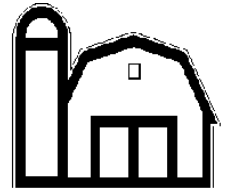


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# Introduction

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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 .....	90 281	92 453	-2.3
Land in farms ----- acres .....	13 665 798	14 012 700	-2.5
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	151	152	-7
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	163 660	135 696	20.6
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	1 077	896	20.2
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	24 918	22 670	9.9
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres -----	10 402	10 648	-2.3
10 to 49 acres -----	21 911	20 707	5.8
50 to 179 acres -----	36 515	38 261	-4.6
180 to 499 acres -----	16 586	17 920	-7.4
500 to 999 acres -----	3 468	3 618	-4.1
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 066	1 052	1.3
2,000 acres or more -----	333	247	34.8
Total cropland ----- farms .....	86 345	88 664	-2.6
Harvested cropland ----- acres .....	8 880 989	8 900 086	-2
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	79 590	83 097	-4.2
----- acres .....	4 417 651	4 250 284	3.9
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	2 120	3 733	-43.2
----- acres .....	27 647	37 693	-26.7
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	2 663 702	2 075 571	28.3
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	29 505	22 450	31.4
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	1 449 823	889 882	62.9
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	1 213 879	1 185 689	2.4
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	17 881	24 380	-26.7
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	14 745	16 421	-10.2
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	17 129	17 620	-2.8
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	20 354	18 078	12.6
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	9 623	7 880	22.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	5 519	4 527	21.9
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	3 474	2 667	30.3
\$250,000 to \$499,999 -----	1 094	631	73.4
\$500,000 or more -----	462	249	85.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	1 828 743	1 485 994	23.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	20 256	16 073	26.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	90 280	92 453	-2.4
----- \$1,000 .....	817 456	579 635	41.0
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	9 055	6 270	44.4
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	40 175	41 451	-3.1
Other -----	50 106	51 002	-1.8
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	51 075	54 464	-6.2
200 days or more -----	36 497	37 893	-3.7
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	52 572	53 626	-2.0
----- number .....	2 503 680	2 343 541	6.8
Beef cows ----- farms .....	42 898	41 396	3.6
----- number .....	1 088 532	967 856	12.5
Milk cows ----- farms .....	4 984	7 002	-28.8
----- number .....	186 089	224 267	-17.0
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	50 174	52 210	-3.9
----- number .....	1 277 661	1 305 423	-2.1
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	4 879	8 242	-40.8
----- number .....	782 408	838 452	-6.7
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	4 345	7 602	-42.8
----- number .....	1 464 686	1 497 306	-2.2
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	1 032	985	4.8
----- number .....	37 729	36 522	3.3
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	3 126	5 989	-47.8
----- number .....	2 637 061	2 103 650	25.4
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	110	73	50.7
----- number .....	27 623 677	2 201 169	1 155.0
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	16 945	25 067	-32.4
----- acres .....	1 166 234	1 048 809	11.2
Corn for silage or green chop ----- bushels .....	145 213 536	104 364 883	39.1
----- farms .....	3 855	5 344	-27.9
----- acres .....	105 077	134 669	-22.0
Wheat for grain ----- tons, green .....	1 733 554	1 962 245	-11.7
----- farms .....	3 881	5 361	-27.6
----- acres .....	326 268	283 742	15.0
Tobacco ----- bushels .....	16 252 236	12 752 191	27.4
----- farms .....	59 373	61 962	-4.2
----- acres .....	268 140	175 957	52.4
Soybeans for beans ----- pounds .....	542 000 404	336 364 307	61.1
----- farms .....	7 185	8 765	-18.0
----- acres .....	1 030 180	1 021 903	.8
----- bushels .....	37 796 827	27 138 451	39.3
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	47 478	51 362	-7.6
----- acres .....	1 837 802	1 796 635	2.3
----- tons, dry .....	3 757 782	3 291 951	14.2

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

## 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]

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Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares .....	10 402	10 648	-2.3
3.85 to 20.04 hectares .....	21 911	20 707	5.8
20.05 to 72.67 hectares .....	36 515	38 261	-4.6
72.68 to 202.22 hectares .....	16 586	17 920	-7.4
202.23 to 404.65 hectares .....	3 468	3 618	-4.1
404.66 to 809.51 hectares .....	1 066	1 052	1.3
809.52 hectares or more .....	333	247	34.8
Total cropland .....	86 345	88 664	-2.6
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Irrigated land .....	79 590	83 097	-4.2
Total cropland .....	1 787 823	1 720 090	3.9
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	2 663 702	2 075 571	28.3
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Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed .....	16 945	25 067	-32.4
hectares .....	471 975	424 453	11.2
metric tons .....	3 688 595	2 650 991	39.1
Corn for silage or green chop .....	3 855	5 344	-27.9
hectares .....	42 525	54 501	-22.0
metric tons .....	1 572 654	1 780 119	-11.7
Wheat for grain .....	3 881	5 361	-27.6
hectares .....	132 041	114 830	15.0
metric tons .....	442 314	347 058	27.4
Tobacco .....	59 373	61 962	-4.2
hectares .....	108 516	71 210	52.4
metric tons .....	245 847	152 572	61.1
Soybeans for beans .....	7 185	8 765	-18.0
hectares .....	416 914	413 564	.8
metric tons .....	1 028 661	738 588	39.3
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	47 478	51 362	-7.6
hectares .....	743 758	727 098	2.3
metric tons .....	3 409 003	2 986 409	14.2

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