

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 ..	31 998	34 074	42 415	44 104	53 620	72 577	109 141	138 142
Land in farms ----- acres ..	10 188 362	10 746 190	12 421 651	13 210 879	14 300 498	16 039 665	17 751 607	18 630 263
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	318	315	293	300	267	221	163	135
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	248 479	215 209	257 819	200 646	101 102	51 611	24 322	14 292
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	777	697	894	673	379	234	150	106
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 294 742	1 187 399	1 485 514	1 318 947	876 988	540 376	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	40 616	34 900	35 083	29 953	17 432	8 053	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 122	1 387	1 627	1 396	1 699	2 842	6 689	10 674
10 to 49 acres -----	5 796	6 240	8 674	7 918	10 351	17 060	38 623	54 372
50 to 179 acres -----	12 797	13 506	17 342	18 644	24 116	32 330	42 646	51 154
180 to 499 acres -----	7 606	7 789	9 031	10 042	11 253	13 814	14 668	15 762
500 to 999 acres -----	2 524	2 884	3 100	3 354	3 393	3 773	3 867	3 730
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 365	1 445	1 739	1 785	1 870	1 864	1 770	2 450
2,000 acres or more -----	788	823	902	965	938	894	878	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	27 625	29 785	37 476	40 373	49 530	66 853	96 998	127 215
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	6 518 288	6 747 639	7 745 113	8 119 065	8 039 574	8 189 006	6 565 301	7 092 678
----- acres ..	22 245	24 305	31 122	34 189	40 007	53 266	88 229	118 176
----- acres ..	4 404 612	4 272 651	5 799 772	5 848 897	4 793 365	4 751 591	4 400 143	4 564 307
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 127	2 012	1 462	1 139	673	987	857	790
----- acres ..	882 976	636 842	430 901	308 694	161 611	149 920	123 398	99 686
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	2 336 737	1 862 903	1 918 486	1 663 830	1 229 033	685 178	724 031	565 501
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	73 028	54 672	45 231	37 725	22 921	9 440	6 634	4 094
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 146 450	913 913	1 122 471	947 397	716 676	306 758	469 277	347 925
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 190 287	948 989	796 015	716 433	496 986	369 687	247 345	208 701
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 860	11 109	16 384	15 578	28 619	46 590	73 083	97 908
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 417	5 985	6 911	7 748	6 527	8 922	16 336	22 176
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	5 049	5 012	5 445	6 310	5 278	5 935	8 468	9 058
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	4 119	4 070	4 377	4 973				8 923
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	1 681	1 771	2 308	2 661	10 138	9 965	10 014	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	1 248	1 710	2 148	2 499				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 489	3 723	4 185	3 892	2 811	1 091		
\$500,000 or more -----	1 135	694	635	416	215	46	1 213	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	28 263	30 326	38 255	39 516	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 754	2 770	3 046	3 522	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	850	823	886	922	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	131	155	228	144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	12 246	12 581	14 255	15 823	17 272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	17 241	19 421	24 263	25 855	26 923	41 342	52 060	64 634
200 days or more -----	12 119	13 518	16 747	17 739	18 263	24 132	28 998	31 740
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	14 463	15 111	18 236	19 523	26 681	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	17 535	18 963	24 179	24 581	26 347	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	55.3	53.8	52.5	51.8	53.6	54.1	52.8	51.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 954 337	1 465 201	(NA)	(NA)	1 031 529	650 977	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	170 363	138 882	134 197	112 632	91 230	73 222	42 947	35 676
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	458 354	328 167	288 860	302 415	255 841	144 482	115 176	76 418
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	124 296	90 795	114 525	99 915	84 572	44 746	41 119	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	101 058	86 016	142 899	90 845	59 344	41 320	36 105	29 651
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	168 464	142 341	137 400	129 264	91 583	79 064	62 638	56 048
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	97 991	90 636	163 851	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	216 262	130 399	140 183	112 975	75 877	40 684	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	21 070	22 482	29 407	30 446	40 583	50 796	83 415	100 351
----- number..	1 152 331	1 147 219	1 488 148	1 543 877	2 270 177	1 940 930	2 350 984	2 005 511
Beef cows ----- farms..	18 855	19 008	25 227	26 659	30 302	(NA)	58 868	(NA)
----- number..	588 920	579 312	713 119	791 234	1 151 003	904 274	1 085 634	805 138
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 216	1 643	3 082	3 929	7 046	13 397	37 567	65 519
----- number..	64 510	71 834	96 224	94 891	110 780	159 231	247 636	334 894
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	20 282	22 087	27 466	29 677	37 610	44 693	59 774	73 689
----- number..	580 526	638 685	704 606	854 318	860 921	969 088	864 142	783 653
Hogs and pigs inventory --- farms ..	1 270	2 237	4 081	6 389	9 023	17 002	43 070	86 011
----- number..	160 917	179 063	223 274	280 950	239 438	384 013	381 067	811 514
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	934	1 622	2 547	4 423	4 628	10 033	12 031	30 902
----- number..	278 764	284 630	356 868	389 729	378 061	536 222	380 699	591 891
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	1 453	2 550	4 631	5 796	9 828	16 399	55 407	96 650
----- number..	6 841 469	7 027 574	6 841 117	8 475 971	11 740 676	12 724 885	10 813 781	7 339 355
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 211	1 129	1 212	1 404	1 519	1 469	1 677	1 494
----- number..	388 128 497	276 652 292	247 236 533	223 309 303	178 822 643	176 261 498	150 857 318	95 332 516

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	3 377	4 020	5 510	8 345	13 179	22 421	55 562	90 762
acres--	269 080	120 361	80 914	107 669	132 033	250 984	599 004	1 093 310
bushels--	23 869 788	9 369 093	4 757 736	4 935 672	5 170 773	7 943 014	21 917 696	32 497 185
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	1 064	1 991	4 297	593	1 047	1 029	1 882	1 292
acres--	180 840	283 477	809 015	54 242	104 818	73 598	138 778	30 974
bushels--	6 749 633	9 674 702	29 185 697	1 853 571	2 630 717	1 978 135	3 990 095	784 273
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	4 644	6 475	11 131	13 018	11 161	12 580	8 690	9 636
acres--	1 652 840	2 006 263	3 459 091	3 628 845	2 075 772	2 428 685	1 231 977	951 441
bushels--	53 569 740	41 329 519	81 944 364	73 505 537	40 921 774	48 247 190	22 785 466	21 037 945
Rice ----- farms--	748	803	714	579	(NA)	(NA)	214	218
acres--	270 497	195 505	240 303	215 892	(NA)	(NA)	50 597	45 226
cwt--	15 630 876	10 466 632	10 106 176	9 161 237	(NA)	(NA)	1 922 850	1 205 710
Cotton----- farms --	3 344	4 225	3 710	4 860	11 277	28 584	50 796	77 390
acres--	1 332 855	1 028 249	978 496	1 193 677	1 695 728	1 222 017	1 447 831	1 450 296
bales--	2 075 048	1 654 648	1 641 939	1 338 394	1 587 075	1 383 067	2 181 773	1 560 581
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	15 121	15 501	18 257	19 468	21 346	21 882	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	639 152	585 346	607 011	592 152	566 258	510 196	628 794	529 101
tons, dry--	1 317 502	1 092 059	1 148 110	960 499	967 863	816 065	937 923	700 697
Land in orchards ----- farms --	1 196	1 326	1 548	1 618	1 528	2 705	6 415	10 703
acres--	17 817	17 982	18 413	18 677	21 677	43 094	85 165	101 408

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.