

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--	701	728	674	597	700	1 100	1 395	2 004
Land in farms-----acres--	58 685	62 466	66 233	61 068	68 720	103 801	137 930	154 674
Average size of farm-----acres--	84	86	98	102	98	94	99	77
Value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm-----dollars--	420 279	237 141	236 436	153 390	72 033	46 030	37 571	26 475
Average per acre-----dollars--	4 748	2 760	2 335	1 500	734	485	380	343
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ -----\$1,000--	25 178	18 824	14 643	11 378	6 594	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm-----dollars--	35 918	25 893	21 726	19 123	9 754	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres-----	131	113	120	108	85	245	287	462
10 to 49 acres-----	250	273	206	177	235	314	401	645
50 to 179 acres-----	241	251	252	218	266	393	515	691
180 to 499 acres-----	66	82	82	77	102	121	147	172
500 to 999 acres-----	11	6	10	15	11	22	36	27
1,000 to 1,999 acres-----	2	3	3	-	1	4	9	7
2,000 acres or more-----	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
Total cropland----- farms--	597	655	624	543	604	941	1 131	1 632
acres--	26 121	28 180	32 418	29 078	31 840	45 233	54 584	67 225
Harvested cropland----- farms--	523	576	560	512	543	825	997	1 312
acres--	18 498	21 252	23 704	21 422	21 553	28 897	33 512	34 980
Irrigated land----- farms--	105	84	78	73	60	66	34	43
acres--	3 494	2 224	2 801	2 336	1 925	1 428	406	1 009
Market value of agricultural products sold ² -----\$1,000--	37 786	30 376	25 757	22 219	15 963	18 513	18 299	15 317
Average per farm-----dollars--	53 903	41 726	38 216	37 218	22 803	16 830	13 117	7 643
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops-----\$1,000--	26 685	18 139	15 211	12 121	7 306	7 875	6 824	4 789
Livestock, poultry, and their products-----\$1,000--	11 100	12 237	10 546	10 074	8 636	10 569	11 452	10 509
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500-----	290	271	206	184	253	430	428	1 134
\$2,500 to \$4,999-----	79	95	112	72	60	111	176	220
\$5,000 to \$9,999-----	82	91	65	52	87	134	210	246
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	79	92	96	-	-	-	584	261
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ⁵ -----	41	52	74	240	269	393	-	92
\$50,000 to \$99,999-----	55	58	66	-	-	-	-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999-----	58	55	43	39	24	25	-	-
\$500,000 or more-----	17	14	9	7	3	-	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)-----	567	620	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership-----	45	52	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation-----	80	51	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other--cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.-----	9	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁶ :								
None-----	265	271	318	238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	936
Any-----	395	413	334	245	351	433	515	911
200 days or more-----	262	299	240	163	245	334	368	711
Operators by principal occupation ⁶ :								
Farming-----	345	346	373	339	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other-----	356	382	301	224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁶ -----years--	52.7	52.4	52.3	53.3	52.3	52.4	52.1	53.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ -----\$1,000--	29 736	(NA)	(NA)	19 391	14 281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased-----\$1,000--	1 146	1 271	1 198	928	1 073	1 066	1 347	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry-----\$1,000--	3 684	5 347	4 941	5 068	3 400	4 622	6 478	4 575
Commercial fertilizer ⁷ -----\$1,000--	1 335	1 125	1 094	1 217	678	791	(NA)	(NA)
Petroleum products-----\$1,000--	1 390	1 819	1 328	833	562	731	896	536
Hired farm labor-----\$1,000--	9 536	5 559	4 462	3 729	3 162	2 804	3 142	1 825
Interest expense ⁸ -----\$1,000--	1 298	1 569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁷ -----\$1,000--	778	647	580	501	356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory----- farms--	253	340	294	242	281	471	674	1 083
number--	6 930	8 997	9 431	11 200	11 163	15 673	20 187	24 307
Beef cows----- farms--	156	192	139	114	(NA)	94	(NA)	(NA)
number--	1 133	1 251	1 123	1 093	776	659	442	444
Milk cows----- farms--	70	123	135	145	177	359	580	927
number--	2 975	3 872	4 677	6 106	6 547	10 448	13 903	15 858
Cattle and calves sold----- farms--	206	260	247	218	244	385	560	740
number--	3 259	3 544	4 669	4 932	5 758	9 362	10 734	11 842
Hogs and pigs inventory----- farms--	59	73	89	46	55	78	145	209
number--	4 719	3 030	6 141	5 029	10 132	8 775	9 474	6 933
Hogs and pigs sold----- farms--	49	45	54	34	39	55	82	71
number--	4 990	3 269	7 106	5 605	10 015	8 720	5 905	4 971
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁹ ----- farms--	96	126	105	90	130	279	536	1 014
number--	205 794	388 239	256 021	283 254	426 599	433 188	418 598	450 384
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold----- farms--	6	4	4	4	10	23	47	70
number--	58 714	(D)	(D)	131 000	155 990	858 550	1 571 785	821 315

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...	22	21	35	44	(NA)	89	152	313
acres...	1 410	2 879	3 535	4 344	(NA)	4 925	4 895	3 806
cwt...	259 858	703 350	915 076	932 755	(NA)	922 699	1 055 855	740 198
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms...	291	340	318	272	303	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	8 126	9 296	10 623	8 689	8 785	15 642	19 938	20 774
tons, dry...	14 125	17 708	20 914	17 421	17 300	24 820	37 326	38 224
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ¹⁰ ----- farms...	99	120	135	123	126	156	185	238
acres...	1 947	1 908	2 208	1 891	2 088	1 661	1 495	1 810
Land in orchards ----- farms...	83	79	62	50	46	85	122	247
acres...	856	827	702	668	779	835	1 106	1 831

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.