

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1987 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Farms.....number.....	7 669	7 334	6 298	5 803	5 890	6 477	7 233	9 321
Land in farms.....acres.....	36 287 794	37 752 534	38 505 905	37 944 191	38 202 667	40 559 493	40 203 386	41 789 946
Average size of farm.....acres.....	4 732	5 148	6 114	6 539	6 486	6 262	5 558	4 483
Value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm.....dollars.....	1 317 765	1 496 334	1 198 843	723 169	452 241	330 549	269 724	115 330
Average per acre.....dollars.....	279	289	197	111	70	53	49	26
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000.....	425 285	407 289	345 222	210 949	96 325	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars.....	55 702	56 069	55 236	39 511	18 028	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres.....	2 158	1 966	1 220	960	926	974	1 020	1 830
10 to 49 acres.....	1 510	1 609	1 311	1 253	1 229	1 312	1 505	2 117
50 to 179 acres.....	1 133	1 051	999	998	1 008	1 152	1 496	1 997
180 to 499 acres.....	910	839	800	774	783	1 003	1 131	1 242
500 to 999 acres.....	678	600	614	512	604	642	672	675
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	436	446	428	429	443	418		
2,000 acres or more.....	844	823	926	877	897	976	1 409	1 460
Total cropland.....farms.....	4 840	4 948	4 472	4 244	4 189	4 890	5 626	7 472
.....acres.....	1 453 852	1 480 103	1 543 713	1 505 072	1 631 401	1 589 668	1 586 267	1 614 859
Harvested cropland.....farms.....	3 646	3 838	3 579	3 533	3 354	4 191	4 878	6 209
.....acres.....	865 817	1 047 213	1 106 631	1 096 525	1 079 327	1 025 494	1 018 757	1 093 544
Irrigated land.....farms.....	4 241	4 437	4 185	3 828	3 709	4 697	5 391	6 809
.....acres.....	913 841	1 097 825	1 195 727	1 153 478	1 177 618	1 125 376	1 152 450	1 177 407
Market value of agricultural products sold ²\$1,000.....	1 628 544	1 526 915	1 311 458	1 080 530	611 211	468 664	388 380	328 197
Average per farm.....dollars.....	212 354	208 197	208 234	186 202	103 771	72 358	53 695	35 211
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops.....\$1,000.....	896 681	806 847	657 427	500 163	236 537	261 063	214 704	238 690
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000.....	731 863	720 068	654 031	580 247	372 035	201 387	171 462	88 668
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500.....	2 494	2 506	1 562	1 584	1 786	2 359	2 279	4 067
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	820	858	716	589	583	537	652	858
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	775	752	624	584	649	585	656	909
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴	757	723	764				3 513	1 273
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ⁵	583	463	519	1 734	1 963	2 065	-	2 114
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	533	451	509				-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	1 152	972	1 049	890	669	841	-	-
\$500,000 or more.....	555	529	463	341	158	-	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	5 356	5 438	4 604	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership.....	1 369	1 019	907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation.....	724	674	630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	220	203	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁶ :								
None.....	2 830	2 569	2 608	1 865	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4 891
Any.....	4 423	4 244	3 475	2 397	3 074	2 872	3 359	4 247
200 days or more.....	2 997	2 947	2 373	1 750	2 124	2 102	2 496	2 843
Operators by principal occupation ⁶ :								
Farming.....	3 782	3 501	3 099	2 815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	3 887	3 833	3 199	2 434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁶years.....	51.5	50.5	50.0	51.6	49.6	50.3	49.0	49.2
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000.....	1 301 666	(NA)	(NA)	942 108	579 254	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased.....\$1,000.....	244 484	250 356	258 744	224 944	180 066	77 737	72 773	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	208 527	237 766	216 079	262 959	96 964	66 937	45 860	21 138
Commercial fertilizer ⁷\$1,000.....	51 672	60 308	44 972	40 150	18 115	18 349	(NA)	(NA)
Petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	44 554	62 705	40 300	22 523	13 738	16 650	13 413	10 684
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	207 689	156 401	129 517	92 272	67 647	58 101	53 209	51 783
Interest expense ⁸\$1,000.....	74 553	100 153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁷\$1,000.....	60 366	60 000	46 256	23 351	16 656	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms.....	3 521	3 792	3 232	3 114	2 973	3 803	4 338	5 831
.....number.....	1 110 912	1 139 377	1 249 582	1 217 769	1 237 729	1 104 373	1 002 677	950 212
Beef cows.....farms.....	2 497	2 523	2 204	2 210	(NA)	2 331	(NA)	(NA)
.....number.....	334 851	313 040	312 849	351 647	309 070	325 077	300 132	350 184
Milk cows.....farms.....	476	730	726	792	722	1 393	2 124	3 720
.....number.....	86 280	81 811	69 505	58 035	42 629	46 019	44 387	40 821
Cattle and calves sold.....farms.....	3 302	3 346	3 097	2 996	2 937	3 296	3 718	4 022
.....number.....	1 009 492	1 020 088	1 195 719	1 461 832	1 375 605	1 023 692	849 335	558 210
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms.....	331	543	524	512	413	521	1 019	1 307
.....number.....	135 414	160 816	155 734	101 922	68 122	24 427	28 737	21 193
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms.....	242	379	371	390	350	254	377	509
.....number.....	237 623	261 054	187 832	151 287	98 575	29 315	22 973	18 911
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹farms.....	741	1 135	887	686	530	1 327	2 364	4 303
.....number.....	331 462	505 543	627 587	800 981	1 155 746	1 073 721	920 828	586 972
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....farms.....	23	38	25	24	5	1	10	31
.....number.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	553 127	426 789	(D)	999 914	227 625

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms..	443	539	451	881	484	397	624	321
acres..	97 407	133 681	104 135	175 737	59 165	27 863	72 933	11 253
bushels..	7 991 708	11 891 456	7 535 554	11 111 528	3 580 163	1 320 888	3 066 639	259 856
Barley for grain----- farms..	168	290	293	(NA)	(NA)	964	1 023	2 042
acres..	14 654	35 502	32 514	(NA)	(NA)	130 779	132 919	252 383
bushels..	1 365 067	3 328 880	2 225 234	(NA)	(NA)	8 862 135	8 447 148	13 254 631
Cotton----- farms..	1 199	1 177	1 278	1 143	1 330	1 941	2 538	2 745
acres..	381 733	518 488	567 564	401 301	298 976	365 937	362 932	438 177
bales..	1 005 493	1 155 883	1 146 665	936 790	607 530	761 233	696 863	842 694
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms..	1 402	1 642	1 831	1 557	1 515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	181 319	161 540	174 544	194 280	184 966	221 182	180 152	217 471
tons, dry..	1 040 321	913 269	982 232	1 098 292	935 675	1 018 710	826 642	619 979
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ¹⁰ ----- farms..	328	339	324	303	341	333	418	494
acres..	98 138	69 864	70 296	54 005	87 968	87 519	78 156	69 190
Land in orchards ----- farms..	1 141	1 199	1 017	973	952	1 243	1 305	1 480
acres..	74 921	74 568	77 324	77 611	60 144	48 206	28 979	18 618

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.

¹⁰Data for 1974 were from land area used.