

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 ..	22 821	24 568	23 570	23 565	23 324	24 951	27 020	28 959
Land in farms ----- acres ..	59 642 536	60 203 993	60 539 209	61 690 919	62 158 351	62 918 247	65 833 760	64 081 391
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	2 613	2 451	2 568	2 618	2 665	2 522	2 437	2 213
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	594 881	505 526	677 995	512 791	298 070	150 222	103 271	76 761
Average per acre -----dollars ..	227	205	259	195	112	60	42	35
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 516 085	1 488 238	1 567 780	1 245 732	752 934	421 206	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	66 472	60 754	66 632	52 956	33 257	17 304	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 209	1 940	1 551	1 255	1 177	1 283	704	675
10 to 49 acres -----	2 804	2 745	2 673	1 889	1 550	1 485	1 641	1 690
50 to 179 acres -----	3 061	3 019	3 080	2 987	2 707	2 791	3 393	3 804
180 to 499 acres -----	2 964	3 315	3 097	3 420	3 436	3 757	4 396	4 938
500 to 999 acres -----	2 521	2 737	2 640	2 928	2 990	3 339	3 954	4 671
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	3 040	3 460	3 345	4 011	4 053	4 700	5 101	5 181
2,000 acres or more -----	7 222	7 352	7 184	7 075	7 411	7 596	7 831	13 181
Total cropland ----- farms ..	19 442	21 064	20 717	21 437	21 368	22 709	25 212	27 486
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	17 494 553	17 829 766	16 452 331	16 232 608	15 445 720	16 108 575	15 388 431	15 077 767
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	17 100	19 267	19 279	20 313	20 376	21 404	24 308	26 726
acres ..	8 199 296	9 128 013	9 365 775	8 741 043	8 426 881	7 937 203	7 812 612	8 158 899
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	1 730 237	1 547 286	1 547 160	1 177 454	1 033 239	575 802	389 659	377 401
Average per farm -----dollars ..	75 818	62 980	65 641	49 966	44 299	23 077	14 421	13 032
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	691 860	639 202	759 171	488 486	549 876	189 423	171 610	160 656
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 038 377	908 084	787 989	688 968	480 277	384 878	216 719	215 139
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	4 073	4 320	3 914	2 842	3 340	4 525	5 886	6 469
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	1 764	2 006	1 795	1 991	1 655	2 375	3 522	4 024
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	2 131	2 374	2 295	2 538	2 520	3 800	5 518	6 570
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	3 413	3 912	3 703	4 573	4 757	13 512	11 753	11 691
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	3 051	3 695	3 592	4 757	13 565	13 512	11 753	11 691
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	3 528	4 064	3 928	4 024	2 036	597	251	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	4 492	3 945	3 981	2 567	2 036	597	251	—
\$500,000 or more -----	369	252	263	160	106	49	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	17 723	19 506	18 842	19 042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 046	2 147	2 099	2 305	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	2 798	2 656	2 336	2 012	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	254	259	293	206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	11 176	12 162	10 964	12 114	9 952	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	9 838	10 764	10 108	10 079	7 284	10 651	9 918	10 523
200 days or more -----	5 261	5 607	5 272	5 016	3 704	4 802	4 358	4 281
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	16 006	17 405	16 898	16 855	16 967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	6 815	7 163	6 672	6 710	4 948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	52.9	51.4	50.5	50.0	51.1	50.0	49.7	48.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 399 200	1 288 299	(NA)	(NA)	769 064	464 392	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	191 132	191 557	165 312	155 273	124 203	104 277	56 297	37 664
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	142 789	119 817	110 919	108 728	123 454	49 761	28 256	27 179
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	85 281	79 449	79 823	64 950	39 053	14 132	7 676	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	108 667	100 191	136 526	77 033	53 253	32 484	31 230	27 370
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	107 632	102 470	84 462	70 884	47 288	36 955	29 127	28 250
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	146 474	157 891	207 237	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	57 078	64 461	43 347	27 945	12 523	3 976	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	13 813	14 866	15 822	15 887	16 937	17 851	20 792	22 017
number..	2 645 916	2 591 391	2 918 599	2 786 829	3 211 584	2 933 897	2 873 425	2 458 512
Beef cows ----- farms..	12 366	13 073	13 942	14 139	15 144	(NA)	17 940	(NA)
number..	1 506 445	1 399 949	1 528 036	1 473 507	1 690 839	1 506 150	1 397 736	1 088 604
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 092	1 732	2 594	3 183	4 003	5 876	10 305	14 575
number..	22 409	26 879	29 447	29 306	31 637	36 831	55 102	73 398
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	13 628	14 718	15 325	15 853	16 773	17 902	19 724	19 944
number..	1 677 932	1 644 768	1 778 047	1 742 652	1 831 367	1 944 478	1 419 875	1 188 745
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 056	1 406	1 643	2 433	2 717	3 379	4 740	7 962
number..	222 966	200 663	195 949	211 350	212 456	216 925	168 052	188 777
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 030	1 343	1 562	2 318	2 731	3 196	3 701	4 838
number..	363 440	327 855	311 634	311 070	373 412	323 125	249 832	200 709
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	1 138	2 102	2 824	3 130	3 758	5 258	11 073	16 850
number..	634 955	978 754	1 022 336	886 813	980 156	969 629	993 188	1 259 164
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	47	100	110	119	108	63	9	19
number..	47 505	84 676	18 440	36 111	31 706	18 869	44 960	66 700

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	8 395	10 375	9 982	10 726	11 779	13 328	15 513	(NA)
acres--	4 885 520	4 703 455	5 215 965	4 799 795	4 729 604	3 669 549	3 742 718	3 728 914
bushels--	142 893 032	143 802 744	159 093 238	134 207 558	109 127 964	94 305 823	87 632 232	70 909 534
Barley for grain ----- farms --	5 971	9 621	8 283	8 274	(NA)	(NA)	12 996	15 498
acres--	1 168 663	1 900 275	1 613 964	1 263 343	(NA)	(NA)	1 474 033	1 743 001
bushels--	47 381 536	79 606 320	72 135 565	52 228 599	(NA)	(NA)	45 972 305	47 093 465
Oats for grain ----- farms --	1 590	2 345	3 118	3 473	(NA)	(NA)	6 182	7 757
acres--	82 492	132 308	168 097	173 074	(NA)	(NA)	222 538	231 652
bushels--	4 485 707	6 356 871	8 068 970	8 414 059	(NA)	(NA)	7 966 257	7 084 953
Hay--alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	12 058	13 701	14 116	15 374	14 883	15 977	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	1 983 629	2 135 438	2 238 390	2 324 110	2 158 312	2 189 762	2 115 854	2 106 631
tons, dry --	3 670 309	3 858 349	4 335 853	4 319 247	3 658 936	3 602 073	3 220 962	2 751 315

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.