

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 ..	27 152	27 284	27 111	26 907	25 501	27 950	29 798	33 390
Land in farms ----- acres ..	33 983 029	34 048 433	33 537 998	35 253 411	35 902 165	36 697 132	38 258 626	38 787 312
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	1 252	1 248	1 237	1 310	1 408	1 313	1 284	1 162
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	536 510	458 906	562 479	416 988	264 065	124 180	90 183	61 494
Average per acre -----dollars ..	426	369	454	317	188	95	70	53
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 485 320	1 347 073	1 390 665	1 071 443	707 561	343 595	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	54 868	49 534	51 457	39 930	29 026	12 738	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 424	2 725	2 677	2 163	1 681	1 981	1 500	1 934
10 to 49 acres -----	4 867	4 352	4 278	3 448	2 800	3 048	3 451	3 976
50 to 179 acres -----	5 371	5 111	5 162	5 151	5 018	5 480	6 331	7 307
180 to 499 acres -----	4 594	4 862	4 896	5 431	5 192	5 830	6 254	7 124
500 to 999 acres -----	3 188	3 355	3 337	3 494	3 578	3 886	4 195	4 834
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	2 740	2 918	2 914	3 214	3 171	3 559	3 794	4 215
2,000 acres or more -----	3 968	3 961	3 847	4 006	4 061	4 166	4 273	4 273
Total cropland ----- farms ..	21 882	22 334	22 421	23 341	22 792	24 754	27 103	30 565
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	10 933 484	10 988 853	10 552 383	10 607 070	10 512 521	10 773 310	10 740 138	11 032 678
----- acres ..	18 573	19 446	20 061	21 217	21 049	22 476	24 938	28 912
----- acres ..	5 532 964	5 522 216	6 036 679	5 844 805	5 956 865	5 265 721	4 725 734	5 879 446
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	15 193	14 913	15 232	16 016	14 687	15 567	18 317	20 312
----- acres ..	3 169 839	3 013 773	3 200 942	3 430 860	2 873 692	2 894 984	2 690 018	2 684 757
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	4 115 552	3 143 131	2 940 897	2 589 989	1 970 236	1 100 948	612 175	579 976
Average per farm -----dollars ..	151 575	115 201	108 476	96 257	77 261	39 389	20 544	17 370
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 036 174	781 934	847 323	573 567	682 791	217 833	182 317	199 414
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	3 079 378	2 361 197	2 093 574	2 016 422	1 287 162	882 741	427 983	380 146
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	6 365	6 607	6 259	5 075	4 940	7 136	9 244	8 754
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	2 637	2 582	2 733	2 920	2 263	3 329	4 139	4 471
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	3 005	3 008	3 042	3 166	3 052	4 354	5 047	6 375
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	4 249	4 245	4 143	4 963	4 971	12 116	11 824	13 554
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	3 135	3 316	3 334	3 971	12 116	11 824	10 654	10 654
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 866	3 117	3 177	3 183	3 049	2 703	1 076	1 076
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 986	3 721	3 694	3 049	2 703	1 076	675	675
\$500,000 or more -----	909	688	681	501	354	172	172	172
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	22 359	22 586	22 589	22 273	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 890	2 994	2 938	3 131	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 649	1 469	1 356	1 314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	254	235	228	189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	11 472	11 315	10 694	11 864	9 568	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	13 914	14 202	14 050	13 708	10 034	14 502	13 531	13 723
200 days or more -----	8 353	8 311	8 396	7 617	5 479	7 142	6 192	6 176
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	16 181	16 504	16 336	16 585	17 072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	10 971	10 780	10 775	10 322	7 358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years ..	52.9	51.8	50.4	49.9	51.2	50.2	49.7	49.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	3 569 175	2 700 407	(NA)	(NA)	1 674 469	1 013 736	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	1 576 251	1 084 325	987 614	946 290	591 996	466 156	179 978	154 108
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	643 202	464 149	497 587	463 545	436 776	180 744	114 004	77 892
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	93 985	72 666	77 644	69 064	52 292	20 249	11 926	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	115 815	99 575	134 797	82 371	55 005	32 506	31 203	26 664
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	209 675	172 070	129 180	106 999	82 987	55 178	44 787	41 294
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	165 509	174 717	267 692	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	57 644	45 925	32 960	22 759	12 921	6 842	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms ..	14 797	14 637	16 127	16 102	16 739	17 798	21 190	24 085
----- number ..	3 086 717	2 946 334	2 944 702	3 154 131	3 087 884	3 001 895	2 499 246	2 197 488
Beef cows ----- farms ..	11 596	11 132	11 950	11 944	12 654	(NA)	15 046	(NA)
----- number ..	900 347	830 216	847 010	834 269	1 025 244	880 641	857 001	683 870
Milk cows ----- farms ..	1 162	1 714	2 735	3 321	4 064	5 200	9 381	15 466
----- number ..	81 825	76 285	76 279	70 900	71 353	75 288	92 731	118 030
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	14 439	14 569	15 288	15 744	16 406	17 812	19 857	21 557
----- number ..	3 569 739	3 476 740	3 272 288	3 713 503	3 207 989	3 180 957	2 120 505	1 609 976
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 643	1 685	2 518	3 492	3 013	4 274	5 243	10 310
----- number ..	464 479	258 725	333 370	383 804	291 342	237 996	169 759	243 248
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 558	1 620	2 315	3 223	2 844	4 203	4 307	6 987
----- number ..	878 515	460 359	605 517	666 744	586 425	434 580	277 442	289 809
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms ..	1 767	2 709	3 836	3 686	4 004	4 925	10 127	18 044
----- number ..	4 257 327	3 118 767	2 566 703	3 141 686	2 253 086	1 430 209	1 279 502	1 813 657
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	74	112	128	110	112	39	7	35
----- number ..	(D)	43 706	22 595	34 234	21 283	6 222	86 383	620 302

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ---- farms --	4 066	4 295	4 211	4 642	4 649	4 593	4 379	7 242
acres--	891 720	685 568	759 680	718 809	534 020	311 837	164 845	294 222
bushels--	126 076 043	98 919 585	94 879 902	78 311 274	50 167 216	29 571 367	10 990 248	15 082 382
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms--	709	1 039	1 336	1 609	1 484	2 169	2 811	3 886
acres--	163 850	190 554	308 266	338 423	271 084	258 587	280 379	384 212
bushels--	6 280 126	7 327 665	9 815 786	10 326 553	7 743 310	9 316 899	6 982 761	8 574 441
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	5 597	6 992	7 121	7 335	8 853	8 390	9 600	(NA)
acres--	2 384 979	2 421 603	2 856 126	2 473 570	2 836 553	1 803 039	1 519 461	2 241 364
bushels--	71 825 463	81 581 401	78 307 590	55 066 616	70 089 495	38 529 542	23 826 998	49 490 059
Barley for grain ----- farms --	1 053	2 404	2 078	2 796	(NA)	(NA)	5 918	10 688
acres--	115 321	203 226	195 536	223 962	(NA)	(NA)	277 215	508 538
bushels--	8 934 199	12 386 192	13 920 841	12 716 276	(NA)	(NA)	8 948 063	14 649 119
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	13 160	13 535	13 563	14 612	13 873	15 307	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	1 449 177	1 423 807	1 309 845	1 412 566	1 345 920	1 420 508	1 328 657	1 267 477
tons, dry--	3 464 389	3 088 681	2 923 775	3 005 902	2 794 761	2 921 016	2 346 171	2 272 678

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

³Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

⁴Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

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

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

⁷Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁸Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.