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Introduction

HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first

used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data. Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data. Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

–	Represents zero.
(D)	Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(H)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
(IC)	Independent city.
(L)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
(NA)	Not available.
(S)	Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
(X)	Not applicable.
(Z)	Less than half of the unit shown.
cwt	Hundredweight.
sq ft	Square feet.

A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number	40 759	43 552	-6.4
Land in farms ----- acres	10 025 581	10 744 718	-6.7
Average size of farm ----- acres	246	247	-4
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	280 562	226 217	24.0
Average per acre ----- dollars	1 131	920	22.9
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	34 904	32 477	7.5
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms	2 859	2 875	-6
10 to 49 acres ----- farms	10 443	10 953	-4.7
50 to 179 acres ----- farms	14 470	15 602	-7.3
180 to 499 acres ----- farms	7 987	8 868	-9.9
500 to 999 acres ----- farms	2 972	3 197	-7.0
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms	1 407	1 453	-3.2
2,000 acres or more ----- farms	621	604	2.8
Total cropland ----- farms	34 600	37 689	-8.2
Harvested cropland ----- acres	5 475 712	5 780 330	-5.3
Irrigated land ----- farms	27 177	30 301	-10.3
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000	3 521 217	2 814 592	25.1
Average per farm ----- dollars	86 391	64 626	33.7
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000	1 428 964	1 005 664	42.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000	2 092 253	1 808 928	15.7
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms	12 070	13 176	-8.4
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms	5 983	6 460	-7.4
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms	5 402	5 805	-6.9
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms	5 200	5 320	-2.3
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms	2 659	3 012	-11.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms	2 397	2 883	-16.9
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms	3 133	3 936	-20.4
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms	2 221	2 025	9.7
\$500,000 or more ----- farms	1 694	935	81.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000	2 867 358	2 338 551	22.6
Average per farm ----- dollars	70 342	53 698	31.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ ----- farms	40 763	43 550	-6.4
Average per farm ----- \$1,000	561 686	390 427	43.9
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms	18 817	19 449	-3.2
Other ----- farms	21 942	24 103	-9.0
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms	21 843	25 029	-12.7
200 days or more ----- farms	16 051	18 426	-12.9
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms	23 339	25 349	-7.9
Beef cows ----- number	1 258 062	1 266 679	-7
Milk cows ----- farms	20 549	21 952	-6.4
Cattle and calves sold ----- number	599 899	606 750	-1.1
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms	1 168	1 475	-20.8
Hogs and pigs sold ----- number	102 001	97 763	4.3
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms	22 162	24 604	-9.9
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- number	612 588	681 238	-10.1
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms	3 844	5 805	-33.8
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms	1 000 813	1 060 377	-5.6
Wheat for grain ----- farms	3 745	5 634	-33.5
Cotton ----- number	1 865 702	1 869 236	-2
Tobacco ----- farms	374	348	7.5
Soybeans for beans ----- farms	8 237	8 726	-5.6
Peanuts for nuts ----- farms	1 800	2 629	-31.5
Hay ----- farms	24 144 218	26 274 511	-8.1
Hay ----- acres	2 407	2 815	-14.5
Hay ----- tons, dry	749 018 187	609 503 009	22.9
Wheat for grain ----- farms	7 896	10 561	-25.2
Cotton ----- acres	647 833	548 498	18.1
Soybeans for beans ----- bushels	60 513 790	43 332 343	39.7
Peanuts for nuts ----- farms	2 332	4 704	-50.4
Hay ----- acres	292 362	416 997	-29.9
Hay ----- bushels	12 371 069	13 269 742	-6.8
Hay ----- tons, dry	2 015	1 733	16.3
Hay ----- bales	431 625	231 635	86.3
Hay ----- tons, dry	668 950	286 188	133.7
Hay ----- acres	1 658	2 061	-19.6
Hay ----- pounds	40 403	30 853	31.0
Hay ----- tons, dry	88 150 533	65 722 067	34.1
Hay ----- acres	4 193	6 036	-30.5
Hay ----- tons, dry	513 781	759 582	-32.4
Hay ----- acres	14 391 870	16 725 741	-14.0
Hay ----- tons, dry	6 095	7 067	-13.8
Hay ----- acres	630 305	562 034	12.1
Hay ----- tons, dry	1 717 836 338	1 449 659 693	18.5
Hay ----- farms	14 241	16 221	-12.2
Hay ----- acres	508 575	536 670	-5.2
Hay ----- tons, dry	1 221 143	1 076 223	13.5

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms number	40 759	43 552	-6.4
Land in farms hectares	4 057 353	4 348 387	-6.7
Average size of farm hectares	100	100	-
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm dollars	280 562	226 217	24.0
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Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm dollars	34 904	32 477	7.5
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares	2 859	2 875	-6
3.85 to 20.04 hectares	10 443	10 953	-4.7
20.05 to 72.67 hectares	14 470	15 602	-7.3
72.68 to 202.22 hectares	7 987	8 868	-9.9
202.23 to 404.65 hectares	2 972	3 197	-7.0
404.66 to 809.51 hectares	1 407	1 453	-3.2
809.52 hectares or more	621	604	2.8
Total cropland farms	34 600	37 689	-8.2
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Harvested cropland farms	27 177	30 301	-10.3
..... hectares	1 348 730	1 334 809	1.0
Irrigated land farms	4 701	4 985	-5.7
..... hectares	293 323	259 112	13.2
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000	3 521 217	2 814 592	25.1
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Selected crops harvested:			
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..... hectares	262 178	221 977	18.1
..... metric tons	1 537 122	1 100 693	39.7
Wheat for grain farms	2 332	4 704	-50.4
..... hectares	118 319	168 759	-29.9
..... metric tons	336 685	361 143	-6.8
Cotton farms	2 015	1 733	16.3
..... hectares	174 679	93 743	86.3
..... metric tons	145 647	62 310	133.7
Tobacco farms	1 658	2 061	-19.6
..... hectares	16 351	12 486	31.0
..... metric tons	39 984	29 811	34.1
Soybeans for beans farms	4 193	6 036	-30.5
..... hectares	207 927	307 403	-32.4
..... metric tons	391 683	455 200	-14.0
Peanuts for nuts farms	6 095	7 067	-13.8
..... hectares	255 084	227 455	12.1
..... metric tons	779 198	657 555	18.5
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms	14 241	16 221	-12.2
..... hectares	205 820	217 190	-5.2
..... metric tons	1 107 803	976 333	13.5

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