

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 .. | 62 778 | 70 506 | 77 180 | 82 483 | 87 915 | 101 479 | 108 082 | 128 160 |
| Land in farms ----- acres .. | 15 618 831 | 16 170 895 | 16 294 268 | 16 824 438 | 16 785 208 | 17 572 865 | 17 933 226 | 18 613 046 |
| Average size of farm ----- acres .. | 249 | 229 | 211 | 204 | 191 | 173 | 166 | 145 |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm -----dollars .. | 346 199 | 265 446 | 338 549 | 323 213 | 137 385 | 70 316 | 51 645 | 38 489 |
| Average per acre -----dollars .. | 1 395 | 1 158 | 1 610 | 1 579 | 720 | 406 | 310 | 265 |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000.. | 3 474 495 | 3 129 398 | 3 464 195 | 3 118 331 | 1 899 878 | 954 061 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Average per farm -----dollars .. | 55 440 | 44 502 | 45 033 | 37 893 | 23 128 | 9 859 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Farms by size: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 9 acres ----- | 5 141 | 5 444 | 5 648 | 4 606 | 3 594 | 4 706 | 4 847 | 6 631 |
| 10 to 49 acres ----- | 14 234 | 15 010 | 17 373 | 17 166 | 17 325 | 19 522 | 20 533 | 26 928 |
| 50 to 179 acres ----- | 21 268 | 24 892 | 27 460 | 31 559 | 37 055 | 44 110 | 47 128 | 57 352 |
| 180 to 499 acres ----- | 12 928 | 15 902 | 18 009 | 20 984 | 22 828 | 27 210 | 30 735 | 34 047 |
| 500 to 999 acres ----- | 6 000 | 6 670 | 6 567 | 6 552 | 5 969 | 5 256 | 4 369 | 2 906 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- | 2 687 | 2 291 | 1 872 | 1 452 | 1 019 | 610 | 410 | 296 |
| 2,000 acres or more ----- | 520 | 297 | 251 | 164 | 125 | 65 | 60 | 296 |
| Total cropland ----- farms .. | 58 117 | 65 529 | 71 836 | 78 174 | 84 277 | 96 360 | 102 137 | 118 673 |
| Harvested cropland ----- farms .. | 13 366 034 | 13 592 873 | 13 331 077 | 13 539 395 | 13 198 261 | 13 551 580 | 13 317 207 | 13 660 415 |
| Irrigated land ----- farms .. | 1 742 | 1 481 | 1 206 | 901 | 633 | 682 | 558 | 480 |
| Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000.. | 4 633 090 | 4 067 684 | 4 226 930 | 3 358 288 | 2 612 631 | 1 400 146 | 1 105 356 | 945 685 |
| Average per farm -----dollars .. | 73 801 | 57 693 | 54 767 | 40 715 | 29 718 | 13 797 | 10 227 | 7 379 |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .. | 2 698 335 | 2 127 135 | 2 439 409 | 1 926 051 | 1 574 830 | 597 363 | 491 192 | 363 778 |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .. | 1 934 755 | 1 940 549 | 1 787 521 | 1 432 237 | 1 033 709 | 799 116 | 610 686 | 579 515 |
| Farms by value of sales ³ : | | | | | | | | |
| Less than \$2,500 ----- | 11 189 | 12 433 | 13 717 | 12 675 | 18 215 | 34 937 | 38 834 | 50 757 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- | 6 848 | 8 072 | 8 731 | 10 123 | 10 572 | 15 446 | 16 882 | 22 640 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- | 8 053 | 9 515 | 10 161 | 12 405 | 13 701 | 15 745 | 18 495 | 24 811 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ ----- | 10 642 | 12 200 | 13 878 | 16 670 | 17 738 | 34 144 | 33 370 | 29 865 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- | 7 296 | 8 682 | 9 671 | 11 738 | 39 875 | 34 144 | 33 370 | 29 865 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- | 6 694 | 8 031 | 9 228 | 10 338 | 10 338 | 10 338 | 10 338 | 10 338 |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999 ----- | 10 750 | 10 126 | 11 016 | 8 141 | 5 354 | 1 110 | 458 | 458 |
| \$500,000 or more ----- | 1 306 | 827 | 749 | 348 | 154 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | | | | | | |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- | 53 105 | 59 955 | 65 548 | 70 551 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Partnership ----- | 6 721 | 7 469 | 8 905 | 9 855 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corporation ----- | 2 622 | 2 823 | 2 422 | 1 828 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- | 330 | 259 | 305 | 249 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ : | | | | | | | | |
| None ----- | 23 384 | 25 127 | 27 352 | 30 730 | 26 960 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Any ----- | 35 397 | 40 682 | 44 050 | 47 970 | 44 590 | 63 315 | 57 812 | 63 732 |
| 200 days or more ----- | 25 237 | 28 153 | 30 319 | 33 500 | 31 559 | 41 412 | 36 322 | 37 076 |
| Operators by principal occupation ⁵ : | | | | | | | | |
| Farming ----- | 31 547 | 36 654 | 40 189 | 43 010 | 50 017 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other ----- | 31 231 | 33 852 | 36 991 | 39 473 | 36 881 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years.. | 51.6 | 50.5 | 49.1 | 49.0 | 50.2 | 49.8 | 50.9 | 50.8 |
| Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000.. | 3 645 379 | 3 178 679 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 730 678 | 1 045 691 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Selected farm production expenses ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000.. | 328 492 | 328 366 | 300 350 | 285 567 | 193 829 | 176 074 | 105 869 | 97 413 |
| Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000.. | 657 193 | 576 585 | 522 442 | 387 069 | 334 734 | 194 401 | 165 299 | 174 557 |
| Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000.. | 420 849 | 354 501 | 453 678 | 352 541 | 283 265 | 105 961 | 95 374 | (NA) |
| Petroleum products ----- \$1,000.. | 205 728 | 171 786 | 275 154 | 160 578 | 108 634 | 65 219 | 58 497 | 53 152 |
| Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 .. | 209 089 | 196 231 | 152 061 | 117 573 | 71 751 | 52 302 | 42 756 | 39 035 |
| Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000.. | 290 504 | 306 836 | 426 334 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000.. | 247 300 | 183 674 | 173 999 | 115 557 | 68 177 | 28 581 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Livestock and poultry: | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms.. | 25 974 | 30 340 | 36 907 | 39 097 | 47 461 | 52 092 | 70 635 | 87 809 |
| Beef cows ----- farms.. | 1 113 473 | 1 236 480 | 1 437 618 | 1 547 083 | 1 826 638 | 1 828 590 | 2 053 417 | 1 973 634 |
| Milk cows ----- farms.. | 16 783 | 19 150 | 23 206 | 25 000 | 29 994 | (NA) | 36 637 | (NA) |
| Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .. | 293 836 | 315 784 | 377 741 | 424 078 | 546 270 | 433 884 | 431 182 | 341 657 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .. | 3 958 | 5 204 | 6 795 | 7 590 | 10 100 | 13 049 | 25 720 | 48 149 |
| Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .. | 144 532 | 163 867 | 188 716 | 184 413 | 205 075 | 227 048 | 328 065 | 411 273 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 24 215 | 28 905 | 33 780 | 37 374 | 43 519 | 49 271 | 63 287 | 77 878 |
| Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms.. | 763 919 | 881 663 | 890 380 | 1 066 881 | 994 638 | 1 160 315 | 1 224 660 | 1 092 202 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 11 987 | 14 834 | 17 654 | 22 141 | 23 988 | 34 899 | 48 177 | 74 377 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 4 618 663 | 4 372 294 | 4 298 027 | 4 159 733 | 3 350 529 | 4 440 389 | 4 496 507 | 5 356 518 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 12 559 | 15 458 | 18 271 | 22 849 | 25 946 | 36 699 | 48 295 | 71 241 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 8 760 626 | 8 024 713 | 7 279 358 | 6 448 136 | 5 927 786 | 7 207 719 | 7 502 242 | 7 422 874 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 2 348 | 3 713 | 5 568 | 6 297 | 9 226 | 12 122 | 29 194 | 62 910 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 22 256 785 | 26 787 315 | 22 065 167 | 18 748 739 | 16 199 315 | 14 940 111 | 14 163 752 | 13 840 448 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 188 | 311 | 405 | 503 | 530 | 454 | 574 | 1 171 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .. | 21 081 124 | 22 306 685 | 12 583 016 | 13 253 804 | 8 469 794 | 9 000 149 | 20 971 062 | 32 721 470 |

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| All farms | 1992 | 1987 | 1982 | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Selected crops harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| Corn for grain or seed ----- farms -- | 37 005 | 45 383 | 50 290 | 56 441 | 59 911 | 62 652 | 75 188 | 99 253 |
| acres-- | 5 828 308 | 4 884 114 | 5 975 300 | 6 062 791 | 5 068 354 | 4 377 162 | 4 293 022 | 4 955 926 |
| bushels-- | 805 637 216 | 619 045 978 | 712 234 375 | 626 525 204 | 371 396 556 | 429 568 854 | 308 633 586 | 308 043 808 |
| Wheat for grain ----- farms -- | 12 936 | 18 294 | 23 764 | 20 065 | 37 039 | 39 138 | 54 166 | 57 802 |
| acres-- | 542 058 | 590 920 | 892 929 | 581 847 | 1 178 919 | 830 299 | 1 374 140 | 1 196 618 |
| bushels-- | 25 048 728 | 30 789 151 | 37 007 361 | 22 175 789 | 44 246 255 | 32 160 538 | 46 237 941 | 30 941 720 |
| Oats for grain ----- farms -- | 2 905 | 4 982 | 6 250 | 7 112 | (NA) | (NA) | 25 493 | 48 685 |
| acres-- | 41 538 | 69 063 | 94 806 | 100 281 | (NA) | (NA) | 375 181 | 866 835 |
| bushels-- | 2 603 270 | 4 317 321 | 5 868 963 | 5 234 841 | (NA) | (NA) | 16 525 216 | 33 428 856 |
| Soybeans for beans ----- farms -- | 33 568 | 40 068 | 42 516 | 46 423 | 51 625 | 53 482 | 59 060 | 60 526 |
| acres-- | 4 729 880 | 4 397 253 | 4 397 224 | 4 086 126 | 3 734 150 | 3 075 155 | 2 666 929 | 2 246 740 |
| bushels-- | 195 049 717 | 169 749 051 | 161 462 876 | 134 853 388 | 94 724 611 | 97 879 366 | 64 474 337 | 58 440 247 |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms -- | 24 321 | 27 050 | 28 924 | 33 445 | 36 664 | 39 703 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres-- | 686 707 | 720 914 | 731 584 | 857 046 | 852 504 | 833 792 | 1 210 401 | 1 398 789 |
| tons, dry -- | 1 712 613 | 1 892 446 | 1 841 243 | 2 038 362 | 1 831 874 | 1 902 572 | 2 393 638 | 2 510 632 |

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

³Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

⁴Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

⁵Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

⁶Data for 1992 and 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1992, 1987, and 1982.

⁷Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁸Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.