

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 ..	98 082	106 105	112 447	114 963	115 711	137 067	147 315	168 672
Land in farms ----- acres ..	28 546 875	29 209 187	29 266 609	30 098 727	29 801 127	32 420 284	32 691 618	33 155 226
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	291	275	260	262	258	237	222	197
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	225 015	175 612	223 247	191 130	102 074	53 034	33 451	22 094
Average per acre -----dollars ..	774	640	856	723	396	224	150	112
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	3 537 197	3 007 852	3 418 269	2 874 828	1 876 041	987 604	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	36 155	28 432	30 450	25 043	17 311	7 543	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	3 926	4 960	4 713	4 309	3 498	4 662	3 080	5 408
10 to 49 acres -----	16 211	17 028	19 050	15 772	13 919	16 823	21 294	26 216
50 to 179 acres -----	34 654	37 413	40 513	42 921	44 752	54 252	59 560	70 618
180 to 499 acres -----	27 573	30 423	32 292	35 923	38 543	46 813	50 350	55 737
500 to 999 acres -----	10 292	11 413	11 561	12 200	11 668	11 794	10 734	9 037
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	4 289	3 990	3 566	3 213	2 822	2 327	1 943	1 656
2,000 acres or more -----	1 137	878	752	625	509	396	354	354
Total cropland ----- farms ..	86 617	93 434	100 593	105 339	107 673	127 337	134 608	153 354
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	19 228 832	19 378 031	19 376 192	20 283 258	19 339 032	20 954 640	17 960 340	18 170 187
----- acres ..	74 240	80 396	86 837	92 385	93 357	105 853	119 569	136 089
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 914	2 823	2 037	2 136	1 310	1 386	822	590
----- acres ..	708 864	534 795	402 914	320 387	150 446	155 862	59 426	29 957
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	4 303 148	3 644 988	3 606 856	3 310 781	2 304 081	1 460 033	1 053 094	1 011 892
Average per farm -----dollars ..	43 873	34 353	32 076	28 799	19 912	10 651	7 149	5 999
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 861 613	1 460 850	1 546 664	1 391 659	1 061 698	397 586	401 592	360 089
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 441 535	2 184 138	2 060 191	1 919 122	1 237 757	1 058 581	647 314	648 855
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	20 638	23 075	26 779	20 351	35 341	52 088	69 455	76 698
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	13 881	15 353	16 764	17 420	16 516	22 787	24 888	34 479
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	16 350	17 881	17 693	20 206	18 105	23 346	23 778	30 398
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	18 998	20 749	20 144	24 264	24 264	37 727	37 727	27 033
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	10 090	11 212	11 909	14 847	41 907	37 326	28 680	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	7 525	8 943	10 004	10 969	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	9 573	8 399	8 713	6 591	3 699	1 046	482	—
\$500,000 or more -----	1 027	493	413	270	102	44	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	86 776	94 574	99 370	101 807	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	8 537	9 050	10 733	11 401	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	2 283	2 096	2 020	1 558	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	486	385	324	197	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	38 371	40 016	41 586	45 595	39 392	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	53 243	58 409	61 466	63 617	52 359	75 104	69 611	74 592
200 days or more -----	37 799	40 925	41 189	41 811	34 375	43 954	38 595	38 660
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	49 248	53 694	58 511	60 765	70 094	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	48 834	52 411	53 936	54 198	44 733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.8	52.9	51.0	50.6	52.1	52.0	52.5	51.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	3 395 093	2 804 630	(NA)	(NA)	1 738 856	1 187 850	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	469 893	397 299	383 293	395 651	245 455	250 327	134 774	131 373
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	751 669	552 814	593 598	510 582	430 781	257 067	200 000	167 699
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	301 298	239 254	255 645	208 886	181 098	88 868	67 938	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	193 235	176 852	258 582	159 754	111 493	70 481	61 423	53 886
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	190 051	163 868	141 232	115 205	70 235	56 744	46 376	45 346
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	288 478	277 614	393 388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	170 477	135 348	130 122	88 879	57 628	34 092	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	68 413	73 738	81 927	84 365	89 009	101 444	123 447	140 466
----- number..	4 165 357	4 158 226	4 664 498	4 813 408	5 297 947	4 815 932	4 522 108	3 833 198
Beef cows ----- farms..	58 024	61 049	67 102	70 381	72 729	(NA)	89 163	(NA)
----- number..	1 876 845	1 818 969	1 933 477	2 056 924	2 335 612	1 863 144	1 550 094	1 091 821
Milk cows ----- farms..	5 626	7 712	11 320	13 829	17 712	28 022	57 398	94 273
----- number..	215 920	242 039	267 753	248 301	259 964	309 319	460 849	612 964
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	67 044	73 947	79 806	84 940	87 751	100 641	113 482	128 635
----- number..	2 349 975	2 514 867	2 496 490	2 904 931	2 554 557	3 003 328	2 434 636	2 074 724
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	11 894	14 985	22 589	32 616	31 100	48 219	62 895	100 432
----- number..	2 908 509	2 581 954	3 186 443	3 837 579	2 911 525	4 249 638	3 853 704	4 776 937
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	12 133	15 306	23 444	33 370	33 796	49 701	58 846	88 210
----- number..	5 547 530	4 804 123	5 894 874	6 441 818	5 559 106	7 219 227	6 181 497	5 850 746
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	4 544	7 485	11 304	12 951	17 792	26 423	62 044	107 377
----- number..	8 343 409	8 235 467	7 314 637	7 867 222	7 917 604	7 504 934	7 416 625	10 170 204
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	341	316	356	363	467	361	559	977
----- number..	82 990 149	40 991 224	21 466 182	17 576 578	16 879 231	13 179 941	28 133 321	34 014 662

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	21 382	25 921	25 323	31 616	38 819	49 482	64 423	94 969
acres --	2 445 489	2 069 238	1 892 882	2 201 675	2 558 860	2 654 981	2 832 801	3 920 894
bushels --	308 784 225	218 093 408	178 722 297	184 789 444	137 211 116	169 466 544	149 474 160	201 053 308
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms --	6 998	9 258	10 317	13 769	8 921	5 275	7 108	19 242
acres --	586 559	625 047	746 547	809 384	455 750	198 938	188 727	477 683
bushels --	53 046 665	50 759 064	54 910 329	59 901 303	22 239 428	11 820 028	9 033 604	20 747 742
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	16 970	12 683	29 507	17 564	27 736	34 110	45 707	61 685
acres --	1 319 575	750 208	2 044 839	824 801	1 237 112	906 377	1 458 163	1 472 443
bushels --	58 143 633	31 939 663	68 338 008	27 277 966	34 764 459	26 961 174	44 525 013	35 731 219
Oats for grain ----- farms --	2 402	3 480	3 935	1 934	(NA)	(NA)	19 273	32 832
acres --	46 262	66 414	67 913	28 187	(NA)	(NA)	292 403	594 520
bushels --	2 363 989	2 712 492	2 840 632	1 133 786	(NA)	(NA)	10 396 790	15 645 290
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	26 600	33 489	38 820	41 137	40 893	41 119	43 870	42 757
acres --	4 208 729	4 827 272	5 286 129	5 167 477	4 065 228	3 027 227	2 600 576	2 206 548
bushels --	150 385 224	148 272 506	153 691 360	140 836 086	87 981 623	75 475 951	53 465 637	47 441 259
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	57 749	60 138	63 951	70 364	69 622	73 913	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	3 470 298	3 138 012	2 970 014	3 268 002	2 938 842	2 555 996	2 940 900	2 471 427
tons, dry --	6 109 410	5 409 063	5 575 960	5 749 474	5 080 402	4 916 929	4 758 131	3 882 963

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.