

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 ..	2 633	2 966	3 338	3 398	3 400	3 710	4 401	5 208
Land in farms ----- acres ..	589 189	608 245	655 465	669 646	630 605	673 895	717 013	762 526
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	224	205	196	197	185	182	163	146
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	514 156	369 751	364 843	283 593	180 023	90 632	53 443	34 551
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	2 246	1 765	1 829	1 493	971	499	322	236
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	177 139	158 043	153 587	139 851	86 213	47 103	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	67 843	53 447	46 012	41 157	27 300	13 343	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	421	514	503	486	507	388	606	568
10 to 49 acres -----	797	867	905	806	788	872	939	1 200
50 to 179 acres -----	725	788	1 012	1 089	1 130	1 365	1 593	2 138
180 to 499 acres -----	398	481	591	685	664	791	1 017	1 072
500 to 999 acres -----	161	188	211	227	225	218	184	182
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	89	100	90	83	69	62	53	48
2,000 acres or more -----	42	28	26	22	17	14	9	9
Total cropland ----- farms ..	2 162	2 397	2 843	2 929	2 912	3 249	3 845	4 589
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	495 156	501 290	521 104	529 651	485 727	505 356	500 329	496 094
acres ..	1 956	2 172	2 700	2 806	2 792	3 052	3 646	4 358
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	352	384	323	255	154	164	158	156
acres ..	61 774	60 812	44 168	33 725	19 879	20 421	17 542	15 533
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	559 766	443 575	370 562	321 248	250 902	129 471	107 630	85 962
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	212 596	149 553	111 013	94 540	73 795	34 897	24 456	16 506
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	142 963	96 118	110 276	102 937	93 526	37 325	27 035	26 372
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	416 802	347 456	260 286	218 310	156 816	91 792	80 149	59 171
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	392	540	548	368	437	927	1 250	1 581
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	213	270	304	336	281	439	477	545
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	252	297	306	379	402	434	537	918
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	301	280	479	521	412	1 598	1 971	2 154
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	202	214	333	412	1 598	1 648	1 971	2 154
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	182	257	346	442	633	246	162	162
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	818	952	904	863	46	14	14	14
\$500,000 or more -----	273	156	118	74	46	14	14	14
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	2 226	2 553	2 830	2 944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	213	216	302	291	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	181	181	190	150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	13	16	16	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	1 153	1 263	1 367	1 503	1 225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	1 287	1 426	1 629	1 722	1 387	1 997	1 883	2 200
200 days or more -----	849	955	1 129	1 111	984	1 312	1 187	1 289
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	1 578	1 774	1 956	2 004	2 189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	1 055	1 192	1 382	1 394	1 124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	52.7	51.5	50.6	50.1	51.9	50.9	51.3	51.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	448 199	377 102	(NA)	(NA)	209 175	106 102	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	64 080	53 522	37 202	36 283	30 263	14 964	12 222	9 016
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	189 867	187 183	140 508	118 266	94 366	46 228	43 488	36 053
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	19 838	15 807	19 993	14 166	14 488	6 442	5 755	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	10 367	8 782	13 435	7 991	5 705	3 826	3 560	2 442
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	23 911	22 788	17 893	15 131	11 802	7 527	6 792	6 028
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	16 664	14 872	16 948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	15 272	11 197	10 868	6 857	5 020	2 007	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	411	461	660	665	782	842	1 420	2 299
number..	28 838	31 191	33 360	28 103	30 615	27 381	37 003	49 896
Beef cows ----- farms ..	204	216	311	292	339	(NA)	382	(NA)
number..	2 856	2 187	5 129	4 122	4 711	3 078	4 168	4 089
Milk cows ----- farms ..	137	169	248	291	341	479	865	1 727
number..	8 659	9 354	9 956	10 305	10 706	11 957	17 545	23 500
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	337	376	521	567	632	716	1 169	2 013
number..	22 655	26 934	26 224	16 631	14 293	13 224	22 085	26 337
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	205	301	421	577	534	784	1 094	2 182
number..	58 913	49 714	54 411	61 305	42 955	47 669	33 040	38 085
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	195	310	413	574	534	735	770	1 295
number..	118 100	109 600	101 972	100 178	82 422	81 272	54 666	43 328
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	117	175	253	317	315	421	1 013	2 701
number..	739 248	834 287	968 058	727 795	701 871	680 278	703 614	725 705
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	870	1 001	922	1 005	1 021	1 072	1 428	1 483
number..	223 328 864	210 492 139	170 418 428	145 796 536	124 447 551	112 850 951	108 043 852	71 214 647

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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 --	1 029	1 076	1 363	1 600	1 751	2 136	2 753	3 659
acres--	154 240	130 234	150 676	156 517	150 931	172 817	150 849	141 261
bushels--	18 142 044	9 876 539	14 880 293	14 980 373	10 805 497	13 506 396	7 771 508	7 038 193
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	599	630	783	370	741	551	709	1 002
acres--	61 754	43 573	56 867	16 206	41 216	17 377	18 494	23 958
bushels--	3 324 145	1 827 869	2 234 788	572 030	1 447 484	715 794	577 835	617 917
Barley for grain ----- farms --	323	360	471	464	(NA)	(NA)	659	762
acres--	37 520	32 642	33 951	25 133	(NA)	(NA)	15 775	12 732
bushels--	2 605 621	1 897 161	1 912 955	1 108 162	(NA)	(NA)	679 014	498 442
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	1 324	1 515	1 991	2 124	2 033	1 922	2 454	2 960
acres--	231 872	219 941	264 971	262 363	209 977	142 711	147 720	140 643
bushels--	6 948 357	4 143 975	6 373 519	7 501 262	5 386 399	4 033 995	1 731 376	3 246 234
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	271	317	367	381	340	432	564	888
acres--	42 380	43 036	40 421	41 038	33 721	39 234	43 805	42 135

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.

⁹Data for 1974 were from land area used.