

**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 ..	43 937	48 242	50 525	51 751	50 959	60 433	79 898	95 007
Land in farms ----- acres ..	14 127 711	14 355 611	14 682 960	15 074 799	14 641 677	15 694 527	16 565 299	16 458 515
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	322	298	291	291	287	260	207	173
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	282 389	225 604	286 402	221 156	120 382	67 532	36 734	18 915
Average per acre -----dollars ..	880	761	972	763	419	260	178	109
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 957 035	1 661 321	1 790 270	1 623 539	971 233	540 480	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	44 601	34 505	35 483	31 441	20 417	9 398	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 727	2 249	2 069	1 890	1 573	2 168	3 402	5 998
10 to 49 acres -----	8 295	9 723	10 255	9 234	8 537	10 935	20 091	26 103
50 to 179 acres -----	15 771	17 551	19 022	20 064	20 483	23 914	32 117	38 829
180 to 499 acres -----	10 719	11 173	11 622	12 730	13 062	15 899	17 145	17 886
500 to 999 acres -----	4 188	4 371	4 519	4 815	4 508	4 928	4 785	4 272
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	2 287	2 304	2 154	2 182	2 009	1 964	1 776	1 919
2,000 acres or more -----	950	871	884	836	787	625	582	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	37 408	40 536	43 228	45 552	45 524	54 236	66 591	85 421
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	10 064 948	9 950 401	10 042 942	10 330 477	9 652 236	9 986 536	8 525 225	8 435 617
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	30 441	32 248	34 725	37 245	35 362	40 952	55 518	72 315
Acres -----	7 295 095	6 477 365	7 484 316	7 572 049	6 639 182	6 804 569	6 087 610	5 324 541
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	4 159 505	3 320 258	2 826 497	2 486 526	1 880 719	972 837	830 393	639 187
Average per farm -----dollars ..	94 670	68 825	55 943	48 048	36 907	16 097	10 393	6 728
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 714 842	1 246 686	1 356 618	1 189 875	1 027 355	454 675	542 191	442 151
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 444 663	2 073 572	1 469 879	1 296 650	847 135	514 541	283 461	193 101
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 566	12 130	15 515	13 154	20 632	27 747	47 694	55 953
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	6 405	7 609	7 768	8 729	6 214	8 527	8 740	14 322
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 844	7 101	6 403	7 649	5 067	6 646	6 598	9 918
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	6 071	6 088	5 544	6 423				14 738
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 717	2 885	3 106	3 853	13 755	15 904	15 636	--
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 614	3 329	4 020	4 849				--
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	7 900	8 197	7 436	6 589	4 980	1 527	1 203	--
\$500,000 or more -----	1 820	903	712	478	280	51		--
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	38 221	42 885	45 152	46 059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	3 824	3 626	3 856	4 267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 714	1 542	1 326	1 309	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	178	189	191	116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	17 942	19 132	18 816	20 922	17 219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	22 755	26 208	26 948	28 580	23 418	33 356	39 579	45 520
200 days or more -----	16 181	18 417	18 455	19 286	15 693	19 228	22 480	23 105
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	23 273	24 210	25 701	25 810	28 720	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	20 664	24 032	24 824	25 941	21 549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	53.0	51.8	50.9	50.2	51.6	51.4	51.9	51.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 245 341	2 454 097	(NA)	(NA)	1 424 284	824 132	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	414 337	368 424	272 441	235 570	163 333	102 275	62 413	39 863
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	964 146	774 203	570 609	571 256	479 468	245 715	163 889	97 038
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	184 504	123 230	131 022	111 696	85 237	36 754	33 046	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	169 025	136 284	191 553	120 164	78 507	50 318	45 494	33 595
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	223 124	198 167	164 885	152 632	101 269	79 109	65 481	75 808
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	165 014	135 440	192 827	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	201 753	115 386	114 397	81 679	60 113	31 119	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	29 162	31 606	34 779	34 068	35 507	38 694	59 195	66 675
number -----	1 632 666	1 562 243	1 718 315	1 641 669	1 959 725	1 542 608	1 573 605	1 281 093
Beef cows ----- farms..	26 011	27 297	30 083	29 889	28 830	(NA)	44 221	(NA)
number -----	826 306	786 183	819 320	826 578	974 483	731 096	742 651	491 243
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 688	2 252	3 769	4 500	5 574	8 854	26 198	44 073
number -----	64 427	70 926	86 779	75 431	74 377	88 472	132 046	203 800
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	28 545	31 315	33 292	34 418	34 423	36 706	47 744	54 286
number -----	817 838	888 755	821 500	994 671	795 419	830 036	703 082	550 991
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 883	2 467	3 737	5 893	5 865	8 986	18 335	44 281
number -----	725 497	452 930	388 388	383 596	238 505	246 989	219 890	499 298
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 666	2 168	3 172	5 175	4 860	7 113	9 106	21 573
number -----	2 016 536	1 211 130	827 413	781 712	543 325	465 939	363 706	459 691
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	2 123	3 263	4 809	5 515	6 601	9 550	33 007	62 574
number -----	22 115 272	24 085 427	24 235 681	22 567 930	19 160 812	24 456 322	11 790 425	5 664 578
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	3 666	4 132	3 963	4 114	4 352	4 297	4 083	4 027
number -----	862 403 824	719 764 548	569 303 000	514 155 457	437 192 605	368 078 464	267 771 498	149 101 472

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	622	748	695	1 177	1 717	3 788	12 473	33 047
acres--	94 606	53 672	25 330	22 623	19 014	39 999	126 446	358 800
bushels--	12 139 499	5 802 912	2 389 882	1 351 741	745 315	1 454 754	3 205 777	11 344 770
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	4 134	5 329	7 727	2 693	3 169	3 967	6 605	5 028
acres--	815 096	859 405	1 667 522	244 006	294 665	214 087	417 194	115 761
bushels--	35 234 257	33 241 332	61 332 564	8 792 162	7 801 337	6 493 498	12 746 248	2 945 711
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	7 604	8 983	11 307	13 468	13 890	18 038	19 140	21 483
acres--	3 164 168	3 160 746	4 198 968	4 578 663	3 805 841	4 238 081	3 246 930	2 284 900
bushels--	99 219 546	73 279 691	98 603 852	103 394 661	76 365 435	86 900 341	64 669 085	52 349 152
Rice ----- farms --	4 924	5 613	5 436	4 698	(NA)	(NA)	3 430	3 365
acres--	1 363 237	1 041 433	1 262 744	1 078 783	(NA)	(NA)	426 890	369 817
cwt--	75 410 027	54 663 266	56 860 948	47 976 691	(NA)	(NA)	18 393 640	12 664 350
Cotton----- farms --	2 279	2 479	2 019	4 064	7 585	15 079	21 704	34 888
acres--	947 973	529 636	405 345	755 629	1 114 688	1 079 681	1 235 677	1 297 393
bales--	1 574 664	816 723	525 887	648 790	852 309	1 150 478	1 535 731	1 484 003
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	21 542	21 832	22 614	23 420	20 775	20 035	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	1 111 909	944 470	878 203	861 361	717 557	630 527	683 759	636 967
tons, dry--	2 106 936	1 511 459	1 586 810	1 363 360	1 224 376	1 054 775	844 274	826 743

<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.