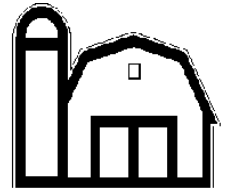


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# Introduction

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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 .....	52 923	60 502	-12.5
Land in farms ----- acres .....	44 393 129	45 305 441	-2.0
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	839	749	12.0
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	429 188	344 253	24.7
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	514	457	12.5
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	69 120	58 799	17.6
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms .....	3 698	5 090	-27.3
10 to 49 acres ----- farms .....	4 302	4 296	.1
50 to 179 acres ----- farms .....	9 408	11 166	-15.7
180 to 499 acres ----- farms .....	14 003	17 320	-19.2
500 to 999 acres ----- farms .....	10 966	12 153	-9.8
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms .....	6 283	6 494	-3.2
2,000 acres or more ----- farms .....	4 263	3 983	7.0
Total cropland ----- farms .....	46 348	53 500	-13.4
Harvested cropland ----- farms .....	22 402 132	23 320 162	-3.9
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	43 879	51 175	-14.3
----- acres .....	16 146 818	15 276 151	5.7
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	8 209 691	6 667 132	23.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	155 125	110 197	40.8
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	2 651 484	2 139 116	24.0
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	5 558 208	4 528 016	22.8
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms .....	3 966	4 694	-15.5
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms .....	2 664	3 405	-21.8
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms .....	4 021	5 515	-27.1
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms .....	8 445	10 923	-22.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms .....	8 362	10 681	-21.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms .....	9 274	11 305	-18.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms .....	10 850	10 188	6.5
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms .....	3 573	2 512	42.2
\$500,000 or more ----- farms .....	1 768	1 279	38.2
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	6 711 544	5 409 171	24.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	126 824	89 403	41.9
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	52 920	60 503	-12.5
----- \$1,000 .....	1 462 807	1 229 040	19.0
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	27 638	20 314	36.1
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms .....	39 123	45 387	-13.8
Other ----- farms .....	13 800	15 115	-8.7
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms .....	20 920	24 403	-14.3
200 days or more ----- farms .....	11 927	13 099	-8.9
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	30 421	34 701	-12.3
----- number .....	5 952 880	5 838 806	2.0
Beef cows ----- farms .....	24 270	26 452	-8.2
----- number .....	1 857 347	1 823 591	1.9
Milk cows ----- farms .....	2 122	3 339	-36.4
----- number .....	83 295	105 168	-20.8
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	30 696	35 491	-13.5
----- number .....	6 238 779	5 888 192	6.0
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	10 826	13 363	-19.0
----- number .....	4 187 389	3 944 227	6.2
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	11 559	14 162	-18.4
----- number .....	8 405 466	7 442 810	12.9
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	2 185	2 846	-23.2
----- number .....	151 777	195 531	-22.4
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	1 993	4 225	-52.8
----- number .....	(D)	3 621 152	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	289	524	-44.8
----- number .....	1 887 881	910 980	107.2
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	29 679	34 717	-14.5
----- acres .....	7 235 528	6 090 669	18.8
Corn for silage or green chop ----- farms .....	930 758 282	749 231 198	24.2
----- acres .....	3 950	4 208	-6.1
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms .....	195 029	181 060	7.7
----- tons, green .....	2 960 555	2 772 092	6.8
----- farms .....	10 513	12 576	-16.4
Wheat for grain ----- farms .....	1 412 747	1 300 713	8.6
----- acres .....	122 513 083	101 004 096	21.3
----- farms .....	12 671	18 124	-30.1
Oats for grain ----- farms .....	1 800 432	1 962 051	-8.2
----- acres .....	53 512 448	76 826 252	-30.3
----- farms .....	5 234	8 165	-35.9
Soybeans for beans ----- farms .....	176 148	280 502	-37.2
----- acres .....	11 341 781	13 643 509	-16.9
----- farms .....	20 687	25 598	-19.2
----- acres .....	2 274 494	2 291 803	-.8
----- bushels .....	88 842 343	78 147 991	13.7
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	27 433	30 224	-9.2
----- acres .....	2 895 217	2 868 789	.9
----- tons, dry .....	6 068 201	5 951 228	2.0

<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 .....	52 923	60 502	-12.5
Land in farms ----- hectares .....	17 965 899	18 335 112	-2.0
Average size of farm ----- hectares .....	339	303	11.9
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	429 188	344 253	24.7
Average per hectare ----- dollars .....	514	457	12.5
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	69 120	58 799	17.6
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares -----	3 698	5 090	-27.3
3.85 to 20.04 hectares -----	4 302	4 296	.1
20.05 to 72.67 hectares -----	9 408	11 166	-15.7
72.68 to 202.22 hectares -----	14 003	17 320	-19.2
202.23 to 404.65 hectares -----	10 966	12 153	-9.8
404.66 to 809.51 hectares -----	6 283	6 494	-3.2
809.52 hectares or more -----	4 263	3 983	7.0
Total cropland ----- farms .....	46 348	53 500	-13.4
----- hectares .....	9 066 143	9 437 670	-3.9
Harvested cropland ----- farms .....	43 879	51 175	-14.3
----- hectares .....	6 534 617	6 182 258	5.7
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	19 328	22 596	-14.5
----- hectares .....	2 554 318	2 299 439	11.1
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	8 209 691	6 667 132	23.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	155 125	110 197	40.8
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	2 651 484	2 139 116	24.0
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	5 558 208	4 528 016	22.8
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	3 966	4 694	-15.5
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	2 664	3 405	-21.8
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	4 021	5 515	-27.1
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	8 445	10 923	-22.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	8 362	10 681	-21.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	9 274	11 305	-18.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	10 850	10 188	6.5
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----- \$1,000 .....	1 462 807	1 229 040	19.0
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	27 638	20 314	36.1
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	39 123	45 387	-13.8
Other -----	13 800	15 115	-8.7
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	20 920	24 403	-14.3
200 days or more -----	11 927	13 099	-8.9
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	30 421	34 701	-12.3
----- number .....	5 952 880	5 838 806	2.0
Beef cows ----- farms .....	24 270	26 452	-8.2
----- number .....	1 857 347	1 823 591	1.9
Milk cows ----- farms .....	2 122	3 339	-36.4
----- number .....	83 295	105 168	-20.8
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	30 696	35 491	-13.5
----- number .....	6 238 779	5 888 192	6.0
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	10 826	13 363	-19.0
----- number .....	4 187 389	3 944 227	6.2
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	11 559	14 162	-18.4
----- number .....	8 405 466	7 442 810	12.9
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	2 185	2 846	-23.2
----- number .....	151 777	195 531	-22.4
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	1 993	4 225	-52.8
----- (D) .....	289	3 621 152	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	1 887 881	910 980	107.2
----- number .....			
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	29 679	34 717	-14.5
----- hectares .....	2 928 218	2 464 894	18.8
----- metric tons .....	23 642 359	19 031 356	24.2
Corn for silage or green chop ----- farms .....	3 950	4 208	-6.1
----- hectares .....	78 928	73 275	7.7
----- metric tons .....	2 685 771	2 514 800	6.8
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms .....	10 513	12 576	-16.4
----- hectares .....	571 739	526 399	8.6
----- metric tons .....	3 111 977	2 565 623	21.3
Wheat for grain ----- farms .....	12 671	18 124	-30.1
----- hectares .....	728 635	794 042	-8.2
----- metric tons .....	1 456 371	2 090 869	-30.3
Oats for grain ----- farms .....	5 234	8 165	-35.9
----- hectares .....	71 287	113 519	-37.2
----- metric tons .....	164 625	198 035	-16.9
Soybeans for beans ----- farms .....	20 687	25 598	-19.2
----- hectares .....	920 488	927 493	-.8
----- metric tons .....	2 417 893	2 126 841	13.7
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	27 433	30 224	-9.2
----- hectares .....	1 171 694	1 160 999	.9
----- metric tons .....	5 504 981	5 398 865	2.0

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