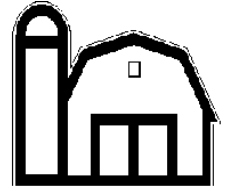


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# Introduction

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## HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

## USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

## AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

## FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first

used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

## COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION

**State data.** Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

**County data.** Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

## SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.



## CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

–	Represents zero.
(D)	Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(H)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
(IC)	Independent city.
(L)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
(NA)	Not available.
(S)	Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
(X)	Not applicable.
(Z)	Less than half of the unit shown.
cwt	Hundredweight.
sq ft	Square feet.

# A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number .....	77 669	83 217	-6.7
Land in farms ----- acres .....	28 978 997	30 598 178	-5.3
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	373	368	1.4
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	820 063	583 668	40.5
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	2 213	1 575	40.5
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	56 485	49 223	14.8
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms .....	21 485	22 697	-5.3
10 to 49 acres ----- farms .....	26 089	28 498	-8.5
50 to 179 acres ----- farms .....	13 883	15 017	-7.6
180 to 499 acres ----- farms .....	7 512	8 028	-6.4
500 to 999 acres ----- farms .....	3 702	3 804	-2.7
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms .....	2 411	2 544	-5.2
2,000 acres or more ----- farms .....	2 587	2 629	-1.6
Total cropland ----- farms .....	64 417	68 266	-5.6
Harvested cropland ----- acres .....	10 479 268	10 894 503	-3.8
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	56 546	58 868	-3.9
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	17 051 912	13 922 234	22.5
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	219 546	167 300	31.2
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	11 747 474	9 269 389	26.7
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	5 304 438	4 652 845	14.0
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms .....	22 692	23 187	-2.1
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms .....	7 160	8 661	-17.3
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms .....	7 417	8 512	-12.9
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms .....	9 324	11 028	-15.5
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms .....	6 899	7 863	-12.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms .....	6 360	6 895	-7.8
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms .....	7 170	7 533	-4.8
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms .....	3 973	3 897	2.0
\$500,000 or more ----- farms .....	6 674	5 641	18.3
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	13 804 983	10 917 593	26.4
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	177 755	131 205	35.5
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	77 663	83 210	-6.7
Average per farm ----- \$1,000 .....	3 179 111	2 927 279	8.6
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms .....	40 215	41 906	-4.0
Other ----- farms .....	37 454	41 311	-9.3
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms .....	41 278	47 085	-12.3
200 days or more ----- farms .....	26 681	30 948	-13.8
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	19 097	22 119	-13.7
Beef cows ----- farms .....	4 702 114	4 570 667	2.9
Milk cows ----- farms .....	13 105	14 966	-12.4
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	862 971	906 006	-4.7
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	3 124	3 631	-14.0
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	1 249 038	1 070 366	16.7
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	17 205	20 486	-16.0
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	2 993 538	3 097 084	-3.3
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	2 221	2 699	-17.7
Wheat for grain ----- farms .....	258 130	150 931	71.0
Barley for grain ----- farms .....	1 761	2 297	-23.3
Rice ----- farms .....	481 270	303 406	58.6
Cotton ----- farms .....	3 692	4 602	-19.8
Hay ----- farms .....	859 835	979 506	-12.2
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ----- farms .....	3 592	5 354	-32.9
Land in orchards ----- farms .....	33 253 782	45 377 564	-26.7
Land in orchards ----- acres .....	298	298	-
Land in orchards ----- acres .....	2 245 781	2 152 664	4.3

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

## B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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Farms ----- number .....	77 669	83 217	-6.7
Land in farms ----- hectares .....	11 727 800	12 383 083	-5.3
Average size of farm ----- hectares .....	151	149	1.3
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	820 063	583 668	40.5
Average per hectare ----- dollars .....	2 213	1 575	40.5
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	56 485	49 223	14.8
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares -----	21 485	22 697	-5.3
3.85 to 20.04 hectares -----	26 089	28 498	-8.5
20.05 to 72.67 hectares -----	13 883	15 017	-7.6
72.68 to 202.22 hectares -----	7 512	8 028	-6.4
202.23 to 404.65 hectares -----	3 702	3 804	-2.7
404.66 to 809.51 hectares -----	2 411	2 544	-5.2
809.52 hectares or more -----	2 587	2 629	-1.6
Total cropland ----- farms .....	64 417	68 266	-5.6
----- hectares .....	4 240 960	4 409 005	-3.8
Harvested cropland ----- farms .....	56 785	59 259	-4.2
----- hectares .....	3 140 785	3 106 593	1.1
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----- number .....	859 835	979 506	-12.2
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	3 592	5 354	-32.9
----- number .....	33 253 782	45 377 564	-26.7
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	298	298	-
----- number .....	225 074 862	209 376 014	7.5
Selected crops harvested:			
Wheat for grain ----- farms .....	2 236	2 841	-21.3
----- hectares .....	230 292	227 564	1.2
----- metric tons .....	1 073 833	1 088 752	-1.4
Barley for grain ----- farms .....	82 607	1 431	-34.8
----- hectares .....	265 264	109 206	-24.4
----- metric tons .....	1 575	317 016	-16.3
Rice ----- farms .....	1 654	1 654	-4.8
----- hectares .....	162 363	161 553	.5
----- metric tons .....	1 445 374	1 295 742	11.5
Cotton ----- farms .....	2 351	3 037	-22.6
----- hectares .....	431 434	438 618	-1.6
----- metric tons .....	607 983	570 424	6.6
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	9 286	10 638	-12.7
----- hectares .....	619 689	620 315	-1
----- metric tons .....	6 864 979	6 626 839	3.6
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ----- farms .....	3 713	3 787	-2.0
----- hectares .....	411 476	357 245	15.2
Land in orchards ----- farms .....	40 298	41 021	-1.8
----- hectares .....	908 867	871 183	4.3

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