

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 ..	63 278	68 579	73 315	74 171	79 188	86 057	92 440	104 347
Land in farms ----- acres ..	46 672 188	46 628 519	47 052 213	47 499 831	47 945 722	49 390 369	50 271 117	50 152 870
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	738	680	642	640	605	574	544	481
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	343 312	278 047	384 197	322 165	179 454	91 131	66 397	48 084
Average per acre -----dollars ..	463	413	601	498	296	159	122	100
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	3 713 712	3 447 663	3 830 616	3 137 696	2 109 529	1 008 608	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	58 812	50 411	52 304	42 385	28 069	12 124	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 632	3 689	3 547	3 186	2 797	3 460	2 366	2 952
10 to 49 acres -----	6 023	6 222	6 837	5 379	5 127	5 231	6 465	7 610
50 to 179 acres -----	14 221	15 510	16 720	16 971	18 974	19 025	20 796	24 458
180 to 499 acres -----	15 218	16 705	18 693	20 044	23 231	27 334	31 514	39 547
500 to 999 acres -----	10 817	12 093	13 600	14 871	16 047	18 394	19 664	19 710
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	8 809	9 304	9 428	9 501	9 193	9 272	8 518	10 070
2,000 acres or more -----	5 558	5 056	4 490	4 219	3 819	3 241	3 117	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	56 389	61 615	66 481	68 430	74 306	80 455	86 535	97 420
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	31 119 250	31 385 090	30 598 859	29 843 255	29 984 268	31 767 739	29 421 414	29 623 874
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	52 348	57 822	62 860	64 862	70 573	76 110	84 171	94 918
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	8 315 965	6 476 669	6 190 861	4 995 543	3 682 044	1 818 018	1 174 563	1 110 817
Average per farm -----dollars ..	131 420	94 441	84 442	67 352	46 497	21 125	12 706	10 645
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	2 270 577	1 693 609	2 143 047	1 440 843	1 794 548	579 188	448 267	485 902
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	6 045 388	4 783 060	4 047 815	3 554 701	1 886 980	1 238 363	725 635	624 603
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	8 387	9 502	9 637	7 967	10 897	18 268	23 670	25 522
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 618	6 919	6 565	7 897	7 698	12 280	15 622	19 469
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	7 808	9 430	9 183	10 944	11 067	16 699	21 421	26 434
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	12 132	14 070	15 130	17 284				32 673
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	9 387	10 282	11 827	13 426	43 422	37 115	30 962	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	8 277	8 997	10 459	9 687				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	10 174	8 422	9 584	6 324	5 659	1 534		
\$500,000 or more -----	1 495	957	895	604	412	142	748	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	54 952	60 202	64 313	65 380	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	5 686	5 889	6 702	7 092	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	2 222	2 100	1 876	1 478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	418	388	424	221	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	27 788	29 462	30 524	34 255	31 086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	30 776	34 654	35 521	36 256	29 601	43 708	40 865	45 169
200 days or more -----	19 757	21 677	21 306	20 390	16 970	21 147	18 086	17 881
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	39 324	42 607	47 293	49 104	57 633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	23 954	25 972	26 022	25 067	20 722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.2	52.0	50.9	50.7	52.2	51.1	51.3	50.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	6 920 528	5 516 518	(NA)	(NA)	2 678 186	1 531 075	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	3 193 374	2 426 149	1 900 272	1 674 241	738 839	573 566	267 759	231 466
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	1 146 620	887 270	920 415	803 712	602 285	234 254	158 573	102 041
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	280 102	216 166	254 590	252 403	205 830	72 564	44 808	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	284 197	243 568	358 860	207 732	138 140	76 882	72 103	65 801
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	239 629	226 075	153 404	131 444	85 140	53 816	38 399	33 496
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	318 599	314 163	467 054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	161 750	125 003	94 957	68 543	43 071	16 856	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	37 889	40 785	47 008	48 215	54 045	60 299	71 558	81 372
Beef cows ----- farms..	6 066 493	5 539 292	5 800 138	5 930 018	5 590 628	5 753 261	5 149 607	4 324 106
Milk cows ----- farms..	30 308	31 475	36 497	37 856	43 545	(NA)	54 633	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	1 434 017	1 354 649	1 523 697	1 579 322	1 890 367	1 696 614	1 598 226	1 160 221
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	2 165	3 093	4 631	5 691	7 823	12 563	25 990	46 889
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	85 132	96 675	123 009	120 775	149 477	172 099	240 522	316 470
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	37 893	41 498	47 032	49 162	54 803	61 404	70 334	78 843
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	7 699 746	7 310 338	6 519 159	6 756 343	5 104 331	4 711 037	3 920 543	2 810 987
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	5 684	6 768	9 241	13 329	13 065	19 784	24 819	37 615
Chickens 3 months old or older sold ----- farms ..	1 584 048	1 516 878	1 708 770	2 014 541	1 520 269	1 638 904	1 264 346	1 341 300
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	6 089	7 090	9 778	13 794	14 558	21 071	25 088	34 602
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 992 913	2 759 676	3 036 205	3 344 600	2 829 467	2 934 653	2 257 937	1 709 695
Chickens 3 months old or older sold ----- farms..	2 407	4 206	6 044	7 137	9 615	16 211	35 657	62 823
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 926 383	2 094 610	2 093 245	2 796 152	2 728 432	3 889 910	5 068 037	7 705 091
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	80	132	210	220	270	194	10	24
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	88 483	176 061	94 543	259 001	438 326	132 878	82 950	560 189

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 --	9 604	8 944	8 346	10 618	13 300	17 131	23 570	39 223
acres --	1 748 802	1 243 969	1 161 875	1 567 013	1 597 279	1 152 878	988 065	1 674 816
bushels --	258 720 259	144 133 581	130 662 235	154 173 376	126 247 120	90 136 720	44 103 321	69 902 423
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms --	23 820	32 492	26 908	34 778	34 821	40 159	46 959	59 661
acres --	2 957 276	3 399 564	3 187 148	3 664 560	3 238 489	3 167 318	2 878 091	3 835 328
bushels --	222 145 624	228 045 100	192 400 229	176 218 600	132 210 153	178 300 694	92 530 503	123 201 103
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	36 623	38 638	49 231	46 131	55 895	62 204	71 703	83 005
acres --	9 942 149	8 679 588	11 664 008	9 601 848	11 040 335	9 342 569	9 034 093	9 856 222
bushels --	329 082 833	292 999 442	372 590 045	268 457 130	299 416 699	268 780 083	196 896 894	199 604 763
Oats for grain ----- farms --	4 659	5 313	6 644	4 666	(NA)	(NA)	16 744	31 560
acres --	118 788	128 091	168 982	94 399	(NA)	(NA)	295 602	667 153
bushels --	6 024 886	4 775 729	7 799 056	3 483 394	(NA)	(NA)	8 561 555	16 080 168
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	14 743	18 864	17 116	16 254	14 236	15 068	16 909	11 947
acres --	1 669 958	1 878 978	1 692 288	1 480 800	931 135	765 450	618 919	418 193
bushels --	56 854 327	55 789 994	43 042 471	26 436 742	18 634 381	17 124 661	10 948 094	8 715 280
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	32 926	33 964	37 341	39 244	42 504	43 761	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	2 509 904	2 254 082	2 233 631	2 241 288	2 066 168	1 902 475	2 402 209	1 857 502
tons, dry --	5 938 634	5 080 847	5 092 039	4 462 796	4 032 977	4 312 407	4 214 548	3 388 855

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.