

**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 ..	3 427	3 580	3 754	3 519	3 421	4 490	6 068	8 292
Land in farms ----- acres ..	358 743	398 400	444 242	455 731	440 056	541 372	721 314	884 443
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	105	111	118	130	129	121	119	107
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	624 135	467 677	316 317	279 270	196 135	111 071	67 429	47 372
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	5 959	4 171	2 655	2 158	1 525	921	561	444
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	124 989	132 445	127 424	96 944	68 108	43 487	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	36 557	36 996	33 925	27 596	20 447	10 059	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	606	560	594	483	481	573	907	1 170
10 to 49 acres -----	1 172	1 176	1 164	1 032	888	1 245	1 711	2 553
50 to 179 acres -----	1 082	1 176	1 223	1 201	1 272	1 724	2 197	3 103
180 to 499 acres -----	455	546	632	660	655	825	1 085	1 277
500 to 999 acres -----	86	95	111	117	106	98	137	158
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	19	24	28	20	13	19	21	31
2,000 acres or more -----	7	3	2	6	6	6	10	10
Total cropland ----- farms ..	3 058	3 163	3 326	3 226	3 139	3 907	5 263	7 033
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	192 756	210 012	224 986	232 026	227 006	252 072	288 041	350 690
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 789	2 876	3 062	3 009	2 959	3 444	4 833	6 460
acres ..	143 782	153 715	171 229	169 681	159 157	162 275	205 861	237 512
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	336 983	357 702	285 324	225 972	186 921	145 890	138 999	120 246
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	98 332	99 917	76 005	64 215	54 639	32 492	22 907	14 501
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	183 300	164 664	102 058	82 977	75 560	59 493	53 679	38 468
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	153 683	193 039	183 266	142 995	110 929	86 167	84 804	81 560
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	1 120	1 166	1 236	947	986	1 686	2 296	3 173
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	442	482	486	484	343	384	515	696
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	476	445	437	401	350	431	693	1 095
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	480	436	432	461	310	1 729	2 384	3 265
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	249	275	287	310	1 340	1 729	2 384	3 265
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	214	247	314	419	348	224	163	163
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	345	423	467	418	45	24	163	163
\$500,000 or more -----	101	106	90	72	45	24	163	163
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	2 778	2 923	3 119	2 927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	326	355	360	362	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	289	276	251	205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	34	26	24	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	1 492	1 418	1 459	1 577	1 314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	1 751	1 940	2 032	1 784	1 445	2 267	2 495	3 693
200 days or more -----	1 098	1 304	1 432	1 161	930	1 556	1 778	2 570
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	1 828	1 842	1 957	2 009	1 987	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	1 599	1 738	1 797	1 510	1 250	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	55.0	53.5	52.5	52.2	53.1	52.9	53.2	52.3
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	282 694	255 212	(NA)	(NA)	160 298	125 543	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	9 381	16 647	24 973	13 336	11 062	9 978	6 750	8 381
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	55 796	54 207	66 821	60 525	52 466	33 171	35 624	41 272
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	11 236	7 333	7 547	7 707	6 512	3 932	4 343	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	9 985	9 300	14 569	9 514	6 738	4 374	4 855	3 767
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	77 980	65 657	44 278	36 372	31 061	28 351	26 459	22 703
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	10 443	11 616	12 018	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	4 506	4 815	3 377	3 189	2 180	1 740	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	1 345	1 596	1 896	1 722	1 715	2 122	3 363	4 899
number..	78 044	89 306	110 029	99 507	102 368	106 935	123 460	139 738
Beef cows ----- farms ..	770	887	947	754	651	(NA)	598	(NA)
number..	6 878	7 146	6 746	6 406	6 013	5 894	4 468	3 301
Milk cows ----- farms ..	486	630	880	922	1 050	1 362	2 591	4 114
number..	34 552	41 691	51 795	49 959	53 174	56 885	72 232	82 947
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	1 103	1 335	1 592	1 537	1 522	1 921	2 838	4 062
number..	31 200	41 093	47 487	48 821	45 248	54 379	71 402	78 006
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	293	254	379	345	270	149	317	646
number..	5 588	5 429	6 915	8 388	7 521	7 760	13 660	20 828
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	201	195	265	209	149	90	127	175
number..	8 232	8 776	9 202	10 806	11 314	10 018	14 657	19 710
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	391	443	583	569	569	806	1 602	3 223
number..	4 494 659	4 913 031	5 637 431	5 713 767	4 924 061	4 978 834	4 278 093	3 534 583
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	42	40	40	45	55	121	220	451
number..	943 569	850 969	539 656	597 228	934 052	4 494 475	10 234 658	16 814 337

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**1992 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE -- STATE DATA**

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ---- farms --	81	115	150	135	118	86	144	365
acres --	5 357	3 953	6 017	3 629	2 347	1 205	1 188	2 059
bushels --	630 547	335 317	628 384	339 904	200 638	91 367	86 947	150 527
Tobacco ----- farms --	43	53	78	98	109	129	177	305
acres --	1 456	1 875	2 198	3 202	4 956	5 444	8 009	8 459
pounds --	2 310 666	2 831 167	3 148 241	4 830 151	7 943 473	7 071 758	12 608 667	12 607 567
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	1 752	1 984	2 091	2 008	1 898	2 302	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	81 281	86 038	90 659	91 574	83 551	86 125	135 629	174 587
tons, dry --	176 190	184 080	190 034	190 992	174 102	180 311	222 247	326 505
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>9</sup> ----- farms --	579	451	511	537	513	596	654	872
acres --	9 994	8 608	8 244	10 875	8 056	7 778	9 083	10 416
Land in orchards ----- farms --	332	308	331	320	267	307	513	817
acres --	4 481	5 122	5 361	5 724	5 882	6 902	7 924	8 882

<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.