

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 ..	35 204	36 556	36 352	36 109	32 466	35 586	40 542	45 100
Land in farms ----- acres ..	10 766 077	11 194 090	12 814 216	13 016 288	13 199 365	14 031 998	15 411 181	15 236 521
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	306	306	353	360	407	394	380	338
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	619 265	543 830	552 586	407 118	278 479	139 818	109 053	73 554
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	2 037	1 790	1 576	1 114	685	355	286	218
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 414 554	1 243 530	1 084 678	888 887	523 759	297 710	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	40 898	34 799	30 895	25 624	19 394	9 664	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	7 664	7 300	6 790	5 912	4 427	3 921	6 455	8 648
10 to 49 acres -----	12 692	13 346	12 981	12 186	10 940	12 413	14 479	15 660
50 to 179 acres -----	7 738	8 379	8 711	9 438	8 996	10 232	10 557	11 715
180 to 499 acres -----	4 011	4 255	4 409	4 881	4 610	5 168	5 299	5 588
500 to 999 acres -----	1 451	1 598	1 660	1 853	1 689	1 869	1 781	1 725
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	776	789	828	851	798	921	875	860
2,000 acres or more -----	872	889	973	988	1 006	1 062	1 096	1 764
Total cropland ----- farms ..	28 702	29 386	30 565	31 548	28 658	30 921	35 478	39 408
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	3 841 505	3 790 599	4 093 583	4 298 952	3 721 831	3 774 119	3 580 644	3 400 922
----- acres ..	22 556	22 677	24 396	26 212	23 620	25 139	32 425	35 854
----- acres ..	2 400 704	2 240 831	2 643 147	2 705 674	2 304 043	2 234 036	2 203 676	1 881 879
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	13 500	11 981	10 550	10 358	7 749	7 373	8 129	4 249
----- acres ..	1 782 680	1 622 750	1 585 080	1 979 814	1 558 735	1 365 206	1 217 192	413 526
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	5 266 033	4 351 383	3 522 103	3 025 633	1 898 658	1 132 074	954 047	700 476
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	149 586	119 033	96 889	83 792	58 481	31 812	23 532	15 532
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	4 197 420	3 317 823	2 518 959	2 167 111	1 298 800	731 733	723 584	513 150
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 068 613	1 033 560	1 003 144	858 522	588 771	395 242	225 227	181 246
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	11 790	12 551	12 287	10 267	12 372	16 708	22 768	24 842
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	4 318	4 868	4 824	5 062	3 867	4 310	4 329	5 656
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	4 151	4 470	4 449	4 865	4 123	4 537	4 051	4 953
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	4 674	4 765	4 797	5 723	9 104	8 002	7 744	9 454
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 901	2 833	2 934	3 332	2 259	1 618	1 611	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 262	2 273	2 354	2 598	699	369	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 443	3 341	3 399	3 201	—	—	—	—
\$500,000 or more -----	1 665	1 455	1 270	1 010	—	—	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	27 243	28 943	29 556	29 480	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	3 233	3 289	3 195	3 642	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	4 325	3 961	3 255	2 656	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	403	363	346	331	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	14 150	13 494	12 617	13 438	9 079	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	18 791	21 196	21 034	21 129	15 989	21 241	20 659	22 939
200 days or more -----	13 330	15 349	15 536	15 319	11 946	15 425	15 157	16 740
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	16 557	15 821	15 610	15 913	13 496	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	18 647	20 735	20 742	20 196	16 741	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	55.3	53.7	52.5	51.6	52.8	52.4	53.6	53.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	4 082 659	3 200 405	(NA)	(NA)	1 552 211	997 989	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	131 497	148 405	165 018	153 375	103 448	88 609	40 236	35 510
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	382 945	336 690	349 630	329 686	279 082	133 610	89 765	70 389
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	283 424	209 617	217 332	174 996	153 412	96 920	84 571	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	128 168	104 591	135 063	80 953	46 714	30 508	26 861	18 913
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	937 571	721 540	480 444	388 967	264 450	173 487	155 954	112 918
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	219 234	191 913	198 515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	320 675	227 063	165 343	107 621	68 396	47 865	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	15 522	17 321	17 822	16 501	16 474	16 628	19 071	20 233
----- number..	1 783 968	1 879 124	2 178 552	2 128 018	2 367 108	1 983 648	1 822 007	1 500 642
Beef cows ----- farms..	13 423	14 672	14 839	14 070	12 951	(NA)	15 114	(NA)
----- number..	962 527	995 250	1 098 152	1 111 594	1 179 789	968 187	870 686	672 403
Milk cows ----- farms..	877	1 073	1 385	1 444	1 948	2 226	4 856	8 460
----- number..	171 675	176 993	194 550	183 958	198 732	182 493	176 289	180 582
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	14 127	16 071	16 075	15 682	15 423	15 003	14 718	15 932
----- number..	897 455	1 025 178	1 108 300	1 201 067	966 002	1 047 993	807 017	663 735
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 926	2 487	3 602	5 160	3 962	5 662	8 716	13 886
----- number..	114 899	156 137	203 231	323 349	196 283	282 795	298 103	422 959
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 551	2 103	3 105	4 730	3 563	5 263	6 331	10 815
----- number..	200 375	266 652	328 150	465 063	310 136	397 200	360 173	404 812
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	1 454	2 275	2 891	3 038	3 151	3 644	8 915	15 873
----- number..	10 802 573	12 964 760	15 374 588	14 883 098	14 401 528	16 118 240	8 565 985	4 917 932
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	363	402	433	419	398	335	189	179
----- number..	97 854 566	93 224 832	76 456 724	64 899 236	47 448 607	33 079 286	9 910 503	8 302 562

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ---- farms --	1 548	2 088	2 987	4 923	5 613	5 920	7 716	9 064
acres--	86 407	95 874	190 254	295 790	296 893	298 669	313 355	286 167
bushels--	6 377 801	6 628 740	12 559 553	15 207 531	14 015 112	11 105 147	8 782 739	7 385 428
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	415	708	2 091	2 527	1 609	1 139	815	418
acres--	49 072	89 938	334 401	367 936	217 439	153 464	64 856	29 545
bushels--	1 523 227	2 257 392	8 529 087	7 928 276	5 522 668	3 577 841	1 553 908	707 117
Sugarcane for sugar ----- farms --	139	138	123	153	(NA)	(NA)	162	19
acres--	431 677	403 014	343 680	336 493	(NA)	(NA)	214 437	46 895
tons--	16 151 380	13 586 040	10 359 951	10 316 794	(NA)	(NA)	6 468 898	1 756 160
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	1 988	2 053	2 455	2 928	2 284	2 591	3 653	4 727
acres--	299 867	311 659	283 780	343 098	215 418	273 232	290 231	273 702
Land in orchards ----- farms --	10 258	9 965	11 214	12 011	11 079	13 187	18 834	22 015
acres--	914 642	762 068	938 527	932 495	912 079	973 549	924 750	724 134

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.