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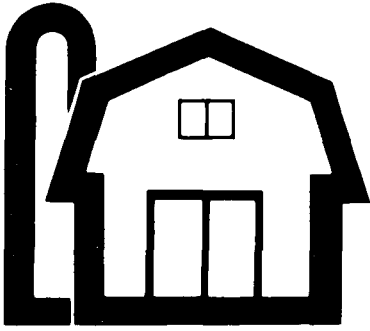
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Table 11. Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 1982, 1978, and 1974

Item	1982	1978	1974
Sheep, lambs, and wool farms . .	2 918	2,408	(NA)
\$1,000 . .	4 106	3 274	(NA)
Hogs and pigs farms . .	12 059	15 396	(NA)
\$1,000 . .	258 039	213 308	(NA)



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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

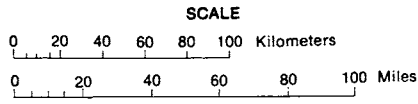
Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

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. |

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All political boundaries are as of January 1, 1980



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.....	82 199	86 505	-5.0	57 049	56 800	.4
Land in farms.....acres.....	17 234 127	17 838 982	-3.4	15 132 720	14 929 918	1.4
Average size of farm.....acres.....	210	206	1.9	265	263	.8
Value of land and buildings ¹ :						
Average per farm.....dollars.....	232 606	175 095	32.8	297 070	225 727	31.6
Average per acre.....dollars.....	1 113	853	30.5	1 124	865	29.9
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres.....	4 254	3 117	36.5	1 317	1 001	31.6
10 to 49 acres.....	10 256	9 447	8.6	2 109	1 386	52.2
50 to 179 acres.....	31 202	35 701	-12.6	19 787	19 998	-1.1
180 to 499 acres.....	30 855	32 997	-6.5	28 324	29 377	-3.6
500 to 999 acres.....	4 682	4 437	5.5	4 579	4 255	7.6
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	778	672	15.8	766	651	17.7
2,000 acres or more.....	172	134	28.4	167	132	26.5
Harvested cropland.....acres.....	75 734	81 708	-7.3	55 002	55 194	-.3
Irrigated land.....acres.....	10 062 154	9 863 051	2.0	9 411 818	8 880 943	6.0
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000.....	4 854 582	3 444 600	40.9	4 758 053	3 326 052	43.1
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products.....\$1,000.....	41 093	47 752	-13.9	27 708	28 879	-4.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000.....	943 422	671 094	40.6	899 467	612 061	47.0
.....\$1,000.....	67 484	69 574	-3.0	51 950	51 707	.5
.....\$1,000.....	3 911 160	2 773 506	41.0	3 858 586	2 713 992	42.2
Farms by standard industrial classification:						
Cash grains (011).....	9 570	9 699	-1.3	4 850	3 894	24.6
Field crops, except cash grains (013).....	5 632	8 300	-32.1	1 555	1 984	-21.6
Vegetables and melons (016).....	1 415	1 829	-22.6	816	838	-2.6
Fruits and tree nuts (017).....	841	780	7.8	353	325	8.6
Horticultural specialties (018).....	623	654	-4.7	378	355	6.5
General farms, primarily crop (019).....	2 322	2 866	-19.0	926	1 063	-12.9
Livestock, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialties (021).....	17 979	17 996	-.1	7 358	7 408	-.7
Dairy farms (024).....	40 168	40 729	-1.4	39 162	38 312	.6
Poultry and eggs (025).....	564	624	-9.6	254	305	-16.7
Animal specialties (027).....	1 722	1 318	30.7	456	421	8.3
General farms, primarily livestock (029).....	1 363	1 710	-20.3	941	1 295	-27.3
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family.....	70 842	76 016	-6.8	47 421	48 481	-2.2
Partnership.....	8 937	8 749	2.1	7 492	6 791	10.3
Corporation.....	2 193	1 555	41.0	2 016	1 449	39.1
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	227	185	22.7	120	79	51.9
Tenure of operator:						
Full owners.....	48 529	53 689	-9.6	27 938	29 047	-3.8
Part owners.....	26 617	26 645	-.1	23 728	23 258	2.0
Tenants.....	7 053	6 171	14.3	5 383	4 495	19.8
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming.....	57 939	59 222	-2.2	49 671	49 514	.3
Other.....	24 260	27 283	-11.1	7 378	7 286	1.3
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :						
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	667 669	450 562	48.2	652 985	436 397	49.6
Commercial fertilizer.....\$1,000.....	262 517	181 264	44.8	254 594	170 131	49.6
Other agricultural chemicals ²\$1,000.....	90 030	59 702	50.8	87 148	56 109	55.3
Energy and petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	382 519	208 074	83.8	362 864	190 109	90.9
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	279 154	181 536	53.8	273 821	175 234	56.3
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves.....farms.....	62 836	64 192	-2.1	48 999	48 633	.8
.....number.....	4 458 683	3 971 214	12.3	4 213 590	3 694 876	14.0
Milk cows.....farms.....	44 093	45 518	-3.1	41 585	41 788	-.5
.....number.....	1 852 784	1 699 839	9.0	1 833 568	1 668 241	9.9
Hogs and pigs.....farms.....	11 940	15 713	-24.0	9 111	11 557	-21.2
.....number.....	1 479 028	1 473 818	.4	1 421 940	1 383 239	2.8
Chickens 3 months old or older.....farms.....	7 373	9 284	-20.6	4 212	5 402	-22.0
.....number.....	4 926 499	4 499 970	9.5	4 775 467	4 282 945	11.5
Crops harvested:						
Corn for grain or seed.....farms.....	52 645	56 602	-7.0	43 786	44 093	-.7
.....acres.....	3 257 104	2 975 928	9.4	3 125 291	2 765 402	13.0
Corn for silage or green chop.....farms.....	38 731	38 512	.6	35 989	35 306	1.9
.....acres.....	994 862	848 527	17.2	964 443	813 496	18.6
Oats for grain.....farms.....	40 594	50 851	-20.2	34 254	40 173	-14.7
.....acres.....	890 503	1 092 308	-18.5	813 243	956 014	-14.9
Soybeans for beans.....farms.....	5 667	4 587	23.5	4 476	3 297	35.8
.....acres.....	332 235	222 157	49.5	306 426	196 860	55.7
Irish potatoes.....farms.....	766	664	15.4	556	495	12.3
.....acres.....	68 340	62 100	10.0	67 982	61 741	10.1
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text).....farms.....	64 770	71 292	-9.1	49 422	50 626	-2.4
.....acres.....	4 491 368	4 771 840	-5.9	4 125 529	4 223 816	-2.3
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text).....farms.....	4 262	5 188	-17.8	3 246	3 502	-7.3
.....acres.....	280 326	319 090	-12.1	267 266	289 561	-7.7

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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