

**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 ..	6 773	7 669	7 334	6 298	5 803	5 890	6 477	7 233
Land in farms ----- acres ..	35 037 618	36 287 794	37 752 534	38 505 905	37 944 191	38 202 667	40 559 493	40 203 386
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	5 173	4 732	5 148	6 114	6 539	6 486	6 262	5 558
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	1 621 530	1 317 765	1 496 334	1 198 843	723 169	452 241	330 549	269 724
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	316	279	289	197	111	70	53	49
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	402 290	425 285	407 289	345 222	210 949	96 325	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	59 607	55 702	56 069	55 236	39 511	18 028	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 678	2 158	1 966	1 220	960	926	974	1 020
10 to 49 acres -----	1 418	1 510	1 609	1 311	1 253	1 229	1 312	1 505
50 to 179 acres -----	1 048	1 133	1 051	999	998	1 008	1 152	1 496
180 to 499 acres -----	741	910	839	800	774	783	1 003	1 131
500 to 999 acres -----	613	678	600	614	512	604	642	672
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	428	436	446	428	429	443	418	409
2,000 acres or more -----	847	844	823	926	877	897	976	1 409
Total cropland ----- farms ..	4 356	4 840	4 948	4 472	4 244	4 189	4 890	5 626
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	1 344 091	1 453 852	1 480 103	1 543 713	1 505 072	1 631 401	1 589 668	1 586 267
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	3 323	3 646	3 838	3 579	3 533	3 354	4 191	4 878
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 515 384	1 628 544	1 526 915	1 311 458	1 080 530	611 211	468 664	388 380
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	223 739	212 354	208 197	208 234	186 202	103 771	72 358	53 695
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	899 242	896 681	806 847	657 427	500 163	236 537	261 063	214 704
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	616 141	731 863	720 068	654 031	580 247	372 035	201 387	171 462
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	2 241	2 494	2 506	1 562	1 584	1 786	2 359	2 279
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	695	820	858	716	589	583	537	652
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	648	775	752	624	584	649	585	656
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	779	757	723	764				3 513
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	485	583	463	519	1 734	1 963	2 065	--
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	462	533	451	509				--
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	907	1 152	972	1 049	890	669	841	--
\$500,000 or more -----	556	555	529	463	341	158	--	--
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	4 779	5 356	5 438	4 604	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	1 091	1 369	1 019	907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	631	724	674	630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	272	220	203	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	2 732	2 830	2 569	2 608	1 865	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	3 583	4 423	4 244	3 475	2 397	3 074	2 872	3 359
200 days or more -----	2 382	2 997	2 947	2 373	1 750	2 124	2 102	2 496
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	3 613	3 782	3 501	3 099	2 815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	3 160	3 887	3 833	3 199	2 434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	54.3	51.5	50.5	50.0	51.6	49.6	50.3	49.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 239 020	1 301 666	(NA)	(NA)	942 108	579 254	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	161 937	244 484	250 356	258 744	224 944	180 066	77 737	72 773
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	195 198	208 527	237 766	216 079	262 959	96 964	66 937	45 860
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	57 842	51 672	60 308	44 972	40 150	18 115	18 349	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	46 774	44 554	62 705	40 300	22 523	13 738	16 650	13 413
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	190 442	207 689	156 401	129 517	92 272	67 647	58 101	53 209
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	51 921	74 553	100 153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	73 166	60 366	60 000	46 256	23 351	16 656	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	3 064	3 521	3 792	3 232	3 114	2 973	3 803	4 338
Beef cows ----- farms..	928 783	1 110 912	1 139 377	1 249 582	1 217 769	1 237 729	1 104 373	1 002 677
Milk cows ----- farms..	2 288	2 497	2 523	2 204	2 210	(NA)	2 331	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	292 848	334 851	313 040	312 849	351 647	309 070	325 077	300 132
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	305	476	730	726	792	722	1 393	2 124
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	88 582	86 280	81 811	69 505	58 035	42 629	46 019	44 387
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	2 777	3 302	3 346	3 097	2 996	2 937	3 296	3 718
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	744 147	1 009 492	1 020 088	1 195 719	1 461 832	1 375 605	1 023 692	849 335
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	281	331	543	524	512	413	521	1 019
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	83 262	135 414	160 816	155 734	101 922	68 122	24 427	28 737
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	181	242	379	371	390	350	254	377
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	150 140	237 623	261 054	187 832	151 287	98 575	29 315	22 973
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	513	741	1 135	887	686	530	1 327	2 364
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	391 979	331 462	505 543	627 587	800 981	1 155 746	1 073 721	920 828
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	15	23	38	25	24	5	1	10
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	553 127	426 789	(D)	999 914

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	310	443	539	451	881	484	397	624
acres --	80 533	97 407	133 681	104 135	175 737	59 165	27 863	72 933
bushels --	6 823 397	7 991 708	11 891 456	7 535 554	11 111 528	3 580 163	1 320 888	3 066 639
Barley for grain ----- farms --	165	168	290	293	(NA)	(NA)	964	1 023
acres --	19 984	14 654	35 502	32 514	(NA)	(NA)	130 779	132 919
bushels --	1 952 678	1 365 067	3 328 880	2 225 234	(NA)	(NA)	8 862 135	8 447 148
Cotton ----- farms --	887	1 199	1 177	1 278	1 143	1 330	1 941	2 538
acres --	428 637	381 733	518 488	567 564	401 301	298 976	365 937	362 932
bales --	895 992	1 005 493	1 155 883	1 146 665	936 790	607 530	761 233	696 863
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	1 242	1 402	1 642	1 631	1 557	1 515	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	191 277	181 319	161 540	174 544	194 280	184 966	221 182	190 152
tons, dry --	1 037 443	1 040 321	913 269	982 232	1 098 292	935 675	1 018 710	826 642
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>9</sup> ----- farms --	360	328	339	324	303	341	333	418
acres --	118 125	98 138	69 864	70 296	54 005	87 968	87 519	78 156
Land in orchards ----- farms --	1 162	1 141	1 199	1 017	973	952	1 243	1 305
acres --	68 465	74 921	74 568	77 324	77 611	60 144	48 206	28 979

<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.

<sup>9</sup>Data for 1974 were from land area used.