

**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 ..	5 336	4 870	4 595	4 310	3 020	3 896	4 864	6 242
Land in farms ----- acres ..	1 588 843	1 721 521	1 957 501	1 988 282	2 118 976	2 058 087	2 354 454	2 461 454
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	298	353	426	461	702	528	484	394
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	722 189	603 435	778 471	413 948	340 570	156 800	98 936	(NA)
Average per acre -----dollars ..	2 425	1 707	1 826	897	485	297	205	(NA)
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	283 699	199 280	190 230	172 521	97 279	94 677	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	53 207	41 208	41 735	41 047	39 115	27 418	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	3 410	2 855	2 743	2 527	1 633	2 024	2 603	3 569
10 to 49 acres -----	1 342	1 401	1 261	1 211	872	1 281	1 594	1 988
50 to 179 acres -----	313	341	320	296	271	336	359	385
180 to 499 acres -----	133	128	126	146	127	140	168	155
500 to 999 acres -----	34	31	33	24	23	28	38	34
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	31	36	33	32	24	17	22	111
2,000 acres or more -----	73	78	79	74	70	70	80	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	4 735	4 170	3 836	3 565	2 485	3 089	3 631	4 908
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	293 371	327 396	346 113	333 262	351 627	379 766	370 896	499 504
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 220	1 827	1 544	1 493	889	735	1 070	1 251
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	552 054	609 741	558 608	419 251	609 788	285 619	187 504	152 334
Average per farm -----dollars ..	103 458	125 203	121 569	97 274	201 917	73 311	38 549	24 405
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	453 410	498 317	456 069	331 020	536 537	236 177	151 862	120 072
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	98 644	111 424	102 539	88 230	73 237	49 364	35 558	32 107
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	1 790	1 402	1 454	1 398	983	1 731	2 602	3 761
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	754	674	706	688	466	628	686	830
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	715	745	653	672	428	493	594	700
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	863	911	788	675				930
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	484	476	397	350	870	891	834	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	291	287	237	233				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	326	278	266	209	190	94		
\$500,000 or more -----	113	97	87	71	64	48	127	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	4 425	4 035	3 852	3 614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	379	404	351	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	456	370	352	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	76	61	40	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	1 961	1 723	1 633	1 551	829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	2 864	2 728	2 534	2 495	1 449	2 494	2 726	3 693
200 days or more -----	1 487	1 476	1 371	1 351	889	1 452	2 256	3 095
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	2 926	2 816	2 565	2 239	1 512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	2 410	2 054	2 030	2 071	1 290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	53.8	53.0	52.7	52.7	55.4	53.1	51.0	49.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	466 826	495 759	(NA)	(NA)	323 612	247 215	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	7 856	15 230	17 581	12 930	10 859	11 564	4 237	4 398
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	37 060	42 629	41 548	34 227	37 136	16 131	14 060	10 974
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	30 574	30 717	33 477	26 530	18 807	14 523	11 466	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	18 110	17 197	19 864	11 595	7 344	6 109	5 963	5 092
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	178 788	193 230	146 277	131 217	88 464	84 455	57 345	54 116
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	14 051	22 930	17 771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	20 396	18 233	16 417	13 700	8 374	7 844	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	874	1 003	1 040	839	580	831	1 540	1 903
number -----	191 230	211 045	241 969	218 901	227 461	232 663	218 442	205 135
Beef cows ----- farms ..	655	724	784	659	453	(NA)	1 051	(NA)
number -----	87 620	83 427	90 523	85 623	86 601	83 516	77 383	63 692
Milk cows ----- farms ..	57	73	88	76	73	99	200	538
number -----	10 816	11 836	12 767	12 956	13 148	14 151	13 865	14 100
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	699	807	817	740	539	729	1 088	1 367
number -----	82 788	101 315	91 675	105 088	96 419	93 632	62 765	62 630
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	253	372	371	399	261	369	1 035	1 759
number -----	28 570	47 564	49 029	50 071	51 021	52 335	67 882	78 479
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	200	307	319	352	261	338	695	1 027
number -----	47 831	69 019	66 875	(D)	73 262	71 766	81 762	78 330
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	177	181	201	141	95	144	589	1 899
number -----	935 278	(D)	929 210	1 243 801	1 305 449	1 072 425	1 044 516	805 933
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	14	12	23	27	20	35	49	133
number -----	1 201 331	2 069 316	3 173 500	2 588 757	1 930 831	1 432 100	1 411 679	869 416

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Sugarcane for sugar ----- farms --	31	79	188	328	(NA)	(NA)	705	774
acres --	62 915	79 234	89 696	99 065	(NA)	(NA)	110 803	110 224
tons --	5 488 214	7 934 181	8 950 242	9 213 485	(NA)	(NA)	10 740 597	9 391 223
Pineapples harvested ----- farms --	21	18	15	20	(NA)	(NA)	76	116
acres --	15 500	22 262	23 141	25 314	(NA)	(NA)	38 415	44 352
tons --	556 748	683 182	626 860	685 502	(NA)	(NA)	923 729	1 009 804
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>9</sup> ----- farms --	602	710	746	751	532	574	728	923
acres --	5 129	5 587	4 673	5 509	2 611	3 507	4 240	3 795
Land in orchards ----- farms --	2 537	2 128	1 825	1 438	982	1 198	1 802	2 653
acres --	38 590	33 564	23 178	17 948	16 016	16 951	12 766	15 298

<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.