

**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 ..	22 124	24 142	24 714	24 249	23 680	25 475	29 661	33 670
Land in farms ----- acres ..	13 468 992	13 931 875	13 921 639	14 699 100	14 274 258	14 416 521	15 301 513	15 232 401
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	609	577	563	606	603	566	516	452
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	410 206	336 615	459 965	348 408	204 091	99 916	68 178	50 528
Average per acre -----dollars ..	682	572	814	574	339	177	132	112
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 496 916	1 330 607	1 454 150	1 275 154	762 410	389 697	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	67 841	55 327	59 016	52 760	33 594	15 752	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 785	3 021	2 953	1 708	1 286	1 807	2 050	2 625
10 to 49 acres -----	5 017	5 268	5 296	4 528	4 251	4 382	5 331	6 013
50 to 179 acres -----	5 070	5 685	6 129	6 792	7 443	8 044	9 997	12 584
180 to 499 acres -----	4 182	4 716	4 887	5 520	5 286	5 835	6 605	6 887
500 to 999 acres -----	2 270	2 446	2 562	2 622	2 516	2 568	2 741	2 773
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 524	1 697	1 568	1 766	1 652	1 621	1 666	1 788
2,000 acres or more -----	1 276	1 309	1 319	1 313	1 246	1 218	1 271	1 271
Total cropland ----- farms ..	19 204	21 085	22 031	22 545	22 312	23 734	27 660	31 318
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	6 301 862	6 742 285	6 484 076	6 540 493	6 247 705	6 172 473	5 877 633	5 784 005
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	15 487	16 620	17 355	18 215	18 825	17 840	22 251	25 383
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 964 216	2 269 404	2 231 605	1 633 160	1 381 209	649 571	478 181	438 384
Average per farm -----dollars ..	133 982	94 002	90 297	67 350	58 328	25 498	16 122	13 020
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 492 103	1 097 255	1 160 742	796 800	875 759	295 922	265 900	240 511
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 472 113	1 172 149	1 070 863	836 360	502 917	352 072	211 132	195 967
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	4 726	5 329	4 910	3 801	4 304	6 110	8 766	9 237
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	2 186	2 519	2 435	2 606	2 100	2 941	4 080	4 895
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	2 433	2 627	2 635	2 988	2 791	4 022	5 404	7 164
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	3 266	3 646	3 655	4 371	4 371	4 371	5 404	12 248
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 370	2 781	3 042	3 857	11 611	11 389	10 805	10 805
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 253	2 787	3 306	3 248	2 897	809	505	505
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 790	3 791	3 963	2 897	2 421	75	75	75
\$500,000 or more -----	1 100	662	664	358	330	75	75	75
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	18 534	20 368	20 950	20 506	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 074	2 314	2 312	2 409	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 287	1 207	1 175	1 118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	229	253	277	216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	9 297	10 101	10 044	10 598	8 712	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	11 342	12 614	12 567	12 495	9 820	13 952	15 216	16 677
200 days or more -----	7 214	7 555	7 425	6 829	5 637	7 248	7 540	7 260
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	13 082	14 550	15 268	15 720	15 961	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	9 042	9 592	9 446	8 529	6 840	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	52.2	51.1	49.6	49.6	50.8	50.3	49.9	48.6
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 445 017	1 862 264	(NA)	(NA)	993 575	545 319	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	527 312	394 684	326 442	311 262	153 470	130 722	61 688	48 911
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	347 903	230 572	233 142	182 418	153 117	63 464	46 678	40 879
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	190 698	148 396	160 602	107 141	91 490	32 798	21 603	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	95 329	83 022	118 529	67 230	46 304	26 309	26 308	23 342
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	245 990	181 790	147 584	108 936	85 782	52 857	39 475	33 714
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	157 683	158 965	218 310	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	82 374	65 098	52 652	28 849	18 127	8 333	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	12 527	13 481	15 980	15 535	16 621	17 673	23 592	27 415
Beef cows ----- farms..	1 812 720	1 772 756	1 925 419	1 853 621	1 917 279	1 731 284	1 602 721	1 379 978
Milk cows ----- farms..	8 393	8 604	10 201	10 117	11 115	(NA)	12 460	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	565 016	558 229	614 385	605 859	724 012	565 038	515 512	359 044
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 990	2 769	4 199	4 663	5 833	7 617	13 748	20 873
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	181 785	157 665	178 082	137 492	137 712	128 614	164 560	194 013
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	12 230	13 321	15 262	15 103	16 244	17 606	21 942	24 774
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	1 646 112	1 502 218	1 490 079	1 482 254	1 239 761	1 246 601	960 584	722 128
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 141	1 258	1 648	2 426	2 089	3 034	4 247	9 401
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	67 343	76 882	80 957	96 456	79 302	118 485	105 814	173 739
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	940	1 113	1 355	1 992	1 718	2 817	3 110	5 457
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	104 723	119 188	114 391	133 861	125 089	176 406	169 465	200 566
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 119	1 839	2 731	2 723	2 855	3 114	8 125	15 446
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 488 472	1 425 572	1 131 996	987 584	1 098 055	1 008 130	1 115 267	1 371 750
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	59	85	107	83	105	67	39	57
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	27 206	8 733	14 634	15 570	20 152	1 766 522	4 600 934	1 855 835

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	6 106	7 706	7 870	8 367	10 430	11 830	14 793	(NA)
acres --	1 384 893	1 239 480	1 507 775	1 362 793	1 413 811	960 758	1 041 424	1 086 593
bushels --	94 094 326	83 250 152	87 980 724	69 166 361	57 552 348	38 091 608	40 977 149	38 412 559
Barley for grain ----- farms --	5 149	7 852	9 379	9 817	(NA)	(NA)	8 466	9 173
acres --	691 273	833 225	1 090 811	1 008 445	(NA)	(NA)	463 739	499 879
bushels --	48 647 384	59 437 911	73 169 464	61 765 733	(NA)	(NA)	19 570 516	15 436 869
Irish potatoes ----- farms --	1 616	1 792	1 892	2 271	2 296	(NA)	4 434	6 261
acres --	372 028	352 670	320 019	363 309	315 921	(NA)	228 250	199 641
cwt --	119 060 333	99 392 607	89 540 662	96 201 115	78 025 304	(NA)	37 339 271	40 130 750
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	11 940	13 717	14 635	16 022	16 733	17 228	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	1 063 292	1 173 475	1 222 726	1 322 426	1 323 140	1 179 630	1 327 619	1 162 469
tons, dry --	3 389 557	3 563 558	3 846 435	3 956 186	3 760 095	3 336 854	3 417 672	2 869 466

<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.