

**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 ..	40 759	43 552	49 630	51 405	54 911	67 431	83 366	106 350
Land in farms ----- acres ..	10 025 581	10 744 718	12 291 885	13 416 833	13 878 294	15 805 892	17 886 931	19 657 615
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	246	247	248	261	253	234	215	185
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	280 562	226 217	225 092	200 201	119 766	54 883	29 155	17 944
Average per acre -----dollars ..	1 131	920	929	768	474	234	135	97
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 421 195	1 409 250	1 535 877	1 412 802	871 343	491 790	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	34 904	32 477	31 013	27 586	17 110	7 695	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 859	2 875	3 189	2 936	2 959	3 309	4 884	6 867
10 to 49 acres -----	10 443	10 953	12 179	10 768	11 118	13 737	19 680	27 930
50 to 179 acres -----	14 470	15 602	18 112	19 688	21 993	27 760	34 512	44 811
180 to 499 acres -----	7 987	8 868	10 197	11 632	12 449	15 638	17 035	19 320
500 to 999 acres -----	2 972	3 197	3 657	3 979	3 953	4 546	4 685	4 917
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 407	1 453	1 633	1 688	1 716	1 748	1 768	2 505
2,000 acres or more -----	621	604	663	714	723	693	802	802
Total cropland ----- farms ..	34 600	37 689	43 390	46 529	49 723	61 277	74 033	98 071
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	5 475 712	5 780 330	6 531 234	6 828 187	6 475 079	6 834 619	6 367 160	7 458 475
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	27 177	30 301	35 650	39 312	40 732	47 340	65 059	89 686
acres ..	3 332 666	3 298 268	4 761 260	4 687 895	4 161 205	3 650 656	3 950 518	4 917 975
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 521 217	2 814 592	2 767 679	2 340 505	1 859 780	1 039 994	825 654	607 317
Average per farm -----dollars ..	86 391	64 626	55 766	45 531	33 869	15 423	9 904	5 711
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 428 964	1 005 664	1 180 988	913 046	849 543	319 742	341 973	258 943
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 092 253	1 808 928	1 586 691	1 427 458	976 488	698 555	457 727	326 036
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	12 070	13 176	15 693	14 320	19 790	30 713	42 025	58 304
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 983	6 460	6 740	7 428	5 445	7 914	10 057	17 698
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	5 402	5 805	5 843	6 619	6 132	8 070	10 752	14 784
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	5 200	5 320	5 868	7 198	7 198	7 198	7 198	15 406
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 659	3 012	3 788	4 500	18 772	19 187	19 748	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 397	2 883	3 947	4 809	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	5 354	5 961	7 002	6 036	4 486	1 434	725	—
\$500,000 or more -----	1 694	935	717	449	246	65	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	35 985	38 806	44 207	45 381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	3 173	3 382	4 170	4 761	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 297	1 106	954	1 059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	304	258	299	204	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	15 563	15 835	17 088	20 361	18 433	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	21 843	25 029	27 730	28 158	25 214	37 029	41 157	50 576
200 days or more -----	16 051	18 426	20 149	19 974	18 000	24 449	25 895	29 471
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	18 817	19 449	23 075	25 373	30 243	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	21 942	24 103	26 555	26 032	24 067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	55.0	53.2	51.7	51.1	52.6	52.2	52.3	51.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 867 358	2 338 551	(NA)	(NA)	1 491 414	918 116	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	317 816	307 677	251 478	228 092	173 453	132 225	79 423	58 261
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	909 360	755 609	660 526	635 109	505 816	304 002	213 401	155 929
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	191 665	156 412	199 916	200 367	180 691	87 737	73 980	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	125 189	102 026	157 335	102 594	64 585	41 966	38 285	31 647
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	252 721	209 647	149 524	138 769	96 699	73 259	59 226	57 248
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	147 611	130 645	193 325	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	148 906	108 992	111 558	87 940	58 664	29 717	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	23 339	25 349	30 440	29 591	35 478	42 050	60 069	71 316
number..	1 258 062	1 266 679	1 578 250	1 559 994	2 022 904	1 724 491	1 746 916	1 353 291
Beef cows ----- farms..	20 549	21 952	25 658	25 264	28 014	(NA)	42 228	(NA)
number..	599 899	606 750	690 184	705 277	943 475	724 678	716 666	483 179
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 168	1 475	2 623	3 100	4 645	7 479	22 337	42 353
number..	102 001	97 763	130 542	126 902	119 532	131 175	152 532	195 611
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	22 162	24 604	28 180	28 530	33 077	37 586	44 000	48 426
number..	612 588	681 238	729 924	881 451	803 176	901 040	764 676	602 266
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	3 844	5 805	8 911	14 602	15 158	23 690	40 532	73 338
number..	1 000 813	1 060 377	1 317 396	1 642 059	1 243 255	1 580 896	1 277 619	1 834 855
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	3 745	5 634	8 374	13 837	14 084	21 486	26 770	48 278
number..	1 865 702	1 869 236	2 119 068	2 478 470	2 091 998	2 287 925	37 586	1 700 437
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	1 800	2 629	4 145	4 894	6 187	9 438	31 262	65 714
number..	24 144 218	26 274 511	27 490 051	29 841 367	25 591 146	34 961 625	21 623 789	11 896 088
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 407	2 815	3 096	3 265	3 794	5 398	7 390	8 387
number..	749 018 187	609 503 009	521 508 557	424 817 579	355 956 075	374 271 143	306 808 012	229 759 321

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 --	7 896	10 561	13 793	21 468	26 979	30 339	44 800	71 045
acres--	647 833	548 498	788 306	1 497 159	1 661 085	1 543 969	1 407 659	1 951 156
bushels--	60 513 790	43 332 343	60 031 978	76 812 159	91 870 613	54 195 338	53 513 024	49 755 708
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	2 332	4 704	7 874	2 034	2 092	2 344	3 630	7 494
acres--	292 362	416 997	995 962	109 364	117 268	58 854	66 569	94 552
bushels--	12 371 069	13 269 742	31 864 435	3 286 853	2 759 101	2 061 994	2 094 468	2 027 201
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	4 193	6 036	12 683	12 147	8 943	5 267	3 013	1 554
acres--	513 781	759 582	2 023 705	1 579 370	785 367	331 356	149 181	62 810
bushels--	14 391 870	16 725 741	51 993 159	27 148 555	18 885 782	8 351 394	2 928 425	1 028 050
Cotton----- farms --	2 015	1 733	770	851	4 279	11 441	22 941	42 555
acres--	431 625	231 635	131 300	113 461	373 342	374 288	616 508	639 326
bales--	668 950	286 188	192 496	103 409	367 268	310 666	615 249	521 374
Hay--alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	14 241	16 221	16 205	16 197	14 200	14 690	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	508 575	536 670	482 438	470 224	360 502	320 319	416 417	343 154
tons, dry --	1 221 143	1 076 223	1 090 697	940 893	791 432	675 472	740 908	472 725
Land in orchards ----- farms --	4 146	4 137	4 503	4 970	3 827	6 285	13 435	18 078
acres--	153 247	149 014	145 724	149 490	121 816	149 654	178 537	195 329

<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.