

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1992 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Farms ----- number ..	37 905	43 318	48 448	50 780	56 678	72 491	92 530	115 788
Land in farms ----- acres ..	8 450 823	9 145 753	10 200 547	11 147 825	11 852 946	13 654 215	15 225 797	16 542 730
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	223	211	211	220	209	188	165	143
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	220 265	168 161	171 210	138 257	76 049	37 596	20 552	12 780
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	1 000	800	826	630	364	200	125	89
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 148 900	1 115 106	1 167 165	1 061 994	699 224	395 386	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	30 354	25 831	24 151	20 976	13 198	5 909	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 902	2 602	3 043	2 855	3 056	3 711	5 467	7 656
10 to 49 acres -----	10 165	12 356	14 132	13 282	15 475	21 439	33 254	43 658
50 to 179 acres -----	14 929	16 514	18 277	20 319	23 313	29 610	35 722	45 018
180 to 499 acres -----	7 162	7 776	8 471	9 503	9 962	12 379	12 668	14 085
500 to 999 acres -----	2 244	2 469	2 786	3 025	2 934	3 374	3 278	3 317
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	990	1 111	1 186	1 194	1 295	1 349	1 371	1 400
2,000 acres or more -----	513	490	553	602	643	629	770	2 054
Total cropland ----- farms ..	32 327	37 148	41 975	45 443	51 272	66 580	83 918	107 385
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	4 237 057	4 496 607	5 105 734	5 448 622	5 296 467	5 789 393	5 118 610	6 027 961
----- acres ..	24 780	28 509	33 351	37 301	40 969	52 444	74 409	98 794
----- acres ..	2 104 064	2 231 623	3 265 361	3 364 231	2 793 621	2 706 167	2 989 719	3 715 251
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	1 380	1 344	1 040	994	427	337	318	328
----- acres ..	82 015	84 054	66 020	58 581	13 909	11 058	11 768	17 357
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	2 369 179	1 908 303	1 704 160	1 531 432	1 122 481	646 695	537 093	414 263
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	62 503	44 053	35 175	30 158	19 805	8 921	5 805	3 578
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	649 110	497 992	606 916	504 120	406 259	172 023	230 406	180 741
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 720 070	1 410 311	1 097 244	1 027 312	699 388	463 023	293 283	220 283
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	11 663	15 082	19 246	17 918	28 361	43 934	60 819	82 167
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	6 506	7 726	7 916	8 782	6 853	8 468	11 437	16 000
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	5 936	6 534	6 100	7 170	6 080	6 669	8 151	8 906
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	5 076	5 210	5 230	6 249	12 885	12 657	11 681	8 670
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 178	2 324	2 702	3 384	3 279	3 728	4 172	4 670
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	1 661	1 956	2 698	3 279	3 279	3 279	3 279	3 279
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 825	3 946	4 173	3 728	2 341	691	412	412
\$500,000 or more -----	1 060	540	353	236	119	41	41	41
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	34 257	39 553	44 009	45 968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 843	3 014	3 754	4 074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	666	570	513	606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	139	181	172	132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	13 492	14 206	14 774	16 649	16 564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	21 921	26 899	29 776	31 929	30 848	43 656	47 310	57 411
200 days or more -----	16 343	20 154	22 074	23 392	22 664	28 242	29 605	31 716
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	15 712	16 398	18 316	19 839	25 518	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	22 193	26 920	30 132	30 941	30 786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	54.8	53.1	51.8	51.1	52.3	52.7	52.3	51.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 930 063	1 610 833	(NA)	(NA)	978 656	579 238	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	294 066	290 518	203 688	181 403	131 879	88 083	53 426	38 941
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	731 753	570 084	467 749	456 407	398 070	196 759	139 326	97 203
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	103 080	86 491	110 580	104 751	92 014	52 267	46 557	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	76 567	64 535	95 501	64 898	40 931	27 840	24 070	19 412
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	140 414	123 018	87 505	82 662	52 970	44 466	39 000	36 570
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	82 647	81 110	110 691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	72 317	64 530	63 014	51 862	31 450	15 732	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	26 360	29 844	33 671	33 304	40 098	46 396	68 905	83 150
----- number..	1 453 137	1 450 416	1 652 524	1 646 340	2 204 135	1 781 061	1 847 608	1 526 410
Beef cows ----- farms..	23 925	25 879	29 016	29 034	31 015	(NA)	45 199	(NA)
----- number..	771 151	748 002	785 032	815 257	1 083 693	821 381	820 832	620 673
Milk cows ----- farms..	995	1 336	2 361	3 236	6 120	10 889	31 845	56 281
----- number..	45 454	45 994	58 946	65 275	83 256	110 040	160 395	207 805
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	25 532	29 320	31 281	32 510	36 952	39 796	45 293	52 179
----- number..	676 215	831 908	822 127	942 354	850 775	881 471	725 851	634 639
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 880	3 585	6 061	10 325	11 500	21 002	39 721	75 659
----- number..	307 672	353 062	463 840	677 280	568 586	860 800	721 432	1 223 572
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 715	3 220	5 127	9 202	9 291	16 938	19 431	39 915
----- number..	571 680	648 262	785 996	1 057 220	978 340	1 292 982	880 500	1 014 517
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	1 643	2 785	4 580	5 451	7 704	12 752	42 112	79 934
----- number..	14 493 030	15 107 005	17 734 581	18 168 832	15 314 470	16 423 672	11 848 641	7 681 756
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 460	2 557	2 659	3 064	3 839	4 496	4 488	3 736
----- number..	737 608 903	564 583 477	426 623 399	382 146 806	337 189 357	334 952 131	214 461 267	139 342 194

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	5 305	7 413	10 390	15 084	21 586	27 943	54 109	83 851
acres--	281 053	234 669	310 680	485 450	551 586	618 663	964 233	1 672 087
bushels--	24 941 228	15 623 257	20 144 774	22 723 611	23 782 615	20 546 071	32 852 070	41 818 654
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	870	1 914	4 090	977	1 249	1 564	1 546	2 163
acres--	86 071	156 466	474 467	53 076	84 270	80 280	60 634	47 009
bushels--	3 461 454	4 903 608	14 072 021	1 482 737	1 970 250	2 333 302	1 485 719	1 069 511
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	2 065	4 124	9 897	10 998	8 555	6 821	2 789	2 049
acres--	305 713	575 370	1 589 247	1 621 130	809 461	596 488	195 503	122 593
bushels--	8 871 365	11 633 904	36 402 694	31 251 395	18 882 067	13 161 175	4 296 636	2 678 541
Cotton----- farms --	1 469	1 820	1 458	2 083	6 827	24 779	42 024	63 871
acres--	431 665	346 013	294 792	328 087	539 888	563 278	804 094	794 434
bales--	601 506	380 936	421 367	287 622	481 198	497 526	853 522	683 491
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	17 480	19 061	18 492	19 819	19 002	18 060	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	678 726	647 843	568 456	571 087	498 030	444 355	475 634	379 817
tons, dry --	1 409 044	1 186 655	1 113 671	1 029 089	956 281	814 767	712 362	490 612

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 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

⁶Data for 1992 and 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1992, 1987, and 1982.

⁷Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁸Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.