

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1987 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Farms.....number.....	574	570	383	291	332	382	367	(NA)
Land in farms.....acres.....	1 026 732	1 323 953	1 286 463	1 633 070	1 604 211	1 959 440	888 331	(NA)
Average size of farm.....acres.....	1 789	2 323	3 359	5 612	4 832	5 129	2 421	(NA)
Value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm.....dollars.....	553 000	463 849	364 527	237 938	61 541	47 150	48 379	(NA)
Average per acre.....dollars.....	309	200	109	42	13	9	20	(NA)
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000.....	22 290	18 562	7 762	5 004	2 628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars.....	38 901	32 912	21 683	17 315	8 316	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres.....	96	91	33	17	16	11	26	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	113	115	71	40	32	16	26	(NA)
50 to 179 acres.....	172	184	130	107	140	207	187	(NA)
180 to 499 acres.....	97	88	68	58	85	81	98	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	24	23	30	13	18	21	13	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	24	13	10	19	6	7	17	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	48	56	41	37	35	39	17	(NA)
Total cropland.....farms.....	454	460	320	249	282	346	325	(NA)
Harvested cropland.....acres.....	66 305	54 311	29 341	23 970	22 035	23 271	24 119	(NA)
Harvested cropland.....farms.....	397	395	303	237	251	305	302	(NA)
Harvested cropland.....acres.....	28 949	25 694	20 538	16 750	13 105	16 410	14 482	(NA)
Irrigated land.....farms.....	74	46	35	28	28	10	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land.....acres.....	1 826	667	920	888	823	158	(NA)	(NA)
Market value of agricultural products sold ²\$1,000.....	17 972	11 399	8 225	6 695	3 617	3 768	3 214	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars.....	31 309	19 999	21 475	23 007	10 895	9 865	8 758	(NA)
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops.....\$1,000.....	10 768	6 010	4 661	2 808	983	951	840	(NA)
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000.....	7 204	5 389	3 564	3 827	2 621	2 733	2 367	(NA)
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500.....	242	267	152	108	208	224	205	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	92	110	64	37	25	40	28	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	73	85	58	56	25	24	31	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴	65	46	45	66	62	90	100	(NA)
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ⁵	38	25	21	18	6	1	—	(NA)
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	25	11	13	—	—	—	—	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	34	23	19	—	—	—	—	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	(NA)
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	478	489	327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership.....	52	42	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation.....	29	29	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	15	10	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁶ :								
None.....	173	132	103	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any.....	369	397	276	205	244	233	215	(NA)
200 days or more.....	182	200	127	108	147	145	116	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation ⁶ :								
Farming.....	248	231	150	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	326	339	233	176	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁶years.....	48.9	45.8	46.8	48.6	47.0	46.6	46.2	(NA)
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000.....	15 774	(NA)	(NA)	6 356	3 358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased.....\$1,000.....	386	507	569	180	246	204	158	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	2 978	2 293	1 665	1 675	809	1 132	674	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer ⁷\$1,000.....	1 413	1 118	776	636	237	497	(NA)	(NA)
Petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	1 140	1 113	507	338	195	251	190	(NA)
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	2 647	1 925	1 823	785	472	574	487	(NA)
Interest expense ⁸\$1,000.....	1 275	1 466	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁷\$1,000.....	166	45	68	24	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms.....	170	207	141	124	136	203	188	(NA)
Cattle and calves inventory.....number.....	9 433	8 729	8 743	9 695	8 466	8 193	6 010	(NA)
Beef cows.....farms.....	112	129	80	58	(NA)	68	(NA)	(NA)
Beef cows.....number.....	3 198	2 994	2 773	3 104	2 653	2 186	973	(NA)
Milk cows.....farms.....	50	64	59	50	76	123	126	(NA)
Milk cows.....number.....	1 713	963	1 330	1 607	1 662	2 477	2 186	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold.....farms.....	134	151	102	95	112	123	127	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold.....number.....	2 538	1 640	1 616	1 510	2 029	1 874	1 229	(NA)
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms.....	45	88	55	31	24	32	43	(NA)
Hogs and pigs inventory.....number.....	573	3 741	845	1 162	975	1 105	1 205	(NA)
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms.....	37	70	36	18	13	21	22	(NA)
Hogs and pigs sold.....number.....	1 100	6 244	(D)	1 635	836	657	1 221	(NA)
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹farms.....	82	110	89	62	67	92	100	(NA)
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹number.....	2 385	(D)	33 012	29 176	26 956	31 218	33 779	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....farms.....	12	19	13	4	4	—	7	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....number.....	4 141	4 610	1 418	5 408	300	—	1 171	(NA)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1987 and Earlier Census Years—Con.

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All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Selected crops harvested:								
Barley for grain----- farms--	35	45	44	(NA)	(NA)	53	67	(NA)
acres--	5 666	6 950	3 887	(NA)	(NA)	1 914	1 523	(NA)
bushels--	235 417	227 820	166 923	(NA)	(NA)	72 606	60 373	(NA)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)----- farms--	290	307	231	176	175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	21 254	17 248	15 536	14 528	10 228	13 343	10 767	(NA)
tons, dry--	28 615	19 726	23 591	20 015	12 548	19 741	17 500	(NA)

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

³Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

⁴Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

⁵Data for 1954 are for \$25,000 or more.

⁶Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

⁷Data for 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1987 and 1982.

⁸Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁹Data for 1964 and prior years are for chickens 4 months old or older.