

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 ..	9 079	9 032	8 277	7 984	7 409	8 493	10 641	15 459
Land in farms ----- acres ..	847 595	894 426	916 331	987 309	961 395	1 035 678	1 155 597	1 379 002
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	93	99	111	124	130	122	109	89
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	615 430	396 198	343 137	319 183	234 469	133 202	73 487	46 397
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	6 942	3 969	3 140	2 588	1 807	1 092	662	520
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	358 561	340 478	300 165	239 284	169 020	97 386	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	39 620	37 768	36 291	30 031	23 732	11 770	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 099	1 862	1 487	1 211	1 048	1 093	1 858	3 320
10 to 49 acres -----	3 726	3 549	3 052	2 672	2 215	2 471	3 055	4 893
50 to 179 acres -----	2 079	2 316	2 328	2 570	2 690	3 294	3 810	5 137
180 to 499 acres -----	836	939	1 047	1 155	1 128	1 380	1 690	1 884
500 to 999 acres -----	250	292	286	299	254	197	173	167
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	74	60	62	63	56	45	44	58
2,000 acres or more -----	15	14	15	14	18	13	11	11
Total cropland ----- farms ..	8 221	8 268	7 658	7 529	7 001	7 748	9 690	12 680
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	623 466	642 534	669 618	708 620	674 642	707 162	776 372	891 737
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	1 911	1 846	1 681	1 648	1 581	1 509	2 009	1 902
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	532 988	496 003	435 966	350 294	297 216	213 893	215 611	231 069
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	58 706	54 916	52 672	43 875	40 116	25 184	20 262	14 947
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	431 178	370 580	322 038	247 409	205 981	124 254	107 657	94 731
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	101 810	125 423	113 928	102 885	90 941	89 483	107 365	136 143
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	3 136	3 089	2 316	1 939	2 032	3 057	3 012	4 242
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	1 175	1 281	1 179	1 089	751	853	1 164	1 723
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	1 144	1 163	1 106	1 128	939	912	1 399	2 331
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	1 358	1 201	1 221	1 296	774	2 921	3 266	7 137
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	676	632	683	774	2 921	3 266	4 765	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	530	578	661	820	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	869	932	969	849	680	356	277	—
\$500,000 or more -----	191	156	124	65	61	25	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	7 553	7 530	6 933	6 675	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	668	740	732	785	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	780	704	563	479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	78	58	49	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	3 475	3 199	3 087	3 468	2 785	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	5 094	5 375	4 592	4 175	3 099	4 105	3 578	5 527
200 days or more -----	3 396	3 666	3 076	2 746	2 031	2 647	2 386	3 409
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	4 218	4 180	4 197	4 373	4 257	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	4 861	4 852	4 080	3 611	2 766	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.9	52.9	51.9	52.2	53.8	52.5	52.6	52.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	430 843	387 693	(NA)	(NA)	236 233	191 446	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	9 487	15 067	13 577	14 575	13 544	13 025	11 199	15 300
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	32 427	34 115	33 530	31 669	32 760	30 484	46 152	70 226
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	25 949	23 767	26 140	19 192	18 866	10 865	11 869	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	22 184	19 961	28 878	18 859	12 441	8 232	9 002	9 184
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	115 161	87 608	62 380	55 909	43 816	43 757	41 052	42 604
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	17 122	20 320	22 870	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	19 152	17 267	14 530	10 154	8 119	6 110	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	1 934	2 231	2 394	2 272	2 181	2 493	3 500	5 315
Beef cows ----- farms..	69 134	77 581	94 999	95 694	106 899	121 716	152 508	186 442
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 152	1 176	1 151	1 042	928	(NA)	677	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	12 280	11 359	11 622	11 310	13 341	9 786	6 661	6 065
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	450	584	770	890	1 043	1 517	2 630	4 320
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	23 926	32 067	38 792	42 996	47 658	64 496	96 931	119 894
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 668	2 049	2 078	2 095	1 955	2 321	3 080	4 607
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	28 989	43 257	48 050	54 494	58 424	74 253	109 965	111 133
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	640	680	889	880	639	558	891	1 892
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	29 645	31 968	53 767	72 878	63 193	81 123	121 644	179 399
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	530	661	816	733	499	486	594	1 040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	44 325	52 320	74 235	112 968	95 329	131 835	179 835	228 656
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	917	950	1 104	1 037	1 000	1 244	2 781	6 740
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	1 801 049	2 130 533	966 623	1 363 833	2 248 544	4 613 511	7 187 522	12 673 316
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	93	90	110	85	76	42	92	175
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	95 794	453 843	204 930	572 415	556 796	544 224	1 336 656	3 511 831

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1992 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE — STATE DATA

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	1 158	1 405	1 720	1 759	1 878	1 767	2 507	4 939
acres--	83 805	74 938	103 998	87 793	76 881	62 097	56 502	100 284
bushels--	9 508 526	7 570 456	10 186 110	7 807 146	6 284 925	5 068 801	3 246 007	6 297 835
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	1 128	1 091	1 552	1 686	1 318	860	796	1 018
acres--	131 768	106 296	155 071	174 658	96 774	46 655	33 998	28 248
bushels--	4 378 643	3 153 039	4 109 956	5 259 919	2 766 781	1 333 738	475 639	696 946
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	3 060	3 226	2 809	3 003	2 687	2 908	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	118 536	122 451	111 933	131 874	117 185	112 316	165 220	199 672
tons, dry --	238 792	262 323	265 054	295 413	265 219	278 506	317 099	430 569
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	1 861	1 908	1 970	1 970	1 895	2 212	2 615	3 584
acres--	64 647	72 521	70 746	72 990	91 065	111 173	115 296	126 580

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.