

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..	4 870	4 595	4 310	3 020	3 896	4 864	6 242	(NA)
Land in farms.....acres..	1 721 521	1 957 501	1 988 282	2 118 976	2 058 087	2 354 454	2 461 454	(NA)
Average size of farm.....acres..	353	426	461	702	528	484	394	(NA)
Value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm.....dollars..	603 435	778 471	413 948	340 570	156 800	98 936	(NA)	(NA)
Average per acre.....dollars..	1 707	1 826	897	485	297	205	(NA)	(NA)
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000..	199 280	190 230	172 521	97 279	94 677	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars..	41 208	41 735	41 047	39 115	27 418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres.....	2 855	2 743	2 527	1 633	2 024	2 603	3 569	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	1 401	1 261	1 211	872	1 281	1 594	1 988	(NA)
50 to 179 acres.....	341	320	296	271	336	359	385	(NA)
180 to 499 acres.....	128	126	146	127	140	168	155	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	31	33	24	23	28	38	34	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	36	33	32	24	17	22	111	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	78	79	74	70	70	80		(NA)
Total cropland..... farms..	4 170	3 836	3 565	2 485	3 089	3 631	4 908	(NA)
acres.....	327 396	346 113	333 262	351 627	379 766	370 896	499 504	(NA)
Harvested cropland..... farms..	3 837	3 538	3 299	2 265	2 750	3 422	4 113	(NA)
acres.....	152 719	155 960	158 639	151 433	178 657	167 497	176 410	(NA)
Irrigated land..... farms..	1 827	1 544	1 493	889	735	1 070	1 251	(NA)
acres.....	148 884	145 982	159 323	141 742	145 564	143 940	141 179	(NA)
Market value of agricultural products sold ²\$1,000..	609 740	558 608	419 251	609 788	285 619	187 504	152 334	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars..	125 203	121 569	97 274	201 917	73 311	38 549	24 405	(NA)
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops.....\$1,000..	498 317	456 069	331 020	536 537	236 177	151 862	120 072	(NA)
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..	111 424	102 539	88 230	73 237	49 364	35 558	32 107	(NA)
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500.....	1 402	1 454	1 398	983	1 731	2 602	3 761	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	674	706	688	466	628	686	830	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	745	653	672	428	493	594	700	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴	911	788	675				930	(NA)
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ⁵	476	397	350	870	891	834	-	(NA)
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	287	237	233				-	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	278	266	209	190	94	127	-	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	97	87	71	64	48		-	(NA)
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	4 035	3 852	3 614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership.....	404	351	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation.....	370	352	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	61	40	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁶ :								
None.....	1 723	1 633	1 551	829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any.....	2 728	2 534	2 495	1 449	2 494	2 726	3 693	(NA)
200 days or more.....	1 476	1 371	1 351	889	1 452	2 256	3 095	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation ⁶ :								
Farming.....	2 816	2 585	2 239	1 512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	2 054	2 030	2 071	1 290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁶years..	53.0	52.7	52.7	55.4	53.1	51.0	49.5	(NA)
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000..	495 759	(NA)	(NA)	323 612	247 215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased.....\$1,000..	15 230	17 581	12 930	10 859	11 564	4 237	4 398	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000..	42 629	41 548	34 227	37 136	16 131	14 060	10 974	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer ⁷\$1,000..	30 717	33 477	26 530	18 807	14 523	11 466	(NA)	(NA)
Petroleum products.....\$1,000..	17 197	19 864	11 595	7 344	8 109	5 963	5 092	(NA)
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000..	193 230	146 277	131 217	88 464	84 455	57 345	54 116	(NA)
Interest expense ⁸\$1,000..	22 930	17 771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁷\$1,000..	18 233	16 417	13 700	8 374	7 844	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory..... farms..	1 003	1 040	839	580	831	1 540	1 903	(NA)
number.....	211 045	241 969	218 901	227 461	232 663	218 442	205 135	(NA)
Beef cows..... farms..	724	784	659	453	(NA)	1 051	(NA)	(NA)
number.....	83 427	90 523	85 623	86 601	83 516	77 383	63 692	(NA)
Milk cows..... farms..	73	88	76	73	99	200	538	(NA)
number.....	11 836	12 767	12 956	13 148	14 151	13 865	14 100	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold..... farms..	807	817	740	539	729	1 088	1 367	(NA)
number.....	101 315	91 675	105 088	96 419	93 632	62 765	62 630	(NA)
Hogs and pigs inventory..... farms..	372	371	399	261	369	1 035	1 759	(NA)
number.....	47 564	49 029	50 071	51 021	52 335	67 882	78 479	(NA)
Hogs and pigs sold..... farms..	307	319	352	261	338	695	1 027	(NA)
number.....	69 019	66 875	(D)	73 262	71 766	81 762	78 330	(NA)
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹ farms..	181	201	141	95	144	589	1 899	(NA)
number.....	(D)	929 210	1 243 801	1 305 449	1 072 425	1 044 516	805 933	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..... farms..	12	23	27	20	35	49	133	(NA)
number.....	2 069 316	3 173 500	2 588 757	1 930 831	1 432 100	1 411 679	869 416	(NA)

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Selected crops harvested:								
Sugarcane for sugar ----- farms--	79	188	328	(NA)	(NA)	705	774	(NA)
acres--	79 234	89 696	99 065	(NA)	(NA)	110 803	110 224	(NA)
tons--	7 934 181	8 950 242	9 213 485	(NA)	(NA)	10 740 597	9 391 223	(NA)
Pineapples harvested ----- farms--	18	15	20	(NA)	(NA)	76	116	(NA)
acres--	22 262	23 141	25 314	(NA)	(NA)	38 415	44 352	(NA)
tons--	683 182	626 860	685 502	(NA)	(NA)	923 729	1 009 804	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ¹⁰ ----- farms--	710	746	751	532	574	728	923	(NA)
acres--	5 587	4 673	5 509	2 611	3 507	4 240	3 795	(NA)
Land in orchards ----- farms--	2 128	1 825	1 438	982	1 198	1 802	2 653	(NA)
acres--	33 564	23 178	17 948	16 016	16 951	12 766	15 298	(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.

¹⁰Data for 1974 were from land area used.