

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 ..	5 776	6 269	7 003	6 775	6 436	7 971	12 875	17 360
Land in farms ----- acres ..	1 258 297	1 342 588	1 468 674	1 500 390	1 523 696	1 759 700	2 590 022	3 081 987
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	218	214	210	221	237	221	201	178
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	241 816	210 777	150 487	118 027	80 656	35 496	19 979	14 756
Average per acre -----dollars ..	1 130	962	708	521	341	161	100	83
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	263 791	240 068	236 527	206 739	141 550	90 020	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	45 757	38 325	33 916	30 542	22 673	11 639	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	465	419	379	358	305	368	619	796
10 to 49 acres -----	1 024	1 029	1 139	881	728	948	1 858	2 711
50 to 179 acres -----	2 174	2 453	2 824	2 711	2 554	3 274	5 820	8 280
180 to 499 acres -----	1 513	1 758	2 018	2 155	2 182	2 667	3 595	4 605
500 to 999 acres -----	448	474	505	539	509	570	764	763
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	120	106	108	105	130	119	161	205
2,000 acres or more -----	32	30	30	26	28	25	58	205
Total cropland ----- farms ..	5 495	5 919	6 591	6 402	6 032	7 253	12 020	16 329
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	559 424	592 309	610 691	650 356	641 940	706 769	894 206	1 077 670
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	5 141	5 486	6 138	6 064	5 631	6 519	11 007	15 195
acres -----	399 755	410 891	457 076	463 029	449 901	457 935	594 434	698 188
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	430 324	405 484	399 412	393 869	359 612	198 181	255 931	171 318
Average per farm -----dollars ..	74 502	64 681	57 034	58 136	55 875	24 862	19 878	9 869
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	215 995	157 828	142 834	106 752	132 582	63 894	138 268	64 920
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	214 329	247 656	256 578	287 117	224 145	132 772	111 956	100 836
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	1 690	2 059	2 549	2 090	1 957	2 976	5 966	8 208
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	775	870	914	836	513	548	966	1 714
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	786	719	664	627	511	720	1 040	2 099
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	732	700	644	790	756	3 342	4 443	5 293
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	441	466	571	576	2 607	3 342	4 443	5 293
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	449	553	745	765	796	356	439	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	794	809	829	825	77	15	—	—
\$500,000 or more -----	109	93	82	77	38	—	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	5 063	5 594	6 317	6 078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	325	350	384	426	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	352	300	272	244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	36	25	30	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	2 331	2 275	2 609	2 842	2 458	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	3 144	3 653	3 932	3 659	2 743	4 315	7 031	9 555
200 days or more -----	1 857	2 253	2 467	2 115	1 579	2 219	4 041	5 798
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	2 981	3 220	3 644	3 908	4 130	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	2 795	3 049	3 359	2 867	2 144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.0	51.7	49.8	49.7	51.5	51.5	52.4	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	351 076	324 276	(NA)	(NA)	293 191	175 957	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	18 658	21 876	20 717	34 845	22 851	16 882	12 610	10 905
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	70 781	94 386	100 879	140 499	115 882	62 681	56 129	50 730
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	18 543	16 437	18 719	17 456	18 968	10 475	9 501	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	15 276	12 827	18 739	13 885	9 268	6 169	6 098	5 584
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	61 086	51 613	44 906	39 420	31 435	23 295	22 218	21 735
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	14 775	15 455	18 511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	16 197	11 996	9 865	8 603	6 603	4 029	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	2 110	2 637	3 652	3 246	3 250	3 389	7 014	10 500
number -----	104 511	119 475	141 206	129 250	137 366	127 018	157 594	186 216
Beef cows ----- farms..	1 098	1 331	1 811	1 394	1 281	(NA)	1 295	(NA)
number -----	11 412	11 782	13 242	10 572	11 151	9 104	9 167	7 899
Milk cows ----- farms..	836	1 183	1 784	1 837	2 034	2 246	5 414	8 926
number -----	42 737	49 815	57 173	56 633	61 293	56 736	75 582	89 290
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	1 831	2 366	3 030	2 796	2 716	2 904	5 396	7 741
number -----	40 873	50 357	52 363	61 349	58 771	54 500	84 239	82 972
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	377	421	804	809	769	609	1 662	4 134
number -----	4 768	8 999	8 586	7 788	6 480	7 350	13 117	24 646
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	258	295	450	409	324	288	566	858
number -----	9 308	13 905	12 067	9 565	7 844	9 257	15 667	24 130
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	562	719	1 015	902	805	1 011	2 534	5 773
number -----	5 200 911	6 999 685	7 232 235	9 015 115	9 861 717	7 373 553	4 795 565	4 480 993
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	74	95	145	337	387	554	911	1 102
number -----	638 163	13 679 943	20 061 324	69 135 035	64 457 259	59 906 919	59 018 598	49 863 080

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	46	80	126	105	95	34	23	57
acres --	2 739	5 342	8 020	5 542	4 625	1 139	170	198
bushels --	266 755	485 087	647 910	374 766	317 988	102 557	11 265	9 388
Oats for grain ----- farms --	320	535	679	763	(NA)	(NA)	1 504	2 483
acres --	24 277	35 548	40 971	40 224	(NA)	(NA)	38 046	51 811
bushels --	2 014 920	2 728 024	2 514 472	2 548 583	(NA)	(NA)	2 009 296	2 350 822
Irish potatoes ----- farms --	770	839	1 134	1 287	1 575	(NA)	4 052	5 818
acres --	87 650	83 261	99 251	114 904	136 963	(NA)	130 707	133 349
cwt --	25 008 230	22 412 030	24 556 322	24 933 225	33 873 341	(NA)	35 251 148	31 969 052
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	3 119	3 672	4 290	4 124	3 634	4 041	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	214 129	221 675	241 490	236 567	209 869	208 162	367 496	451 067
tons, dry --	332 197	393 393	414 555	367 396	340 581	333 701	457 226	563 121
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms --	582	509	535	559	572	644	932	1 392
acres --	10 251	9 727	11 278	11 044	9 382	13 188	17 491	14 701

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.

⁹Data for 1974 were from land area used.