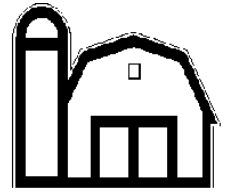


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Introduction

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.

Parish data—Chapter 2 presents selected data items by parish. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all parishes. The parishes are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only parishes reporting the data item. Parishes not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other parishes."

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 (associated relative standard error) 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	25 652	27 350	-6.2
Land in farms ----- acres	7 837 545	8 007 173	-2.1
Average size of farm ----- acres	306	293	4.4
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	291 332	268 630	8.5
Average per acre ----- dollars	972	940	3.4
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	46 299	38 323	20.8
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms	1 934	2 066	-6.4
10 to 49 acres ----- farms	6 895	7 799	-11.6
50 to 179 acres ----- farms	7 891	8 248	-4.3
180 to 499 acres ----- farms	4 553	4 811	-5.4
500 to 999 acres ----- farms	2 471	2 602	-5.0
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms	1 345	1 279	5.2
2,000 acres or more ----- farms	563	545	3.3
Total cropland ----- farms	21 777	23 273	-6.4
Harvested cropland ----- acres	5 552 733	5 562 736	-2
Irrigated land ----- farms	17 171	18 644	-7.9
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000	1 607 511	1 340 162	19.9
Average per farm ----- dollars	62 666	49 000	27.9
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000	1 111 346	929 858	19.5
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000	496 165	410 304	20.9
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms	8 008	9 283	-13.7
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms	3 664	4 021	-8.9
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms	3 407	3 448	-1.2
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms	3 149	3 050	3.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms	1 593	1 776	-10.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms	1 670	2 063	-19.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms	2 401	2 396	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms	1 144	927	23.4
\$500,000 or more ----- farms	616	386	59.6
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000	1 309 012	1 022 931	28.0
Average per farm ----- dollars	51 026	37 400	36.4
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ ----- farms	25 654	27 353	-6.2
Average per farm ----- \$1,000	268 077	288 943	-7.2
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms	12 931	13 496	-4.2
Other ----- farms	12 721	13 854	-8.2
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms	13 024	14 388	-9.5
200 days or more ----- farms	8 594	9 202	-6.6
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms	15 036	16 033	-6.2
Beef cows ----- number	844 260	813 295	3.8
Milk cows ----- farms	13 112	13 551	-3.2
Cattle and calves sold ----- number	441 725	422 604	4.5
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms	1 279	1 581	-19.1
Hogs and pigs sold ----- number	78 976	83 381	-5.3
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms	14 131	15 248	-7.3
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- number	375 903	402 235	-6.5
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms	844	1 262	-33.1
Selected crops harvested:			
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms	37 519	51 857	-27.6
Wheat for grain ----- farms	534	807	-33.8
Rice ----- farms	57 244	72 940	-21.5
Cotton ----- farms	468	631	-25.8
Soybeans for beans ----- farms	9 244	11 520	-19.8
Sugarcane for sugar ----- farms	1 344	2 382	-43.6
Hay ----- farms	2 111 789	1 504 057	40.4
Selected crops harvested:			
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- acres	1 313	312	3
Wheat for grain ----- bushels	115 258 369	96 147 369	19.9
Rice ----- bushels	875	800	9.4
Cotton ----- acres	179 376	122 030	47.0
Soybeans for beans ----- bushels	11 723 104	7 226 766	62.2
Sugarcane for sugar ----- bushels	682	1 067	-36.1
Hay ----- acres	119 304	151 251	-21.1
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- acres	4 432 764	4 654 627	-4.8
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- cwt	2 197	2 273	-3.3
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- tons	589 752	417 411	41.3
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	26 906 404	17 970 394	49.7
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	2 599	2 675	-2.8
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	827 792	590 257	40.2
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	1 219 599	921 867	32.3
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	3 903	5 017	-22.2
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	1 112 815	1 540 372	-27.8
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	33 360 521	40 524 474	-17.7
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	755	687	9.9
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	356 349	264 466	34.7
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	9 131 174	6 877 798	32.8
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	8 956	9 531	-6.0
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	383 292	343 054	11.7
Alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- bales	851 288	717 887	18.6

¹Data 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]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms number	25 652	27 350	-6.2
Land in farms hectares	3 171 854	3 240 503	-2.1
Average size of farm hectares	124	118	5.1
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm dollars	291 332	268 630	8.5
Average per hectare dollars	972	940	3.4
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm dollars	46 299	38 323	20.8
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares	1 934	2 066	-6.4
3.85 to 20.04 hectares	6 895	7 799	-11.6
20.05 to 72.67 hectares	7 891	8 248	-4.3
72.68 to 202.22 hectares	4 553	4 811	-5.4
202.23 to 404.65 hectares	2 471	2 602	-5.0
404.66 to 809.51 hectares	1 345	1 279	5.2
809.52 hectares or more	563	545	3.3
Total cropland farms	21 777	23 273	-6.4
..... hectares	2 247 191	2 251 239	-2
Harvested cropland farms	17 171	18 644	-7.9
..... hectares	1 542 186	1 456 790	5.9
Irrigated land farms	4 064	3 929	3.4
..... hectares	363 275	261 710	38.8
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000	1 607 511	1 340 162	19.9
Average per farm dollars	62 666	49 000	27.9
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1 111 346	929 858	19.5
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\$50,000 to \$99,999	1 670	2 063	-19.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2 401	2 396	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1 144	927	23.4
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Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	1 309 012	1 022 931	28.0
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Average per farm dollars	10 450	10 563	-1.1
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	12 931	13 496	-4.2
Other	12 721	13 854	-8.2
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any	13 024	14 388	-9.5
200 days or more	8 594	9 202	-6.6
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory farms	15 036	16 033	-6.2
..... number	844 260	813 295	3.8
Beef cows farms	13 112	13 551	-3.2
..... number	441 725	422 604	4.5
Milk cows farms	1 279	1 581	-19.1
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Chickens 3 months old or older inventory farms	1 344	2 382	-43.6
..... number	2 111 789	1 504 057	40.4
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	313	312	3
..... number	115 258 369	96 147 369	19.9
Selected crops harvested:			
Sorghum for grain or seed farms	875	800	9.4
..... hectares	72 593	49 386	47.0
..... metric tons	297 781	183 568	62.2
Wheat for grain farms	682	1 067	-36.1
..... hectares	48 282	61 211	-21.1
..... metric tons	120 640	126 678	-4.8
Rice farms	2 197	2 273	-3.3
..... hectares	238 673	168 926	41.3
..... metric tons	1 220 454	815 124	49.7
Cotton farms	2 599	2 675	-2.8
..... hectares	335 007	238 877	40.2
..... metric tons	265 536	200 713	32.3
Soybeans for beans farms	3 903	5 017	-22.2
..... hectares	450 356	623 389	-27.8
..... metric tons	907 925	1 102 896	-17.7
Sugarcane for sugar farms	755	687	9.9
..... hectares	144 214	107 029	34.7
..... metric tons	8 283 664	6 239 435	32.8
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms	8 956	9 531	-6.0
..... hectares	155 118	138 834	11.7
..... metric tons	772 276	651 256	18.6

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