

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 ..	75 079	85 079	94 382	98 671	98 537	110 747	131 163	145 662
Land in farms ----- acres ..	25 666 944	26 573 819	27 708 456	28 459 790	27 605 228	28 785 240	30 804 980	30 796 097
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	342	312	294	288	280	260	235	211
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	310 612	218 808	342 593	261 096	120 311	58 714	39 075	32 605
Average per acre -----dollars ..	910	700	1 165	898	429	226	166	154
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	5 239 930	4 736 828	5 719 009	4 578 958	2 772 939	1 346 881	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	69 859	55 741	60 671	46 432	29 042	12 349	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	3 517	4 613	4 547	3 472	2 652	2 983	2 433	2 925
10 to 49 acres -----	8 927	9 481	10 461	8 775	6 846	6 459	8 237	10 128
50 to 179 acres -----	20 967	24 947	29 258	32 267	34 443	40 973	52 544	63 776
180 to 499 acres -----	26 395	30 963	35 897	40 461	42 356	49 482	58 948	62 223
500 to 999 acres -----	10 497	10 814	10 602	10 593	9 637	8 915	7 737	5 773
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	3 913	3 619	2 935	2 529	2 160	1 630	1 084	837
2,000 acres or more -----	863	642	682	574	443	305	180	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	69 866	79 461	88 399	94 255	95 160	106 665	127 259	140 444
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	21 387 063	21 876 066	22 189 292	22 577 389	21 320 870	22 260 500	22 243 431	21 930 152
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	66 549	76 537	85 948	92 257	92 776	102 876	124 424	137 204
Acres -----	18 201 061	16 635 264	19 722 645	19 122 640	17 896 490	15 649 057	17 514 799	18 917 911
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	6 477 004	5 676 376	5 939 629	4 523 148	3 469 923	1 747 892	1 375 606	1 211 750
Average per farm -----dollars ..	86 269	66 719	62 932	45 841	35 214	15 782	10 488	8 319
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	3 054 747	2 500 827	2 671 482	2 075 014	1 757 546	558 568	468 725	371 890
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	3 422 257	3 175 549	3 268 146	2 448 134	1 710 584	1 187 951	903 763	837 066
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 725	11 915	11 987	11 852	13 625	22 556	30 064	34 523
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 387	6 509	6 764	8 209	7 564	13 282	20 968	28 223
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	7 028	8 293	8 655	10 827	12 068	20 976	33 872	44 546
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	11 187	13 588	15 430	19 619				38 261
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	10 168	12 983	16 203	20 122	59 098	52 676	45 695	--
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	12 482	15 385	18 286	18 069				--
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	17 774	15 546	16 262	9 543	5 921	1 182		--
\$500,000 or more -----	1 328	860	785	412	239	47	537	--
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	66 068	75 105	83 010	87 652	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	6 800	7 952	9 530	9 458	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 982	1 755	1 582	1 396	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	229	267	260	165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	35 995	40 625	44 804	49 144	43 722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	33 932	39 567	40 289	43 387	32 260	49 805	48 383	51 530
200 days or more -----	19 826	22 006	21 334	22 745	17 183	22 503	17 867	17 126
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	51 021	58 519	67 742	71 086	77 635	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	24 058	26 560	26 640	27 585	20 058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	49.6	48.5	47.2	47.7	49.8	49.2	48.9	48.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	5 244 708	4 427 445	(NA)	(NA)	2 365 111	1 368 547	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	607 096	541 852	557 597	478 298	316 383	237 344	148 861	142 103
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	919 271	747 728	711 701	496 206	415 271	234 705	207 382	211 875
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	405 097	328 661	374 854	317 597	256 096	84 911	54 868	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	298 913	249 831	424 167	219 952	150 199	91 008	87 998	78 599
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	261 649	244 055	207 615	158 571	90 350	60 020	43 872	42 435
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	449 417	446 200	712 786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	301 155	218 630	224 044	123 394	73 083	28 385	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	34 501	40 222	51 589	54 088	61 811	71 366	100 386	113 028
number -----	2 543 373	2 700 095	3 377 956	3 271 602	3 665 505	3 632 990	4 281 480	3 597 799
Beef cows ----- farms..	15 101	15 528	20 435	21 997	26 342	(NA)	28 170	(NA)
number -----	381 869	360 153	467 732	490 976	657 260	513 923	411 090	250 771
Milk cows ----- farms..	13 380	17 454	24 178	25 911	32 227	42 442	70 303	90 518
number -----	609 034	709 832	839 302	766 494	827 699	894 405	1 236 983	1 215 696
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	33 852	39 972	50 186	53 369	60 460	72 157	97 980	106 836
number -----	1 388 581	1 474 577	1 759 452	1 850 780	1 804 408	2 099 605	2 205 472	1 801 729
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	13 125	16 042	20 813	25 703	27 538	37 495	55 455	84 248
number -----	4 668 590	4 236 500	4 473 181	4 089 987	2 991 801	3 295 731	3 396 494	4 706 532
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	13 749	16 652	21 802	26 253	29 584	39 058	54 549	75 920
number -----	9 141 699	8 073 029	8 007 312	6 624 072	5 398 595	5 488 114	5 810 108	5 971 188
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	2 310	4 003	6 468	8 555	12 507	19 565	47 904	86 067
number -----	14 324 989	12 124 965	12 928 376	11 697 301	9 751 990	11 110 929	14 648 678	22 190 474
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	679	1 000	1 411	1 485	1 516	669	163	164
number -----	36 828 542	27 356 247	22 556 750	11 253 054	6 057 267	8 917 267	8 320 064	3 969 868

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	42 961	51 355	57 612	62 696	60 791	66 738	83 677	103 995
acres--	6 123 731	4 756 348	5 904 579	5 777 316	5 122 623	3 830 004	4 365 263	5 920 052
bushels--	669 550 546	567 384 166	610 113 278	569 665 483	320 003 959	329 550 806	248 509 144	296 391 285
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	12 753	20 238	21 070	23 577	27 264	24 927	30 204	(NA)
acres--	2 609 161	2 444 294	2 972 376	2 479 152	2 586 938	829 809	939 410	946 673
bushels--	126 255 763	97 967 169	111 500 972	80 968 259	74 728 537	24 770 473	21 133 273	21 535 651
Oats for grain ----- farms --	16 658	25 984	38 907	47 103	(NA)	(NA)	87 757	107 204
acres--	465 846	730 864	1 290 191	1 665 246	(NA)	(NA)	3 043 468	3 568 372
bushels--	29 142 473	39 554 088	78 684 380	89 529 688	(NA)	(NA)	135 362 127	157 080 385
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	33 581	36 348	38 867	39 129	41 009	43 372	58 785	57 865
acres--	5 078 066	4 384 981	4 501 543	3 730 704	3 323 124	2 664 288	2 780 559	2 187 133
bushels--	162 137 215	166 025 760	151 240 357	122 566 278	73 735 439	65 148 454	55 052 307	41 379 627
Sunflower seed ----- farms --	1 131	683	2 747	3 020	(NA)	(NA)	268	87
acres--	202 025	82 278	467 408	598 062	(NA)	(NA)	15 377	2 978
pounds--	278 550 934	117 623 254	516 667 385	845 914 201	(NA)	(NA)	10 522 288	2 805 632
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	38 336	46 531	53 227	59 708	64 244	73 134	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	2 098 145	2 418 800	2 504 795	2 712 400	2 772 029	2 726 569	3 540 771	3 433 635
tons, dry--	5 082 391	5 920 884	6 623 748	7 292 173	6 512 436	6 907 951	6 856 348	6 404 474

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.