

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 ..	2 890	3 027	2 719	2 399	2 076	2 112	2 156	2 354
Land in farms ----- acres ..	9 263 684	9 988 520	9 980 201	10 427 111	10 813 610	10 708 346	10 482 772	10 942 936
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	3 205	3 300	3 671	4 346	5 209	5 070	4 862	4 649
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	811 941	749 936	925 540	801 173	440 806	270 507	182 436	141 974
Average per acre -----dollars ..	252	227	249	184	85	53	38	31
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	172 887	158 576	143 648	115 952	71 867	37 482	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	60 260	52 474	52 928	48 414	35 074	18 274	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	445	574	405	251	186	186	89	129
10 to 49 acres -----	680	671	574	428	317	305	306	401
50 to 179 acres -----	599	574	535	520	403	484	546	614
180 to 499 acres -----	431	453	461	441	440	423	440	427
500 to 999 acres -----	238	267	224	232	215	214	216	212
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	175	154	172	177	173	167	162	571
2,000 acres or more -----	322	334	348	350	342	333	397	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	2 255	2 317	2 227	2 120	1 857	1 855	1 993	2 129
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	840 364	802 604	861 883	829 499	753 294	748 528	774 419	786 532
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	1 753	1 884	1 895	1 855	1 665	1 648	1 854	1 920
acres ..	408 568	526 067	605 082	585 486	551 300	521 024	507 210	337 529
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	288 139	250 458	202 581	198 954	133 437	80 880	51 277	56 892
Average per farm -----dollars ..	99 702	82 741	74 506	82 932	64 276	38 295	23 784	24 168
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	79 957	75 685	72 582	58 748	43 647	12 239	9 764	7 301
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	208 182	174 773	129 999	140 206	89 788	68 635	41 191	49 496
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	862	861	717	476	481	577	718	762
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	305	353	318	281	171	225	267	258
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	352	336	322	338	256	300	303	328
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	375	437	377	371				946
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	250	278	288	290	880	847	756	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	264	258	261	239				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	366	415	344	318	222	115		
\$500,000 or more -----	116	89	70	55	34	16	89	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	2 269	2 342	2 067	1 801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	323	356	392	363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	221	261	198	186	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	77	68	62	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	1 192	1 217	1 024	1 020	715	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	1 518	1 654	1 505	1 301	852	1 043	912	977
200 days or more -----	910	1 042	891	770	506	647	575	609
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	1 656	1 675	1 553	1 392	1 189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	1 234	1 352	1 166	1 007	710	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	54.2	52.3	51.5	51.2	52.1	49.8	49.8	49.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	247 113	208 924	(NA)	(NA)	124 661	72 892	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	33 238	34 208	28 749	42 430	27 475	21 580	9 554	12 233
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	49 970	29 966	29 361	25 244	23 718	9 175	5 586	8 123
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	6 930	5 562	5 587	4 794	3 286	958	776	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	14 154	12 556	15 144	9 065	6 066	3 783	3 219	2 765
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	31 652	33 775	20 438	18 830	13 057	9 231	7 495	7 172
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	18 621	19 257	22 958	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	3 949	3 940	2 814	2 377	1 439	599	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	1 652	1 819	1 786	1 622	1 545	1 533	1 724	1 900
number ..	523 305	575 608	559 909	564 213	633 854	581 067	609 226	531 022
Beef cows ----- farms..	1 330	1 438	1 367	1 271	1 230	(NA)	1 350	(NA)
number ..	265 690	305 018	285 594	282 917	325 595	284 137	298 761	251 441
Milk cows ----- farms..	208	274	348	388	419	526	778	1 158
number ..	21 769	17 646	15 851	13 487	13 816	12 489	13 205	13 624
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	1 538	1 733	1 628	1 542	1 480	1 497	1 601	1 727
number ..	317 233	303 567	275 493	340 556	320 730	320 032	271 561	261 065
Hogs and pigs inventory --- farms ..	154	149	245	277	233	240	321	587
number ..	7 636	16 505	15 254	9 843	10 488	8 092	6 511	10 360
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	102	128	174	199	158	163	173	262
number ..	23 746	26 413	16 037	16 097	11 241	7 314	9 957	13 943
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	250	397	422	439	379	419	743	1 347
number ..	14 826	18 245	23 959	15 222	27 485	24 154	50 124	82 523
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	7	10	8	15	13	4	--	--
number ..	200	525	549	(D)	1 171	94	--	--

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	57	114	162	142	239	186	227	(NA)
acres --	9 968	15 052	20 536	17 463	28 169	11 315	20 303	19 984
bushels --	719 200	1 096 511	1 386 182	1 053 253	1 227 677	638 265	729 228	577 506
Barley for grain ----- farms --	36	115	193	215	(NA)	(NA)	274	381
acres --	4 613	9 150	28 490	26 282	(NA)	(NA)	11 387	11 875
bushels --	423 411	725 196	2 079 755	1 678 370	(NA)	(NA)	588 664	517 174
Irish potatoes ----- farms --	12	10	29	35	33	(NA)	69	133
acres --	8 111	7 501	13 804	15 986	7 609	(NA)	575	1 229
cwt --	3 035 277	2 561 680	4 608 250	4 855 039	2 719 185	(NA)	99 960	266 507
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	1 638	1 762	1 777	1 731	1 529	1 515	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	380 959	479 346	528 682	496 394	470 652	459 820	450 378	290 060
tons, dry --	1 082 233	1 223 895	1 254 889	1 079 592	925 643	932 526	811 860	513 054

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.