

**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 ..	77 610	88 786	98 483	104 690	111 049	123 565	132 822	154 644
Land in farms ----- acres ..	27 250 340	28 526 664	28 726 114	29 472 473	29 094 794	29 913 190	29 957 501	30 327 261
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	351	321	292	282	262	242	226	196
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	539 181	402 970	538 886	524 718	221 774	118 507	80 894	61 946
Average per acre -----dollars ..	1 548	1 262	1 837	1 854	846	490	357	316
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	5 516 277	5 392 170	6 092 937	5 401 250	3 294 038	1 616 581	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	71 219	60 935	61 982	51 640	31 151	13 504	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	5 026	5 931	6 101	4 873	4 181	5 110	4 380	6 245
10 to 49 acres -----	12 191	12 971	15 183	14 257	13 420	13 487	14 418	18 668
50 to 179 acres -----	20 239	23 824	27 513	31 203	36 499	40 937	46 125	59 124
180 to 499 acres -----	21 327	26 720	31 723	37 099	41 756	51 369	58 070	63 843
500 to 999 acres -----	12 833	14 320	13 879	14 019	12 842	11 239	8 919	6 190
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	5 115	4 407	3 606	2 895	2 122	1 278	807	574
2,000 acres or more -----	879	613	478	344	229	145	103	103
Total cropland ----- farms ..	72 626	83 056	92 250	99 624	106 639	117 871	127 091	145 950
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	24 164 457	25 102 092	24 748 112	25 159 492	24 399 558	24 829 095	23 867 792	23 960 388
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 061	1 635	1 182	1 146	650	822	327	332
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	7 336 864	6 376 801	7 313 529	5 906 275	4 665 390	2 612 378	2 122 874	1 810 741
Average per farm -----dollars ..	94 535	71 822	74 262	56 417	42 012	21 141	15 983	11 709
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	5 251 328	4 158 936	5 092 452	3 893 237	3 193 739	1 324 926	1 127 054	794 290
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 085 535	2 217 865	2 221 076	2 013 039	1 469 611	1 285 749	992 889	1 014 816
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 178	10 630	11 226	10 078	14 722	24 003	27 060	37 337
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 613	6 741	7 417	8 430	8 463	13 225	14 421	21 062
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 898	8 728	8 975	10 922	12 589	18 729	23 010	34 303
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	11 800	14 962	15 315	19 381	19 892	64 977	67 238	61 892
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	10 363	13 313	14 707	18 892	63 965	64 977	67 238	61 892
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	11 572	14 765	17 376	19 720	16 706	11 021	2 532	1 053
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	20 380	18 588	22 366	16 706	11 021	2 532	1 053	1 053
\$500,000 or more -----	1 806	1 059	1 085	529	254	77	77	77
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	65 752	75 409	83 715	89 658	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	8 997	10 651	12 239	13 178	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	2 361	2 135	1 866	1 348	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	500	591	663	506	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	33 728	38 565	42 422	48 448	43 148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	38 703	43 651	47 562	50 938	43 135	64 059	55 580	59 653
200 days or more -----	24 056	26 001	27 906	29 033	25 290	31 924	25 143	26 066
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	47 875	57 122	63 756	69 351	79 830	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	29 735	31 664	34 727	35 339	30 352	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	51.7	50.4	49.2	49.2	50.9	49.7	50.1	49.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	5 088 894	4 557 450	(NA)	(NA)	2 829 461	1 830 513	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	434 193	460 761	447 023	475 790	315 495	337 454	233 337	279 333
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	531 978	451 832	477 619	404 412	400 796	256 686	231 422	244 476
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	645 280	564 393	712 705	530 912	408 562	171 330	136 395	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	322 542	299 486	480 860	282 731	205 536	125 676	111 965	98 693
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	300 090	275 128	225 820	191 852	118 134	90 752	76 780	71 712
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	431 344	448 150	660 391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	439 672	336 428	344 575	225 556	138 115	67 466	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	27 405	33 305	41 028	45 572	54 509	64 066	88 192	111 287
Beef cows ----- farms..	1 601 261	1 885 444	2 315 397	2 591 583	2 898 721	3 194 190	3 750 770	3 789 874
Milk cows ----- farms..	19 392	23 087	28 163	31 311	36 996	(NA)	52 388	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	447 201	511 188	622 002	697 678	874 549	771 422	776 716	647 807
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	3 050	4 304	5 812	7 021	9 642	14 803	29 628	56 999
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	151 503	186 371	206 827	210 267	237 505	292 018	422 430	541 550
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	26 419	32 798	38 996	44 816	51 804	63 121	83 511	100 810
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	1 130 433	1 407 670	1 532 199	1 930 340	1 769 197	2 436 914	2 664 408	2 482 995
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	13 433	17 084	21 646	28 227	31 689	48 475	66 069	94 562
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	5 641 115	5 642 991	5 988 994	6 205 722	5 327 643	6 994 736	7 309 365	8 283 804
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	14 142	17 837	22 814	29 900	35 118	51 090	67 394	91 048
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	10 330 124	9 879 960	9 531 614	9 219 000	9 024 521	10 971 882	11 760 687	10 588 437
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 248	4 013	6 341	7 632	11 798	19 012	44 023	85 712
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	4 170 867	4 396 092	5 745 191	7 580 094	8 356 723	8 414 224	9 338 304	13 340 138
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	123	296	349	370	437	243	68	194
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	60 004	435 555	138 331	136 510	208 295	197 811	1 019 125	4 395 651

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 --	55 685	66 600	73 372	78 643	82 696	95 249	109 886	131 406
acres--	10 770 985	9 162 711	11 383 178	11 052 177	9 567 774	9 490 642	9 081 837	9 746 421
bushels--	1 532 681 088	1 168 644 485	1 425 129 317	1 181 849 723	773 406 578	953 569 760	728 304 637	650 439 170
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	17 061	21 356	28 080	21 501	38 817	43 646	61 720	63 944
acres--	1 075 805	954 990	1 452 686	849 634	1 678 393	1 270 565	1 918 618	1 641 923
bushels--	54 096 203	48 850 664	62 046 957	31 325 922	50 646 729	46 470 810	68 158 120	42 484 623
Oats for grain ----- farms --	5 635	8 540	8 940	11 500	(NA)	(NA)	43 288	73 182
acres--	108 363	157 374	176 568	228 356	(NA)	(NA)	1 043 263	2 092 891
bushels--	6 704 097	10 312 797	10 268 768	12 732 968	(NA)	(NA)	53 129 463	85 906 342
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	52 339	61 547	66 595	73 558	78 447	77 327	85 159	88 675
acres--	8 932 399	8 768 833	8 997 737	9 226 983	8 317 180	6 411 554	5 579 269	4 721 624
bushels--	373 563 650	329 323 117	335 976 354	301 061 189	205 382 348	215 437 112	137 628 306	120 910 225
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	27 481	30 589	33 492	38 910	44 143	48 276	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	902 899	986 808	982 655	1 169 085	1 206 426	1 135 433	1 807 342	2 079 428
tons, dry --	2 463 316	2 720 838	2 729 197	3 134 558	2 821 607	2 969 744	4 146 494	4 391 318

<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.