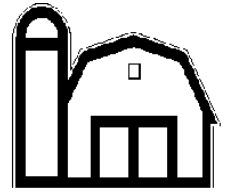


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# Introduction

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## 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 .....   | 22 124      | 24 142     | -8.4                             |
| Land in farms ----- acres .....  | 13 468 992  | 13 931 875 | -3.3                             |
| Average size of farm ----- acres .....   | 609         | 577        | 5.5                              |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :  |             |            |                                  |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....   | 410 206     | 336 615    | 21.9                             |
| Average per acre ----- dollars .....   | 682         | 572        | 19.2                             |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :                                   |             |            |                                  |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....   | 67 841      | 55 327     | 22.6                             |
| Farms by size:   |             |            |                                  |
| 1 to 9 acres -----   | 2 785       | 3 021      | -7.8                             |
| 10 to 49 acres -----   | 5 017       | 5 268      | -4.8                             |
| 50 to 179 acres -----  | 5 070       | 5 685      | -10.8                            |
| 180 to 499 acres -----   | 4 182       | 4 716      | -11.3                            |
| 500 to 999 acres -----   | 2 270       | 2 446      | -7.2                             |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres -----   | 1 524       | 1 697      | -10.2                            |
| 2,000 acres or more -----  | 1 276       | 1 309      | -2.5                             |
| Total cropland ----- farms .....   | 19 204      | 21 085     | -8.9                             |
| Harvested cropland ----- acres .....   | 6 301 862   | 6 742 285  | -6.5                             |
| Irrigated land ----- farms .....   | 16 023      | 18 270     | -12.3                            |
| ----- acres .....  | 4 225 273   | 4 349 122  | -2.8                             |
| Irrigated land ----- farms .....   | 15 487      | 16 620     | -6.8                             |
| ----- acres .....  | 3 260 006   | 3 219 192  | 1.3                              |
| Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....   | 2 964 216   | 2 269 404  | 30.6                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....   | 133 982     | 94 002     | 42.5                             |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....                                      | 1 492 103   | 1 097 255  | 36.0                             |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....   | 1 472 113   | 1 172 149  | 25.6                             |
| Farms by value of sales:   |             |            |                                  |
| Less than \$2,500 -----  | 4 726       | 5 329      | -11.3                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 -----   | 2 186       | 2 519      | -13.2                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 -----   | 2 433       | 2 627      | -7.4                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 -----   | 3 266       | 3 646      | -10.4                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 -----   | 2 370       | 2 781      | -14.8                            |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 -----   | 2 253       | 2 787      | -19.2                            |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 -----   | 2 551       | 2 691      | -5.2                             |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 -----   | 1 239       | 1 100      | 12.6                             |
| \$500,000 or more -----  | 1 100       | 662        | 66.2                             |
| Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....  | 2 445 017   | 1 862 264  | 31.3                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....   | 110 489     | 77 148     | 43.2                             |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....    | 22 129      | 24 140     | -8.3                             |
| ----- \$1,000 .....  | 493 797     | 387 910    | 27.3                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....   | 22 314      | 16 069     | 38.9                             |
| Operators by principal occupation:   |             |            |                                  |
| Farming -----  | 13 082      | 14 550     | -10.1                            |
| Other -----  | 9 042       | 9 592      | -5.7                             |
| Operators by days worked off farm:   |             |            |                                  |
| Any -----  | 11 342      | 12 614     | -10.1                            |
| 200 days or more -----   | 7 214       | 7 555      | -4.5                             |
| Livestock and poultry:   |             |            |                                  |
| Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....  | 12 527      | 13 481     | -7.1                             |
| ----- number .....   | 1 812 720   | 1 772 756  | 2.3                              |
| Beef cows ----- farms .....  | 8 393       | 8 604      | -2.5                             |
| ----- number .....   | 565 016     | 558 229    | 1.2                              |
| Milk cows ----- farms .....  | 1 990       | 2 769      | -28.1                            |
| ----- number .....   | 181 785     | 157 665    | 15.3                             |
| Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....   | 12 230      | 13 321     | -8.2                             |
| ----- number .....   | 1 646 112   | 1 502 218  | 9.6                              |
| Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....  | 1 141       | 1 258      | -9.3                             |
| ----- number .....   | 67 343      | 76 882     | -12.4                            |
| Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....   | 940         | 1 113      | -15.5                            |
| ----- number .....   | 104 723     | 119 188    | -12.1                            |
| Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....  | 1 316       | 1 464      | -10.1                            |
| ----- number .....   | 347 678     | 316 112    | 10.0                             |
| Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....   | 1 119       | 1 839      | -39.2                            |
| ----- number .....   | 1 488 472   | 1 425 572  | 4.4                              |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....   | 59          | 85         | -30.6                            |
| ----- number .....   | 27 206      | 8 733      | 211.5                            |
| Selected crops harvested:  |             |            |                                  |
| Wheat for grain ----- farms .....  | 6 106       | 7 706      | -20.8                            |
| ----- acres .....  | 1 384 893   | 1 239 480  | 11.7                             |
| Barley for grain ----- bushels .....   | 94 094 326  | 83 250 152 | 13.0                             |
| ----- farms .....  | 5 149       | 7 852      | -34.4                            |
| ----- acres .....  | 691 273     | 833 225    | -17.0                            |
| Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas ----- bushels .....  | 48 647 384  | 59 437 911 | -18.2                            |
| ----- farms .....  | 1 494       | 2 043      | -26.9                            |
| ----- acres .....  | 114 896     | 160 078    | -28.2                            |
| Irish potatoes ----- cwt .....   | 2 064 725   | 3 097 637  | -33.3                            |
| ----- farms .....  | 1 616       | 1 792      | -9.8                             |
| ----- acres .....  | 372 028     | 352 670    | 5.5                              |
| Sugar beets for sugar ----- cwt .....  | 119 060 333 | 99 392 607 | 19.8                             |
| ----- farms .....  | 1 406       | 1 397      | 6                                |
| ----- acres .....  | 202 115     | 168 352    | 20.1                             |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- tons ..... | 4 828 489   | 4 319 597  | 11.8                             |
| ----- farms .....  | 11 940      | 13 717     | -13.0                            |
| ----- acres .....  | 1 063 292   | 1 173 475  | -9.4                             |
| ----- tons, dry .....  | 3 389 557   | 3 563 558  | -4.9                             |

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

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## 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 .....  | 22 124    | 24 142    | -8.4                             |
| Land in farms ----- hectares .....  | 5 450 901 | 5 638 230 | -3.3                             |
| Average size of farm ----- hectares .....   | 246       | 234       | 5.1                              |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :   |           |           |                                  |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....  | 410 206   | 336 615   | 21.9                             |
| Average per hectare ----- dollars .....   | 682       | 572       | 19.2                             |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :                                    |           |           |                                  |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....  | 67 841    | 55 327    | 22.6                             |
| Farms by size:  |           |           |                                  |
| .01 to 3.84 hectares -----  | 2 785     | 3 021     | -7.8                             |
| 3.85 to 20.04 hectares -----  | 5 017     | 5 268     | -4.8                             |
| 20.05 to 72.67 hectares -----   | 5 070     | 5 685     | -10.8                            |
| 72.68 to 202.22 hectares -----  | 4 182     | 4 716     | -11.3                            |
| 202.23 to 404.65 hectares -----   | 2 270     | 2 446     | -7.2                             |
| 404.66 to 809.51 hectares -----   | 1 524     | 1 697     | -10.2                            |
| 809.52 hectares or more -----   | 1 276     | 1 309     | -2.5                             |
| Total cropland ----- farms .....  | 19 204    | 21 085    | -8.9                             |
| ----- hectares .....  | 2 550 364 | 2 728 603 | -6.5                             |
| Harvested cropland ----- farms .....  | 16 023    | 18 270    | -12.3                            |
| ----- hectares .....  | 1 709 968 | 1 760 090 | -2.8                             |
| Irrigated land ----- farms .....  | 15 487    | 16 620    | -6.8                             |
| ----- hectares .....  | 1 319 324 | 1 302 807 | 1.3                              |
| Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....  | 2 964 216 | 2 269 404 | 30.6                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....  | 133 982   | 94 002    | 42.5                             |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....                                       | 1 492 103 | 1 097 255 | 36.0                             |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....  | 1 472 113 | 1 172 149 | 25.6                             |
| Farms by value of sales:  |           |           |                                  |
| Less than \$2,500 -----   | 4 726     | 5 329     | -11.3                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 -----  | 2 186     | 2 519     | -13.2                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 -----  | 2 433     | 2 627     | -7.4                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 -----  | 3 266     | 3 646     | -10.4                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 -----  | 2 370     | 2 781     | -14.8                            |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 -----  | 2 253     | 2 787     | -19.2                            |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 -----  | 2 551     | 2 691     | -5.2                             |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 -----  | 1 239     | 1 100     | 12.6                             |
| \$500,000 or more -----   | 1 100     | 662       | 66.2                             |
| Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....   | 2 445 017 | 1 862 264 | 31.3                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....  | 110 489   | 77 148    | 43.2                             |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....     | 22 129    | 24 140    | -8.3                             |
| ----- \$1,000 .....   | 493 797   | 387 910   | 27.3                             |
| Average per farm ----- dollars .....  | 22 314    | 16 069    | 38.9                             |
| Operators by principal occupation:  |           |           |                                  |
| Farming -----   | 13 082    | 14 550    | -10.1                            |
| Other -----   | 9 042     | 9 592     | -5.7                             |
| Operators by days worked off farm:  |           |           |                                  |
| Any -----   | 11 342    | 12 614    | -10.1                            |
| 200 days or more -----  | 7 214     | 7 555     | -4.5                             |
| Livestock and poultry:  |           |           |                                  |
| Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....   | 12 527    | 13 481    | -7.1                             |
| ----- number .....  | 1 812 720 | 1 772 756 | 2.3                              |
| Beef cows ----- farms .....   | 8 393     | 8 604     | -2.5                             |
| ----- number .....  | 565 016   | 558 229   | 1.2                              |
| Milk cows ----- farms .....   | 1 990     | 2 769     | -28.1                            |
| ----- number .....  | 181 785   | 157 665   | 15.3                             |
| Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....  | 12 230    | 13 321    | -8.2                             |
| ----- number .....  | 1 646 112 | 1 502 218 | 9.6                              |
| Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....   | 1 141     | 1 258     | -9.3                             |
| ----- number .....  | 67 343    | 76 882    | -12.4                            |
| Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....  | 940       | 1 113     | -15.5                            |
| ----- number .....  | 104 723   | 119 188   | -12.1                            |
| Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....   | 1 316     | 1 464     | -10.1                            |
| ----- number .....  | 347 678   | 316 112   | 10.0                             |
| Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....  | 1 119     | 1 839     | -39.2                            |
| ----- number .....  | 1 488 472 | 1 425 572 | 4.4                              |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....  | 59        | 85        | -30.6                            |
| ----- number .....  | 27 206    | 8 733     | 211.5                            |
| Selected crops harvested:   |           |           |                                  |
| Wheat for grain ----- farms .....   | 6 106     | 7 706     | -20.8                            |
| ----- hectares .....  | 560 466   | 501 618   | 11.7                             |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 2 560 829 | 2 265 699 | 13.0                             |
| Barley for grain ----- farms .....  | 5 149     | 7 852     | -34.4                            |
| ----- hectares .....  | 279 758   | 337 206   | -17.0                            |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 1 059 172 | 1 294 108 | -18.2                            |
| Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas ----- farms .....   | 1 494     | 2 043     | -26.9                            |
| ----- hectares .....  | 46 498    | 64 784    | -28.2                            |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 93 654    | 140 506   | -33.3                            |
| Irish potatoes ----- farms .....  | 1 616     | 1 792     | -9.8                             |
| ----- hectares .....  | 150 560   | 142 726   | 5.5                              |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 5 400 487 | 4 508 374 | 19.8                             |
| Sugar beets for sugar ----- farms .....   | 1 406     | 1 397     | 6                                |
| ----- hectares .....  | 81 796    | 68 132    | 20.1                             |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 4 380 333 | 3 918 674 | 11.8                             |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms ..... | 11 940    | 13 717    | -13.0                            |
| ----- hectares .....  | 430 314   | 474 905   | -9.4                             |
| ----- metric tons .....   | 3 074 955 | 3 232 806 | -4.9                             |

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.