

**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 ..  | 77 669      | 83 217      | 82 463      | 73 194     | 67 674     | 77 875     | 80 852     | 99 274     |
| Land in farms ----- acres ..   | 28 978 997  | 30 598 178  | 32 156 894  | 32 727 202 | 33 385 619 | 35 328 360 | 37 010 925 | 36 887 948 |
| Average size of farm ----- acres ..  | 373         | 368         | 390         | 447        | 493        | 454        | 458        | 372        |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :                        |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Average per farm -----dollars ..   | 820 063     | 583 668     | 746 577     | 521 240    | 322 034    | 217 429    | 214 650    | 131 212    |
| Average per acre -----dollars ..   | 2 213       | 1 575       | 1 918       | 1 161      | 653        | 479        | 468        | 353        |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000.. | 4 363 190   | 4 081 738   | 3 873 341   | 3 011 896  | 1 766 525  | 928 593    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Average per farm -----dollars ..   | 56 485      | 49 223      | 47 361      | 41 411     | 28 512     | 12 959     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Farms by size:   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to 9 acres -----   | 21 485      | 22 697      | 22 951      | 16 423     | 13 480     | 15 692     | 15 937     | 24 110     |
| 10 to 49 acres -----   | 26 089      | 28 498      | 28 203      | 25 639     | 24 162     | 28 915     | 29 475     | 34 570     |
| 50 to 179 acres -----  | 13 883      | 15 017      | 14 873      | 14 761     | 14 253     | 16 160     | 16 930     | 20 195     |
| 180 to 499 acres -----   | 7 512       | 8 028       | 7 636       | 7 737      | 7 132      | 7 896      | 8 678      | 9 922      |
| 500 to 999 acres -----   | 3 702       | 3 804       | 3 635       | 3 546      | 3 514      | 3 745      | 4 096      | 4 464      |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres -----   | 2 411       | 2 544       | 2 435       | 2 319      | 2 320      | 2 541      | 2 612      | 6 013      |
| 2,000 acres or more -----  | 2 587       | 2 629       | 2 730       | 2 769      | 2 813      | 2 926      | 3 124      |            |
| Total cropland ----- farms ..  | 64 417      | 68 266      | 67 916      | 63 663     | 59 192     | 66 016     | 69 386     | 85 012     |
| Harvested cropland ----- farms ..  | 10 479 268  | 10 894 503  | 11 257 374  | 11 454 731 | 10 629 829 | 11 245 140 | 11 815 368 | 12 965 640 |
| ----- acres ..   | 56 785      | 59 259      | 59 048      | 56 253     | 52 754     | 56 677     | 62 078     | 76 663     |
| ----- acres ..   | 7 760 773   | 7 676 287   | 8 764 808   | 8 804 374  | 8 307 246  | 7 649 021  | 7 845 816  | 8 021 836  |
| Irrigated land ----- farms ..  | 56 546      | 58 868      | 58 389      | 55 627     | 47 160     | 51 050     | 59 429     | 74 138     |
| ----- acres ..   | 7 571 313   | 7 596 091   | 8 460 508   | 8 505 824  | 7 748 709  | 7 240 131  | 7 598 698  | 7 395 570  |
| Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..            | 17 051 912  | 13 922 234  | 12 491 442  | 9 274 495  | 7 394 723  | 3 903 560  | 3 499 383  | 2 822 071  |
| Average per farm -----dollars ..   | 219 546     | 167 300     | 151 479     | 126 711    | 109 270    | 50 125     | 43 281     | 28 427     |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..                     | 11 747 474  | 9 269 389   | 8 158 494   | 5 851 902  | 4 730 856  | 2 108 455  | 2 113 300  | 1 714 299  |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..                            | 5 304 438   | 4 652 845   | 4 332 948   | 3 422 592  | 2 656 496  | 1 789 211  | 1 377 149  | 1 103 053  |
| Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than \$2,500 -----  | 22 692      | 23 187      | 25 513      | 18 494     | 18 587     | 27 014     | 29 202     | 35 213     |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 -----   | 7 160       | 8 661       | 8 871       | 8 306      | 6 112      | 8 514      | 7 821      | 10 311     |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 -----   | 7 417       | 8 512       | 8 515       | 8 253      | 7 451      | 9 700      | 9 165      | 13 335     |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----  | 9 324       | 11 028      | 10 178      | 10 460     |            |            |            | 40 193     |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 -----   | 6 899       | 7 863       | 7 218       | 7 519      | 23 975     | 25 167     | 27 509     | --         |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 -----   | 6 360       | 6 895       | 6 423       | 6 593      |            |            |            | --         |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999 -----   | 11 143      | 11 430      | 10 675      | 9 797      | 8 654      | 6 343      | 7 043      | --         |
| \$500,000 or more -----  | 6 674       | 5 641       | 4 990       | 3 660      | 2 774      | 1 039      |            | --         |
| Farms by type of organization:   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----                                   | 60 187      | 64 928      | 65 482      | 57 916     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Partnership -----  | 11 350      | 12 127      | 11 360      | 10 815     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Corporation -----  | 5 067       | 5 367       | 4 849       | 3 871      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----                   | 1 065       | 795         | 772         | 592        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :                                   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| None -----   | 32 118      | 32 051      | 29 641      | 29 135     | 23 312     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Any -----  | 41 278      | 47 085      | 47 387      | 41 462     | 31 758     | 43 564     | 37 799     | 45 706     |
| 200 days or more -----   | 26 681      | 30 948      | 31 587      | 27 140     | 21 435     | 29 115     | 25 740     | 30 885     |
| Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :                                   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Farming -----  | 40 215      | 41 906      | 40 633      | 38 060     | 36 332     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Other -----  | 37 454      | 41 311      | 41 830      | 35 134     | 28 282     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..                                 | 55.2        | 53.6        | 51.8        | 51.3       | 53.2       | 52.0       | 51.9       | 51.3       |
| Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..                        | 13 804 983  | 10 917 593  | (NA)        | (NA)       | 6 137 764  | 3 554 746  | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :                                   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..                                    | 935 152     | 776 540     | 855 311     | 873 948    | 649 039    | 574 532    | 367 470    | 337 681    |
| Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..                                     | 2 108 719   | 1 707 608   | 1 721 393   | 1 330 184  | 1 276 741  | 607 974    | 542 259    | 434 926    |
| Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..                                 | 568 772     | 427 924     | 427 823     | 335 444    | 292 054    | 123 315    | 110 435    | (NA)       |
| Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..   | 414 984     | 332 166     | 449 759     | 252 664    | 154 809    | 85 062     | 89 343     | 80 666     |
| Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..  | 2 922 390   | 2 385 242   | 1 819 323   | 1 370 770  | 1 050 722  | 632 985    | 556 677    | 498 743    |
| Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..                                      | 738 910     | 697 449     | 938 913     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..                                | 694 549     | 544 779     | 468 604     | 288 968    | 193 100    | 108 022    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Livestock and poultry:   |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..  | 19 097      | 22 119      | 26 579      | 22 090     | 22 528     | 24 430     | 31 762     | 38 426     |
| ----- number..   | 4 702 114   | 4 570 667   | 4 612 967   | 4 446 512  | 4 425 359  | 4 473 418  | 4 303 238  | 3 702 745  |
| Beef cows ----- farms..  | 13 105      | 14 966      | 17 199      | 13 895     | 13 893     | (NA)       | 16 487     | (NA)       |
| ----- number..   | 862 971     | 906 006     | 952 164     | 850 537    | 1 036 673  | 875 135    | 866 077    | 707 448    |
| Milk cows ----- farms..  | 3 124       | 3 631       | 4 638       | 4 829      | 5 754      | 6 622      | 11 605     | 19 571     |
| ----- number..   | 1 249 038   | 1 070 366   | 946 201     | 836 675    | 768 848    | 649 071    | 732 354    | 753 932    |
| Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..  | 17 205      | 20 486      | 22 947      | 20 321     | 21 172     | 23 132     | 26 862     | 32 375     |
| ----- number..   | 2 993 538   | 3 097 084   | 3 338 619   | 3 477 491  | 3 833 244  | 4 197 687  | 3 965 760  | 2 943 594  |
| Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..   | 2 221       | 2 699       | 4 800       | 4 317      | 3 136      | 2 608      | 3 947      | 9 204      |
| ----- number..   | 258 130     | 150 931     | 184 577     | 178 132    | 133 815    | 149 618    | 189 900    | 379 645    |
| Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..  | 1 761       | 2 297       | 3 769       | 3 444      | 2 273      | 2 078      | 2 373      | 4 944      |
| ----- number..   | 481 270     | 303 406     | 281 733     | 297 937    | 222 120    | 238 361    | 302 242    | 439 240    |
| Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..                | 3 592       | 5 354       | 7 768       | 6 184      | 5 073      | 5 399      | 11 360     | 25 907     |
| ----- number..   | 33 253 782  | 45 377 564  | 44 840 552  | 45 676 940 | 44 808 323 | 46 424 562 | 36 486 991 | 27 077 134 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..                          | 298         | 298         | 411         | 310        | 304        | 318        | 396        | 817        |
| ----- number..   | 225 074 862 | 209 376 014 | 123 778 881 | 97 785 819 | 94 356 838 | 68 089 158 | 51 125 095 | 38 680 935 |

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| All farms   | 1992       | 1987       | 1982       | 1978       | 1974       | 1969       | 1964       | 1959       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Selected crops harvested:   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Wheat for grain ----- farms --  | 2 236      | 2 841      | 3 429      | 2 300      | 2 993      | 2 223      | 1 975      | 2 884      |
| acres --  | 569 044    | 562 302    | 928 713    | 590 373    | 702 932    | 403 898    | 266 770    | 337 852    |
| bushels --  | 39 456 581 | 40 004 786 | 63 130 854 | 32 687 096 | 34 600 622 | 15 266 035 | 8 035 767  | 8 170 040  |
| Barley for grain ----- farms --   | 933        | 1 431      | 2 261      | 3 552      | (NA)       | (NA)       | 6 086      | 7 639      |
| acres --  | 204 119    | 269 845    | 582 708    | 873 831    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 1 319 328  | 1 508 001  |
| bushels --  | 12 183 472 | 14 560 411 | 31 980 247 | 41 029 764 | (NA)       | (NA)       | 72 071 992 | 67 493 535 |
| Rice ----- farms --   | 1 575      | 1 654      | 1 322      | 1 236      | (NA)       | (NA)       | 1 288      | 1 365      |
| acres --  | 401 194    | 399 193    | 566 914    | 484 822    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 343 286    | 302 132    |
| cwt --  | 31 865 036 | 28 566 209 | 36 672 135 | 25 300 625 | (NA)       | (NA)       | 17 033 570 | 13 231 750 |
| Cotton ----- farms --   | 2 351      | 3 037      | 3 002      | 3 819      | 4 009      | 4 916      | 6 715      | 8 672      |
| acres --  | 1 066 060  | 1 083 811  | 1 312 569  | 1 517 980  | 1 150 321  | 663 421    | 759 422    | 820 804    |
| bales --  | 2 792 443  | 2 619 934  | 2 872 637  | 1 911 050  | 2 241 869  | 1 273 712  | 1 761 509  | 1 791 260  |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame,<br>small grain, wild, grass<br>silage, green chop, etc.<br>(see text) ----- farms -- | 9 286      | 10 638     | 11 815     | 12 775     | 13 298     | 14 203     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres --  | 1 531 230  | 1 532 777  | 1 415 969  | 1 501 143  | 1 545 144  | 1 534 161  | 1 702 466  | 1 632 600  |
| tons, dry --  | 7 567 342  | 7 304 837  | 6 485 070  | 6 195 765  | 6 625 208  | 6 612 689  | 7 278 558  | 6 328 534  |
| Vegetables harvested for<br>sale (see text) <sup>9</sup> ----- farms --                                       | 3 713      | 3 787      | 4 053      | 4 081      | 3 547      | 3 975      | 4 220      | 5 856      |
| acres --  | 1 016 744  | 882 741    | 894 573    | 900 401    | 740 426    | 675 945    | 625 522    | 657 344    |
| Land in orchards ----- farms --   | 40 298     | 41 021     | 39 801     | 36 164     | 32 849     | 36 321     | 40 054     | 50 372     |
| acres --  | 2 245 781  | 2 152 664  | 2 158 404  | 1 892 077  | 1 769 821  | 1 587 700  | 1 519 894  | 1 434 808  |

<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.