

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 ..	13 037	14 776	16 183	15 540	15 163	17 181	20 760	25 122
Land in farms ----- acres ..	2 223 476	2 396 629	2 557 728	2 614 439	2 634 395	2 803 442	3 180 696	3 456 769
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	171	162	158	168	174	163	153	138
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	503 828	366 788	332 301	298 920	184 079	104 370	64 999	39 095
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	2 911	2 261	2 121	1 719	1 060	640	422	284
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	657 587	657 693	660 519	497 402	328 574	167 938	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	50 564	44 656	40 853	32 107	22 568	10 156	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 560	1 838	2 015	1 747	1 505	1 572	2 006	2 623
10 to 49 acres -----	3 979	4 400	4 822	3 947	3 399	3 733	4 684	6 008
50 to 179 acres -----	4 254	4 885	5 263	5 430	5 797	6 931	8 357	10 301
180 to 499 acres -----	2 252	2 591	2 978	3 346	3 461	4 003	4 744	5 313
500 to 999 acres -----	641	712	789	781	716	724	783	716
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	266	284	252	230	228	177	144	161
2,000 acres or more -----	85	66	64	59	57	41	42	42
Total cropland ----- farms ..	11 605	13 200	14 719	14 384	14 058	15 797	19 553	23 076
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	1 663 907	1 744 891	1 799 220	1 809 726	1 775 576	1 819 082	1 866 212	1 951 110
----- acres ..	10 447	11 960	13 672	13 663	14 454	14 454	18 685	21 881
----- acres ..	1 397 069	1 346 913	1 528 994	1 477 316	1 438 842	1 301 450	1 420 692	1 455 921
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	1 063	1 074	845	616	499	536	467	328
----- acres ..	56 913	50 762	38 556	28 467	22 629	21 501	15 996	11 174
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	1 169 331	989 061	1 029 244	784 559	619 947	339 597	275 904	231 136
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	89 693	66 937	63 600	50 486	40 886	19 765	13 290	9 201
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	388 143	253 056	339 430	267 125	255 595	100 352	91 231	73 119
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	781 188	736 006	689 815	517 434	362 976	237 629	182 402	156 053
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	3 165	4 165	3 891	3 137	3 739	5 967	7 916	10 475
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	1 642	1 948	2 123	2 143	1 631	2 156	2 843	3 535
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	1 698	1 881	2 044	2 247	1 916	2 298	2 996	4 064
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	1 822	2 012	2 388	2 496	2 496	2 496	2 496	6 997
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	1 096	1 100	1 451	1 610	6 248	6 192	6 723	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	904	1 084	1 504	1 713	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	2 229	2 306	2 525	2 047	1 538	540	261	—
\$500,000 or more -----	481	280	239	134	74	13	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	11 129	12 738	14 040	13 423	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	1 114	1 323	1 544	1 541	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	709	619	519	497	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	85	96	80	79	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	5 440	5 766	6 255	6 508	5 551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	6 745	7 985	8 682	8 278	6 721	9 083	9 814	11 784
200 days or more -----	4 563	5 504	5 875	5 411	4 477	5 698	5 929	7 067
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	6 980	7 882	8 740	8 711	9 162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	6 057	6 894	7 443	6 829	5 672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.9	52.7	51.5	51.3	52.3	51.5	51.8	51.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	974 511	851 440	(NA)	(NA)	487 928	278 715	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	126 429	102 147	98 291	73 248	62 948	36 109	26 062	24 067
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	299 426	300 284	275 819	214 291	159 073	89 012	74 873	62 089
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	59 352	50 516	72 146	51 748	46 601	19 665	18 872	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	33 278	30 365	45 329	28 140	19 066	11 820	12 169	10 688
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	93 631	81 230	68 545	52 667	36 508	27 263	24 623	26 921
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	42 938	40 272	58 509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	34 930	26 447	27 401	18 983	12 766	5 320	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	4 978	5 780	7 002	6 608	7 219	7 985	11 619	15 579
----- number..	283 167	308 052	355 418	328 598	380 160	363 142	415 208	475 995
Beef cows ----- farms..	2 921	3 185	3 736	3 297	3 651	(NA)	4 071	(NA)
----- number..	51 676	48 454	52 151	47 821	62 977	50 812	50 393	48 376
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 329	1 694	2 218	2 429	3 066	3 940	6 940	11 093
----- number..	94 751	110 463	128 183	124 321	136 709	138 652	175 315	198 069
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	4 545	5 368	6 245	6 172	6 609	7 483	10 152	13 586
----- number..	133 633	154 540	164 982	184 855	167 523	198 068	250 821	237 449
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	910	1 322	1 861	2 424	2 528	3 326	5 946	11 468
----- number..	145 519	197 214	179 149	183 685	150 608	167 451	150 744	216 595
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	843	1 265	1 625	2 188	2 159	3 080	3 625	6 697
----- number..	289 149	372 470	335 333	301 650	240 631	287 872	245 818	222 446
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	839	1 337	1 926	2 013	2 235	2 652	6 959	14 073
----- number..	4 268 626	4 060 760	4 404 290	1 842 747	1 686 307	1 995 975	1 982 681	2 093 034
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 109	1 381	1 378	1 446	1 365	1 451	1 512	1 652
----- number..	257 209 663	257 070 110	235 112 072	196 068 244	154 577 738	151 198 410	116 253 756	80 823 000

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	4 631	5 608	7 281	7 789	8 069	8 622	11 339	16 057
acres--	454 083	432 409	620 198	575 652	519 683	466 709	394 344	398 318
bushels--	52 596 358	31 941 714	62 845 256	55 103 713	44 736 782	37 976 521	26 204 724	21 580 372
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	2 774	3 112	3 153	2 542	4 001	4 246	6 150	7 846
acres--	188 122	146 081	138 204	72 531	131 951	96 757	129 993	150 287
bushels--	10 233 795	6 766 273	5 635 641	2 589 489	5 009 981	3 873 837	3 879 032	3 708 867
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	3 663	3 697	3 965	3 751	3 705	3 170	3 845	4 417
acres--	503 181	405 170	413 137	371 644	334 389	200 169	213 021	183 393
bushels--	16 226 822	9 352 369	11 290 198	11 434 269	9 307 233	5 941 113	3 068 652	4 439 382
Tobacco ----- farms --	951	1 357	2 489	2 451	2 463	2 738	4 161	4 384
acres--	8 470	10 780	24 840	21 260	20 459	23 737	37 214	39 608
pounds--	11 794 382	13 751 729	32 280 276	25 954 144	24 050 946	24 770 979	35 636 625	32 567 804
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	5 532	6 619	6 709	6 966	6 761	7 343	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	222 184	255 676	229 046	255 913	234 233	240 672	365 908	408 493
tons, dry --	545 526	593 854	533 939	587 186	541 248	507 361	596 148	768 810
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	1 167	1 184	1 403	1 440	1 489	1 865	2 486	3 565
acres--	36 313	38 238	38 331	50 832	51 525	66 834	76 047	82 065

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.