

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1992 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Farms ----- number ..	2 445	2 515	2 757	2 508	2 412	2 902	4 648	6 542
Land in farms ----- acres ..	385 832	426 237	469 582	484 631	506 464	612 750	903 197	1 124 312
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	158	169	170	193	210	211	194	172
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	342 607	358 279	201 171	169 736	118 421	50 418	25 402	18 046
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	2 256	2 112	1 174	880	564	239	132	105
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	83 960	85 168	77 239	60 720	44 710	25 438	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	34 566	33 905	28 005	24 220	18 921	9 010	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	308	255	254	207	172	163	290	434
10 to 49 acres -----	619	567	600	444	360	443	805	1 314
50 to 179 acres -----	844	919	1 039	922	886	1 063	1 849	2 651
180 to 499 acres -----	511	583	663	729	762	958	1 349	1 751
500 to 999 acres -----	133	160	169	177	191	227	288	331
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	27	29	29	25	36	42	52	61
2,000 acres or more -----	3	2	3	4	5	6	15	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	2 242	2 255	2 493	2 367	2 273	2 635	4 303	5 996
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	135 437	147 719	154 926	172 753	171 187	189 227	254 302	306 240
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 039	2 044	2 282	2 232	2 128	2 352	3 895	5 503
acres ..	100 746	106 629	116 613	124 510	118 186	116 321	168 044	205 767
acres ..	308	253	176	163	119	93	159	76
acres ..	1 746	2 948	1 307	1 747	2 130	1 510	2 648	1 249
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	114 070	107 102	102 520	87 711	72 192	48 642	48 833	48 122
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	46 654	42 585	37 185	34 972	29 930	16 761	10 506	7 356
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	45 724	35 327	26 207	22 213	17 193	9 774	8 481	7 625
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	68 346	71 775	76 312	65 498	53 761	38 273	38 899	39 028
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	928	1 020	1 133	910	987	1 326	2 328	3 349
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	343	371	430	400	206	233	458	708
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	325	320	276	282	232	253	550	920
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	288	234	253	253				1 549
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	152	131	178	214	833	1 014	1 253	--
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	143	175	210	241				--
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	234	238	242	182	131	56	42	--
\$500,000 or more -----	32	26	23	14	10	4		--
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	2 136	2 234	2 457	2 240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	147	140	188	161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	133	112	85	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	29	29	27	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	927	857	929	907	760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	1 420	1 539	1 655	1 480	1 260	1 644	2 601	3 585
200 days or more -----	848	959	1 035	885	755	1 013	1 691	2 427
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	1 204	1 153	1 301	1 304	1 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	1 241	1 362	1 456	1 204	1 077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.4	51.9	50.9	50.7	52.0	52.8	53.0	53.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	95 755	91 948	(NA)	(NA)	63 531	41 042	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	2 968	3 647	4 013	4 471	5 244	2 763	2 568	2 826
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	18 649	19 529	25 619	22 140	22 152	13 810	16 975	20 827
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	2 868	2 834	2 767	3 018	2 202	1 130	1 183	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	4 171	3 979	5 910	3 732	2 564	1 567	1 611	1 755
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	21 601	18 040	13 626	12 296	8 466	6 379	5 601	6 573
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	5 177	5 612	5 685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	1 528	1 499	1 350	1 235	812	616	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	956	1 148	1 515	1 386	1 391	1 583	3 059	4 239
number..	48 419	54 012	69 006	66 885	69 198	69 089	81 906	91 255
Beef cows ----- farms ..	494	587	713	579	538	(NA)	489	(NA)
number..	3 727	4 229	4 526	4 311	4 467	3 858	2 299	2 426
Milk cows ----- farms ..	389	518	785	809	934	1 106	2 410	3 587
number..	21 659	25 110	30 984	30 609	33 402	35 000	43 937	47 989
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	766	969	1 242	1 213	1 214	1 399	2 472	3 343
number..	20 138	24 611	29 408	33 089	27 863	32 445	44 930	46 734
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	289	264	443	443	363	225	627	1 310
number..	4 458	5 040	6 339	8 013	8 899	8 941	13 397	13 542
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	173	180	278	276	203	130	222	323
number..	9 063	6 610	9 402	11 752	10 496	13 181	16 867	10 512
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	337	404	520	496	461	473	1 212	2 482
number..	212 748	459 446	647 655	1 004 126	1 311 754	1 568 318	1 831 188	2 003 831
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	25	22	44	36	22	32	79	185
number..	(D)	(D)	291 111	188 116	89 814	823 601	2 141 340	4 656 630

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Irish potatoes ----- farms --	63	46	79	88	122	(NA)	679	1 526
acres --	168	153	251	394	659	(NA)	1 175	1 480
cwt --	31 978	29 998	42 910	75 670	117 125	(NA)	251 192	274 205
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	1 492	1 586	1 820	1 802	1 702	1 880	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	77 605	84 617	88 300	95 623	89 472	90 631	147 194	181 432
tons, dry --	136 963	164 829	165 999	171 222	157 290	161 584	189 513	253 249
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms --	327	283	278	285	337	325	336	529
acres --	3 324	3 047	2 974	4 024	4 175	3 715	3 164	3 798
Land in orchards ----- farms --	242	219	239	235	184	195	327	564
acres --	3 877	3 863	4 341	4 355	4 488	4 973	5 387	7 296

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.

⁹Data for 1974 were from land area used.