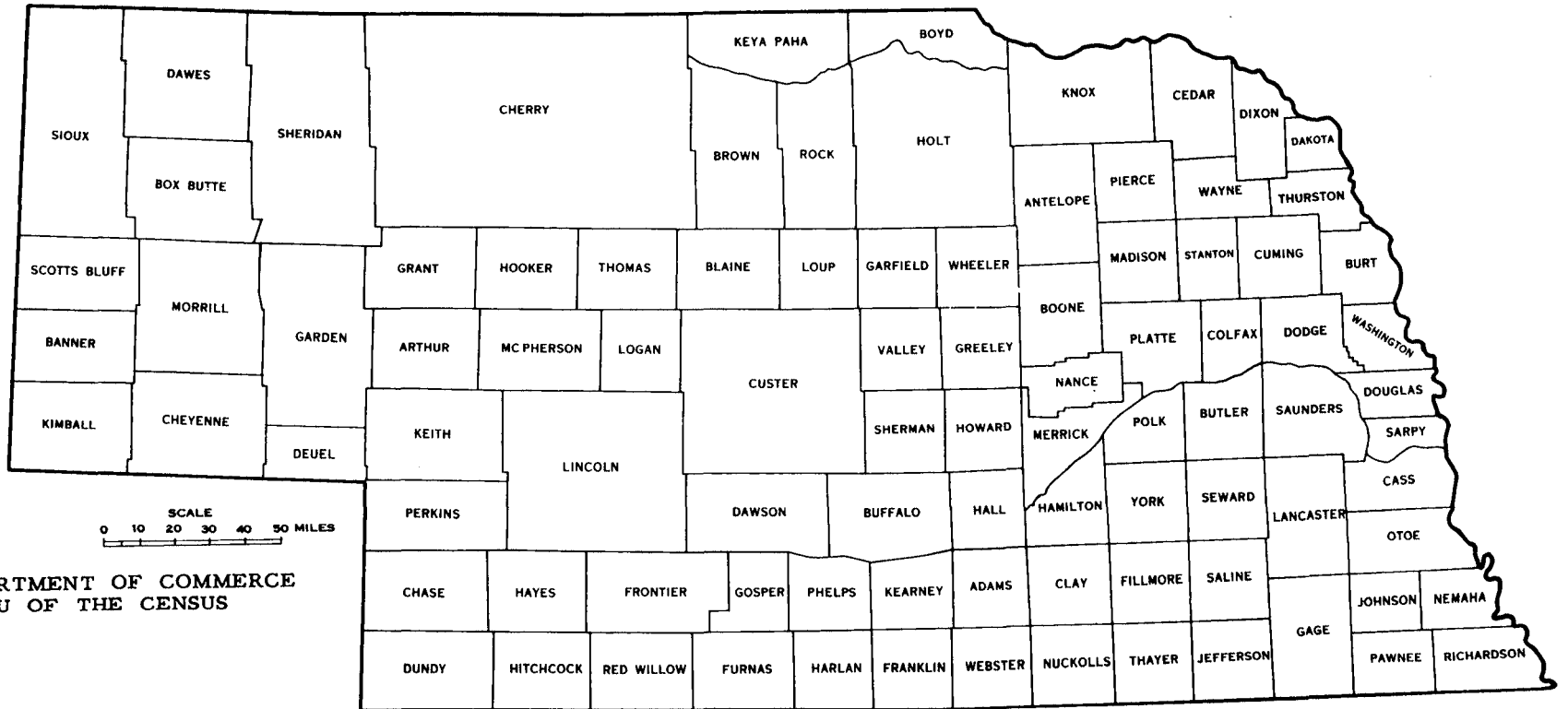
Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- (NA) Not available.
- (IC) Independent city.
- cwt. Hundredweight.
- sq. ft. Square feet.

NEBRASKA



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1982 and 1978

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms			Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more		
	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982
Farms.....number.....	60 243	63 768	-5.5	48 792	50 758	-3.9
Land in farms.....acres.....	44 961 371	46 113 973	-2.5	43 048 323	43 843 955	-1.8
Average size of farm.....acres.....	746	723	3.2	882	864	2.1
Value of land and buildings ¹ :						
Average per farm.....dollars.....	532 741	382 902	39.1	626 463	454 737	37.8
Average per acre.....dollars.....	701	523	34.0	700	522	34.1
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres.....	4 162	3 832	8.6	1 622	1 370	18.4
10 to 49 acres.....	4 062	3 592	13.1	973	836	16.4
50 to 179 acres.....	11 100	12 042	-7.8	7 122	6 847	4.0
180 to 499 acres.....	19 128	22 010	-13.1	17 832	20 062	-11.1
500 to 999 acres.....	11 847	12 369	-4.2	11 513	11 950	-3.7
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	6 036	6 050	-.2	5 896	5 903	-.1
2,000 acres or more.....	3 908	3 873	.9	3 834	3 790	1.2
Harvested cropland.....farms.....	52 497	56 644	-7.3	45 634	47 905	-4.7
.....acres.....	17 075 625	16 371 595	4.3	16 708 651	15 802 892	5.7
Irrigated land.....farms.....	22 190	23 862	-7.0	21 373	22 685	-5.8
.....acres.....	6 039 292	5 682 931	6.3	6 002 284	5 619 139	6.8
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000.....	6 625 742	5 149 297	28.7	6 568 246	5 079 988	29.3
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products.....farms.....	46 471	51 107	-9.1	41 339	43 813	-5.6
.....\$1,000.....	2 379 811	1 718 714	38.5	2 356 909	1 687 976	39.6
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....farms.....	45 893	49 937	-8.1	38 381	41 333	-7.1
.....\$1,000.....	4 245 931	3 430 583	23.8	4 211 337	3 392 012	24.2
Farms by standard industrial classification:						
Cash grains (011).....	29 258	28 961	1.0	25 934	24 241	7.0
Field crops, except cash grains (013).....	1 224	1 509	-18.9	528	692	-23.7
Vegetables and melons (016).....	47	54	-13.0	13	10	30.0
Fruits and tree nuts (017).....	24	21	14.3	7	6	16.7
Horticultural specialties (018).....	145	129	12.4	84	86	-2.3
General farms, primarily crop (019).....	994	1 199	-17.9	732	1 010	-27.5
Livestock, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialties (021).....	25 345	29 006	-12.6	19 353	22 476	-13.9
Dairy farms (024).....	1 421	1 304	9.0	1 359	1 237	9.9
Poultry and eggs (025).....	192	183	4.9	69	86	-19.8
Animal specialties (027).....	768	472	62.7	165	149	10.7
General farms, primarily livestock (029).....	835	930	-10.2	548	765	-28.4
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family.....	51 323	54 968	-6.6	40 895	43 127	-5.2
Partnership.....	5 608	6 280	-10.7	4 886	5 322	-8.2
Corporation.....	3 013	2 330	29.3	2 836	2 216	28.0
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	299	190	57.4	175	93	88.2
Tenure of operator:						
Full owners.....	24 840	25 239	-1.6	16 766	16 286	2.9
Part owners.....	23 083	24 842	-7.1	21 872	23 545	-7.1
Tenants.....	12 320	13 687	-10.0	10 154	10 927	-7.1
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming.....	47 549	51 036	-6.8	42 712	44 951	-5.0
Other.....	12 694	12 732	-3	6 080	5 807	4.7
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :						
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	843 922	654 728	28.9	834 930	646 023	29.2
Commercial fertilizer.....\$1,000.....	325 124	267 026	21.8	321 633	261 415	23.0
Other agricultural chemicals ²\$1,000.....	141 128	88 096	60.2	139 478	86 133	61.9
Energy and petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	473 263	282 486	67.5	463 303	272 620	69.9
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	167 515	129 597	29.3	164 239	126 352	30.0
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves.....farms.....	39 555	42 724	-7.4	33 482	36 041	-7.1
.....number.....	6 530 561	6 412 288	1.8	6 352 547	6 211 268	2.3
Milk cows.....farms.....	4 686	5 827	-19.6	4 105	5 091	-19.4
.....number.....	117 536	119 068	-1.3	115 881	116 494	-.5
Hogs and pigs.....farms.....	15 998	20 532	-22.1	14 642	18 194	-19.5
.....number.....	3 963 364	3 723 774	6.4	3 908 419	3 628 962	7.7
Chickens 3 months old or older.....farms.....	5 791	7 788	-25.6	4 284	5 973	-28.3
.....number.....	3 604 279	3 154 767	14.2	3 525 966	3 044 461	15.8
Crops harvested:						
Corn for grain or seed.....farms.....	34 573	39 326	-12.1	32 725	36 030	-9.2
.....acres.....	6 519 250	6 662 003	-2.1	6 463 991	6 544 890	-1.2
Corn for silage or green chop.....farms.....	8 158	8 558	-4.7	8 021	8 349	-3.9
.....acres.....	384 470	363 961	5.6	380 139	358 291	6.1
Sorghum for grain or seed.....farms.....	15 106	17 976	-16.0	13 809	15 677	-11.9
.....acres.....	1 657 237	1 802 168	-8.0	1 612 841	1 714 263	-5.9
Wheat for grain.....farms.....	20 182	21 787	-7.4	18 326	18 885	-3.0
.....acres.....	2 585 111	2 393 999	8.0	2 511 984	2 267 495	10.8
Oats for grain.....farms.....	10 852	10 452	3.8	10 133	9 520	6.4
.....acres.....	396 520	372 661	6.4	381 791	353 999	7.9
Soybeans for beans.....farms.....	21 487	16 662	29.0	20 104	15 152	32.7
.....acres.....	2 105 816	1 209 707	74.1	2 070 251	1 173 844	76.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text).....farms.....	33 840	38 097	-11.2	29 915	33 195	-9.9
.....acres.....	3 203 713	3 385 943	-5.4	3 062 809	3 207 195	-4.5

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1978 include the cost of lime which was not collected in 1982.