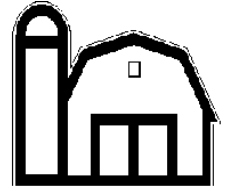


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# Introduction

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## HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

## USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

## AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

## FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first

used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

## COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION

**State data.** Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

**County data.** Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

## SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.



## CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

–	Represents zero.
(D)	Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(H)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
(IC)	Independent city.
(L)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
(NA)	Not available.
(S)	Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
(X)	Not applicable.
(Z)	Less than half of the unit shown.
cwt	Hundredweight.
sq ft	Square feet.

# A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number .....	98 082	106 105	-7.6
Land in farms ----- acres .....	28 546 875	29 209 187	-2.3
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	291	275	5.8
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	225 015	175 612	28.1
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	774	640	20.9
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	36 155	28 432	27.2
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms .....	3 926	4 960	-20.8
10 to 49 acres ----- farms .....	16 211	17 028	-4.8
50 to 179 acres ----- farms .....	34 654	37 413	-7.4
180 to 499 acres ----- farms .....	27 573	30 423	-9.4
500 to 999 acres ----- farms .....	10 292	11 413	-9.8
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms .....	4 289	3 990	7.5
2,000 acres or more ----- farms .....	1 137	878	29.5
Total cropland ----- farms .....	86 617	93 434	-7.3
Harvested cropland ----- farms .....	19 228 832	19 378 031	-8
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	74 240	80 396	-7.7
----- acres .....	12 158 832	11 655 304	4.3
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	4 303 148	3 644 988	18.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	43 873	34 353	27.7
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	1 861 613	1 460 850	27.4
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	2 441 535	2 184 138	11.8
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms .....	20 638	23 075	-10.6
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms .....	13 881	15 353	-9.6
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms .....	16 350	17 881	-8.6
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms .....	18 998	20 749	-8.4
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms .....	10 090	11 212	-10.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms .....	7 525	8 943	-15.9
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms .....	7 204	6 805	5.9
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms .....	2 369	1 594	48.6
\$500,000 or more ----- farms .....	1 027	493	108.3
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	3 395 093	2 804 630	21.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	34 615	26 432	31.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	98 082	106 109	-7.6
----- \$1,000 .....	889 365	829 853	7.2
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	9 068	7 821	15.9
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms .....	49 248	53 694	-8.3
Other ----- farms .....	48 834	52 411	-6.8
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms .....	53 243	58 409	-8.8
200 days or more ----- farms .....	37 799	40 925	-7.6
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	68 413	73 738	-7.2
----- number .....	4 165 357	4 158 226	2
Beef cows ----- farms .....	58 024	61 049	-5.0
----- number .....	1 876 845	1 818 969	3.2
Milk cows ----- farms .....	5 626	7 712	-27.0
----- number .....	215 920	242 039	-10.8
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	67 044	73 947	-9.3
----- number .....	2 349 975	2 514 867	-6.6
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	11 894	14 985	-20.6
----- number .....	2 908 509	2 581 954	12.6
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	12 133	15 306	-20.7
----- number .....	5 547 530	4 804 123	15.5
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	2 505	2 606	-3.9
----- number .....	111 362	101 780	9.4
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	4 544	7 485	-39.3
----- number .....	8 343 409	8 235 467	1.3
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	341	316	7.9
----- number .....	82 990 149	40 991 224	102.5
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	21 382	25 921	-17.5
----- acres .....	2 445 489	2 069 238	18.2
----- bushels .....	308 784 225	218 093 408	41.6
Corn for silage or green chop ----- farms .....	2 387	2 831	-15.7
----- acres .....	81 543	82 412	-1.1
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms .....	1 114 626	1 104 087	1.0
----- acres .....	6 998	9 258	-24.4
----- bushels .....	586 559	625 047	-6.2
Wheat for grain ----- farms .....	53 046 665	50 759 064	4.5
----- acres .....	16 970	12 683	33.8
----- bushels .....	1 319 575	750 208	75.9
Cotton ----- farms .....	58 143 633	31 939 663	82.0
----- bushels .....	1 045	1 214	-13.9
----- acres .....	313 226	197 598	58.5
Soybeans for beans ----- farms .....	500 430	305 767	63.7
----- bales .....	26 600	33 489	-20.6
----- acres .....	4 208 729	4 827 272	-12.8
----- bushels .....	150 385 224	148 272 506	1.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	57 749	60 138	-4.0
----- acres .....	3 470 298	3 138 012	10.6
----- tons, dry .....	6 109 410	5 409 063	12.9

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

## B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ..... number .....	98 082	106 105	-7.6
Land in farms ..... hectares .....	11 552 920	11 820 958	-2.3
Average size of farm ..... hectares .....	118	111	6.3
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
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Average per hectare ..... dollars .....	774	640	20.9
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	36 155	28 432	27.2
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares .....	3 926	4 960	-20.8
3.85 to 20.04 hectares .....	16 211	17 028	-4.8
20.05 to 72.67 hectares .....	34 654	37 413	-7.4
72.68 to 202.22 hectares .....	27 573	30 423	-9.4
202.23 to 404.65 hectares .....	10 292	11 413	-9.8
404.66 to 809.51 hectares .....	4 289	3 990	7.5
809.52 hectares or more .....	1 137	878	29.5
Total cropland ..... farms .....	86 617	93 434	-7.3
Harvested cropland ..... hectares .....	7 781 908	7 842 289	-8
Irrigated land ..... farms .....	74 240	80 396	-7.7
..... hectares .....	4 920 679	4 716 902	4.3
Market value of agricultural products sold ..... \$1,000 .....	4 303 148	3 644 988	18.1
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	43 873	34 353	27.7
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000 .....	1 861 613	1 460 850	27.4
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\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	10 090	11 212	-10.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	7 525	8 943	-15.9
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	7 204	6 805	5.9
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Cattle and calves sold ..... farms .....	67 044	73 947	-9.3
number .....	2 349 975	2 514 867	-6.6
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms .....	11 894	14 985	-20.6
number .....	2 908 509	2 581 954	12.6
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms .....	12 133	15 306	-20.7
number .....	5 547 530	4 804 123	15.5
Sheep and lambs inventory ..... farms .....	2 505	2 606	-3.9
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Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ..... farms .....	21 382	25 921	-17.5
hectares .....	989 689	837 421	18.2
metric tons .....	7 843 484	5 539 830	41.6
Corn for silage or green chop ..... farms .....	2 387	2 831	-15.7
hectares .....	33 000	33 352	-1.1
metric tons .....	1 011 172	1 001 611	1.0
Sorghum for grain or seed ..... farms .....	6 998	9 258	-24.4
hectares .....	237 380	252 957	-6.2
metric tons .....	1 347 448	1 289 340	4.5
Wheat for grain ..... farms .....	16 970	12 683	33.8
hectares .....	534 032	303 609	75.9
metric tons .....	1 582 411	869 255	82.0
Cotton ..... farms .....	1 045	1 214	-13.9
hectares .....	126 763	79 968	58.5
metric tons .....	108 956	66 573	63.7
Soybeans for beans ..... farms .....	26 600	33 489	-20.6
hectares .....	1 703 273	1 953 597	-12.8
metric tons .....	4 092 817	4 035 318	1.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ..... farms .....	57 749	60 138	-4.0
hectares .....	1 404 430	1 269 953	10.6
metric tons .....	5 542 365	4 907 021	12.9

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.