

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1992 and Earlier Census Years**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Farms ----- number ..	512	574	570	383	291	332	382	367
Land in farms ----- acres ..	923 037	1 026 732	1 323 953	1 286 463	1 633 070	1 604 211	1 959 440	888 331
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	1 803	1 789	2 323	3 359	5 612	4 832	5 129	2 421
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	486 550	553 000	463 849	364 527	237 938	61 541	47 150	48 379
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	270	309	200	109	42	13	9	20
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	22 423	22 290	18 562 436	7 762	5 004	2 628	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	43 795	38 901	32 912	21 683	17 315	8 316	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	76	96	91	33	17	16	11	26
10 to 49 acres -----	93	113	115	71	40	32	16	26
50 to 179 acres -----	160	172	184	130	107	140	207	187
180 to 499 acres -----	85	97	88	68	58	85	81	98
500 to 999 acres -----	41	24	23	30	13	18	21	13
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	19	24	13	10	19	6	7	17
2,000 acres or more -----	38	48	56	41	37	35	39	17
Total cropland ----- farms ..	419	454	460	320	249	282	346	325
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	84 061	66 305	54 311	29 341	23 970	22 035	23 271	24 119
----- acres ..	352	397	395	303	237	251	305	302
----- acres ..	22 699	28 949	25 694	20 538	16 750	13 105	16 410	14 482
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	93	74	46	35	28	28	10	(NA)
----- acres ..	1 566	1 826	667	920	888	823	158	(NA)
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	15 351	17 972	11 399	8 225	6 695	3 617	3 768	3 214
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	29 982	31 309	19 999	21 475	23 007	10 895	9 865	8 758
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	11 228	10 768	6 010	4 661	2 808	983	951	840
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	4 123	7 204	5 389	3 564	3 827	2 621	2 733	2 367
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	211	242	267	152	108	208	224	205
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	75	92	110	64	37	25	40	28
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	67	73	85	58	56	25	24	31
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	70	65	46	45	21	62	90	100
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	30	38	25	21	66	62	90	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	25	25	11	13	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	31	34	23	19	18	6	—	—
\$500,000 or more -----	3	5	3	1	—	—	1	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	430	478	489	327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	40	52	42	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	30	29	29	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	12	15	10	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	178	173	132	103	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	308	369	397	276	205	244	233	215
200 days or more -----	145	182	200	127	108	147	145	116
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	273	248	231	150	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	239	326	339	233	176	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years ..	51.3	48.9	45.8	46.8	48.6	47.0	46.6	46.2
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	16 308	15 774	(NA)	(NA)	6 356	3 358	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000 ..	254	386	507	569	180	246	204	158
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000 ..	1 586	2 978	2 293	1 665	1 675	809	1 132	674
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	1 225	1 413	1 118	776	636	237	497	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 224	1 140	1 113	507	338	195	251	190
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	3 928	2 647	1 925	1 823	785	472	574	487
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	869	1 275	1 466	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000 ..	110	166	45	68	24	19	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms ..	132	170	207	141	124	136	203	188
----- number ..	8 002	9 433	8 729	8 743	9 695	8 466	8 193	6 010
Beef cows ----- farms ..	97	112	129	80	58	(NA)	68	(NA)
----- number ..	3 224	3 199	2 994	2 773	3 104	2 653	2 186	973
Milk cows ----- farms ..	34	50	64	59	50	76	123	126
----- number ..	715	1 713	963	1 330	1 607	1 662	2 477	2 186
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	115	134	151	102	95	112	123	127
----- number ..	1 672	2 538	1 640	1 616	1 510	2 029	1 874	1 229
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	45	45	88	55	31	24	32	43
----- number ..	2 135	573	3 741	845	1 162	975	1 105	1 205
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	40	37	70	36	18	13	21	22
----- number ..	2 800	1 100	6 244	(D)	1 635	836	657	1 221
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms ..	51	82	110	89	62	67	92	100
----- number ..	1 974	2 385	(D)	33 012	29 176	26 956	31 218	33 779
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	7	12	19	13	4	4	—	7
----- number ..	(D)	4 141	4 610	1 418	5 408	300	—	1 171

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Barley for grain ----- farms --	22	35	45	44	(NA)	(NA)	53	67
acres --	2 676	5 666	6 950	3 887	(NA)	(NA)	1 914	1 523
bushels --	136 228	235 417	227 820	166 923	(NA)	(NA)	72 606	60 373
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	230	290	307	231	176	175	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	(D)	21 254	17 248	15 536	14 528	10 228	13 343	10 767
tons, dry --	23 510	28 615	19 726	23 591	20 015	12 548	19 741	17 500

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>4</sup>Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

<sup>5</sup>Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

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

<sup>7</sup>Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>8</sup>Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.