

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.....	2 515	2 757	2 508	2 412	2 902	4 648	6 542	10 411
Land in farms.....acres.....	426 237	469 582	484 631	506 464	612 750	903 197	1 124 312	1 457 293
Average size of farm.....acres.....	169	170	193	210	211	194	172	140
Value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm.....dollars.....	358 279	201 171	169 736	118 421	50 418	25 402	18 046	11 989
Average per acre.....dollars.....	2 112	1 174	860	564	239	132	105	86
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000.....	85 168	77 239	60 720	44 710	25 438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars.....	33 905	28 005	24 220	18 921	9 010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres.....	255	254	207	172	163	290	434	1 275
10 to 49 acres.....	567	600	444	360	443	805	1 314	2 297
50 to 179 acres.....	919	1 039	922	886	1 063	1 849	2 651	4 198
180 to 499 acres.....	583	663	729	762	958	1 349	1 751	2 198
500 to 999 acres.....	160	169	177	191	227	288	331	370
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	29	29	25	36	42	52	61	73
2,000 acres or more.....	2	3	4	5	6	15		
Total cropland.....farms.....	2 255	2 493	2 367	2 273	2 635	4 303	5 996	9 457
.....acres.....	147 719	154 926	172 753	171 187	189 227	254 302	308 240	381 682
Harvested cropland.....farms.....	2 044	2 282	2 232	2 128	2 352	3 895	5 503	8 257
.....acres.....	106 629	116 613	124 510	118 186	116 321	168 044	205 767	246 583
Irrigated land.....farms.....	253	176	163	119	93	159	76	61
.....acres.....	2 948	1 307	1 747	2 130	1 510	2 648	1 249	942
Market value of agricultural products sold ²\$1,000.....	107 102	102 520	87 711	72 192	48 642	48 833	48 122	45 338
Average per farm.....dollars.....	42 585	37 185	34 972	29 930	16 761	10 506	7 358	4 355
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops.....\$1,000.....	35 327	26 207	22 213	17 193	9 774	8 481	7 625	5 806
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000.....	71 775	76 312	65 498	53 761	38 273	38 899	39 028	38 079
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500.....	1 020	1 133	910	987	1 326	2 328	3 349	6 597
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	371	430	400	206	233	458	708	1 340
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	320	276	282	232	253	550	920	1 238
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴	234	253	253				1 549	953
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ⁵	131	178	214	833	1 014	1 253	-	274
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	175	210	241				-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	238	242	182	131	56		-	-
\$500,000 or more.....	26	23	14	10	4	42	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	2 234	2 457	2 240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership.....	140	188	161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation.....	112	85	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	29	27	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁶ :								
None.....	857	929	907	760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 854
Any.....	1 539	1 655	1 480	1 260	1 644	2 601	3 585	6 369
200 days or more.....	959	1 035	885	755	1 013	1 691	2 427	4 270
Operators by principal occupation ⁶ :								
Farming.....	1 153	1 301	1 304	1 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	1 362	1 456	1 204	1 077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁶years.....	51.9	50.9	50.7	52.0	52.8	53.0	53.0	52.2
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000.....	91 948	(NA)	(NA)	63 531	41 042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased.....\$1,000.....	3 647	4 013	4 471	5 244	2 763	2 568	2 826	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	19 529	25 619	22 140	22 152	13 810	16 975	20 827	21 817
Commercial fertilizer ⁷\$1,000.....	2 834	2 767	3 018	2 202	1 130	1 183	(NA)	(NA)
Petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	3 979	5 910	3 732	2 564	1 567	1 611	1 755	1 713
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	18 040	13 626	12 296	8 466	6 379	5 601	6 573	5 820
Interest expense ⁸\$1,000.....	5 612	5 685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁷\$1,000.....	1 499	1 350	1 235	812	616	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms.....	1 148	1 515	1 386	1 391	1 583	3 059	4 239	7 054
.....number.....	54 012	69 006	66 885	69 198	69 089	81 906	91 255	118 015
Beef cows.....farms.....	587	713	579	538	(NA)	489	(NA)	(NA)
.....number.....	4 229	4 526	4 311	4 467	3 958	2 299	2 426	2 413
Milk cows.....farms.....	518	785	809	934	1 106	2 410	3 587	6 089
.....number.....	25 110	30 984	30 609	33 402	35 000	43 937	47 989	59 213
Cattle and calves sold.....farms.....	969	1 242	1 213	1 214	1 399	2 472	3 343	4 313
.....number.....	24 611	29 408	33 089	27 863	32 445	44 930	46 734	47 335
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms.....	264	443	443	363	225	627	1 310	2 349
.....number.....	5 040	6 339	8 013	8 899	8 941	13 397	13 542	14 096
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms.....	180	278	276	203	130	222	323	508
.....number.....	6 610	9 402	11 752	10 496	13 181	16 867	10 512	11 131
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹farms.....	404	520	496	461	473	1 212	2 482	4 908
.....number.....	459 446	647 655	1 004 126	1 311 754	1 568 318	1 831 188	2 003 831	2 639 832
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....farms.....	22	44	36	22	32	79	185	336
.....(D).....number.....	(D)	291 111	188 116	89 814	823 601	2 141 340	4 656 630	3 767 414

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954
Selected crops harvested:								
Irish potatoes ----- farms...	46	79	88	122	(NA)	679	1 526	2 916
acres...	153	251	394	659	(NA)	1 175	1 480	2 296
cwt...	29 998	42 910	75 670	117 125	(NA)	251 192	274 205	368 069
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms...	1 586	1 820	1 802	1 702	1 880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	84 817	88 300	95 623	89 472	90 631	147 194	181 432	216 805
tons, dry...	164 829	165 999	171 222	157 290	161 584	189 513	253 249	296 426
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ¹⁰ ----- farms...	283	278	285	337	325	336	529	620
acres...	3 047	2 974	4 024	4 175	3 715	3 164	3 798	3 729
Land in orchards ----- farms...	219	239	235	184	195	327	564	930
acres...	3 863	4 341	4 355	4 486	4 973	5 387	7 296	8 646

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.