

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 ..	25 652	27 350	31 628	31 370	33 240	42 269	62 466	74 438
Land in farms ----- acres ..	7 837 545	8 007 173	8 928 827	9 295 029	9 133 275	9 788 662	10 411 045	10 347 328
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	306	293	282	296	275	232	167	139
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	291 332	268 630	381 817	290 454	140 754	74 414	38 636	23 719
Average per acre -----dollars ..	972	940	1 351	981	512	321	233	171
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 186 601	1 046 373	1 373 382	1 195 087	713 650	429 634	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	46 299	38 323	43 528	38 217	23 037	10 757	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 934	2 066	2 461	1 698	1 709	2 033	4 806	7 900
10 to 49 acres -----	6 895	7 799	9 411	8 416	9 233	13 610	27 083	33 750
50 to 179 acres -----	7 891	8 248	9 565	10 322	11 849	14 837	19 592	22 175
180 to 499 acres -----	4 553	4 811	5 632	6 163	6 216	7 359	7 053	6 898
500 to 999 acres -----	2 471	2 602	2 617	2 798	2 397	2 709	2 275	2 189
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 345	1 279	1 343	1 383	1 242	1 185	1 059	1 526
2,000 acres or more -----	563	545	599	590	594	536	598	598
Total cropland ----- farms ..	21 777	23 273	27 424	28 351	30 067	37 921	50 000	62 428
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	5 552 733	5 562 736	6 093 474	6 343 637	5 590 488	5 842 350	4 864 431	4 907 080
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	17 171	18 644	21 991	23 528	23 525	29 210	41 419	52 490
Acres -----	3 810 690	3 599 678	4 699 323	4 838 520	3 628 199	3 443 108	2 672 631	2 425 936
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	1 607 511	1 340 162	1 406 458	1 211 920	1 193 722	496 406	406 794	334 908
Average per farm -----dollars ..	62 666	49 000	44 469	38 633	35 912	11 473	6 512	4 499
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 111 346	929 858	994 976	839 265	927 246	295 920	278 915	213 032
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	496 165	410 304	411 482	372 655	260 305	197 018	124 005	118 555
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	8 008	9 283	12 209	10 208	15 382	23 077	42 776	52 628
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	3 664	4 021	4 384	4 785	3 359	5 074	6 168	9 204
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	3 407	3 448	3 515	3 884	2 932	4 170	4 403	5 342
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	3 149	3 050	3 112	3 742	8 492	9 220	8 649	7 159
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	1 593	1 776	2 043	2 672	2 755	662	438	---
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	1 670	2 063	2 387	2 670	2 755	662	438	---
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 545	3 323	3 582	3 138	280	32	---	---
\$500,000 or more -----	616	386	356	224	280	32	---	---
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	22 310	24 322	28 255	27 813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 032	1 926	2 402	2 643	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 105	905	724	748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	205	197	247	166	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	10 555	11 078	10 888	12 434	11 283	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	13 024	14 388	17 721	17 290	15 564	23 387	30 911	37 384
200 days or more -----	8 594	9 202	11 312	11 281	10 129	13 941	20 254	23 497
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	12 931	13 496	14 629	15 283	17 967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	12 721	13 854	16 999	16 087	14 703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.5	52.0	50.5	50.4	51.7	51.4	52.1	50.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 309 012	1 022 931	(NA)	(NA)	738 916	422 827	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	63 257	55 167	64 469	57 480	47 653	35 994	18 182	21 271
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	171 376	135 012	169 501	140 153	116 567	68 723	53 406	42 768
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	121 097	86 079	95 050	81 354	71 007	32 799	23 793	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	91 578	74 326	122 494	77 103	46 347	30 745	24 678	19 544
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	146 667	121 984	107 345	101 312	79 639	59 485	46 237	40 039
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	70 931	72 918	133 823	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	170 327	112 347	117 109	76 231	47 717	22 500	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	15 036	16 033	20 049	19 532	23 482	29 647	52 147	60 609
number -----	844 260	813 295	1 003 833	1 052 216	1 515 509	1 417 300	1 866 859	1 655 869
Beef cows ----- farms..	13 112	13 551	16 936	16 869	17 801	(NA)	39 834	(NA)
number -----	441 725	422 604	480 918	523 342	746 592	680 192	957 241	804 789
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 279	1 581	2 652	3 134	5 181	9 029	24 332	39 963
number -----	78 976	83 381	100 159	112 316	125 302	138 333	187 102	205 433
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	14 131	15 248	17 994	18 823	22 077	25 802	36 164	45 479
number -----	375 903	402 235	434 781	539 157	583 538	681 745	646 875	614 652
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	844	1 262	2 188	3 047	3 335	6 908	17 810	35 709
number -----	37 519	51 857	55 657	73 475	72 365	122 438	180 667	352 716
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	534	807	1 259	1 877	1 591	3 768	4 782	14 447
number -----	57 244	72 940	71 260	92 607	108 316	155 970	160 426	235 975
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	1 344	2 382	3 891	4 429	5 856	10 268	32 694	52 491
number -----	2 111 789	1 504 057	2 679 741	3 875 182	3 657 907	4 476 114	3 865 939	3 624 005
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	313	312	379	336	352	353	410	447
number -----	115 258 369	96 147 369	91 851 892	62 414 721	44 248 794	37 836 499	27 980 166	15 778 571

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 --	1 452	1 663	1 506	2 376	3 920	7 611	18 704	32 686
acres--	269 642	189 772	33 792	34 668	43 937	111 390	189 483	362 639
bushels--	31 066 973	19 097 307	2 769 934	1 991 356	2 069 625	4 077 434	5 832 915	11 096 610
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	682	1 067	1 962	132	170	334	845	513
acres--	119 304	151 251	379 289	13 030	15 092	23 878	62 628	32 461
bushels--	4 432 764	4 654 627	13 515 660	400 487	372 834	564 412	1 568 876	709 068
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	3 903	5 017	8 047	9 777	7 180	8 224	5 075	3 647
acres--	1 112 815	1 540 372	2 638 249	2 969 049	1 608 070	1 490 089	446 728	189 014
bushels--	33 360 521	40 524 474	67 702 197	74 258 151	42 871 889	30 337 683	8 942 449	4 326 633
Rice ----- farms--	2 197	2 273	2 508	2 690	(NA)	(NA)	3 290	3 605
acres--	589 752	417 411	572 919	599 432	(NA)	(NA)	513 571	466 516
cwt--	26 906 404	17 970 394	23 487 541	22 442 049	(NA)	(NA)	17 550 800	13 566 350
Cotton----- farms--	2 599	2 675	2 371	2 531	4 486	10 281	16 184	24 374
acres--	827 792	590 257	562 581	510 107	584 816	453 805	511 219	481 414
bales--	1 219 599	921 867	788 360	470 675	519 427	516 087	570 640	479 298
Sugarcane for sugar ----- farms --	755	687	709	1 013	(NA)	(NA)	1 939	2 286
acres--	356 349	264 466	251 237	297 361	(NA)	(NA)	318 177	251 284
tons--	9 131 174	6 877 798	7 572 128	6 808 988	(NA)	(NA)	7 404 472	5 420 425

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.