

**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 ..	51 854	59 284	72 792	81 706	91 280	119 386	148 202	190 567
Land in farms ----- acres ..	8 936 015	9 447 705	10 320 832	10 998 652	11 243 933	12 733 751	14 381 724	15 887 724
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	172	159	142	135	123	107	97	83
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	269 000	199 781	187 840	141 464	72 672	35 551	24 442	15 475
Average per acre -----dollars ..	1 573	1 263	1 314	1 038	590	333	252	186
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	1 991 218	1 799 492	2 097 628	1 818 315	1 185 798	624 023	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	38 452	30 403	28 932	22 331	14 761	5 580	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	4 651	5 253	6 682	7 837	7 467	10 346	14 138	17 806
10 to 49 acres -----	15 852	18 088	23 286	25 567	30 195	42 911	57 199	81 112
50 to 179 acres -----	19 366	22 680	28 120	32 667	38 221	49 180	58 723	73 435
180 to 499 acres -----	8 007	9 337	10 914	11 887	12 103	13 836	14 976	15 503
500 to 999 acres -----	2 564	2 676	2 690	2 667	2 323	2 306	2 361	2 041
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 054	938	823	839	734	602	579	670
2,000 acres or more -----	360	312	277	242	237	205	226	226
Total cropland ----- farms ..	47 497	54 972	68 439	77 836	87 862	113 506	143 134	182 762
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	5 578 191	5 716 256	5 950 155	6 049 163	5 752 767	5 967 294	5 781 785	6 415 783
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	42 135	50 108	63 392	73 870	82 844	102 316	137 737	177 251
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	4 834 218	3 541 419	3 500 750	2 980 078	2 121 226	1 195 069	1 067 567	797 214
Average per farm -----dollars ..	93 227	59 737	48 093	36 473	23 239	10 010	7 203	4 183
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 996 452	1 436 988	1 898 109	1 669 769	1 300 627	669 281	750 484	553 426
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 837 765	2 104 430	1 602 642	1 310 309	804 396	513 671	305 074	228 546
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	12 616	16 758	19 845	19 912	29 213	54 675	64 997	97 227
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	7 250	8 461	9 958	11 725	11 432	17 598	23 901	43 311
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 968	8 344	9 720	11 806	13 861	18 710	28 870	33 579
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	7 641	8 515	11 056	14 425	19 290	27 192	29 950	16 284
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	4 397	4 817	6 948	9 290	13 589	17 192	29 950	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	3 640	4 271	6 246	7 536	10 922	15 127	22 447	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	7 254	7 034	8 237	6 492	3 942	1 127	447	—
\$500,000 or more -----	2 088	1 084	741	468	189	38	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	45 273	52 398	64 150	71 388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	4 750	5 238	7 092	8 520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 589	1 355	1 225	1 559	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	242	293	325	239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	21 464	23 261	27 579	34 538	33 330	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	25 958	31 914	37 303	41 917	37 945	63 808	63 707	81 086
200 days or more -----	17 989	21 702	24 717	26 675	24 242	35 741	32 372	39 811
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	27 376	30 687	39 795	46 637	57 583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	24 478	28 597	32 997	35 069	32 909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	54.7	53.3	51.7	51.1	52.9	52.4	50.9	49.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 817 833	2 779 353	(NA)	(NA)	1 452 743	893 187	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	431 873	323 978	229 516	188 501	121 616	89 439	49 560	35 201
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	1 288 719	921 654	702 666	610 405	411 934	226 257	147 106	114 749
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	233 479	179 396	238 315	209 537	177 589	88 738	88 513	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	184 299	143 686	235 621	161 702	97 912	71 062	65 293	46 177
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	388 338	287 037	245 364	222 451	133 835	116 823	94 017	74 676
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	143 502	130 580	206 549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	151 341	107 655	111 631	83 869	47 444	25 639	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	22 718	24 985	30 485	30 099	36 619	43 972	70 466	92 364
Beef cows ----- farms..	901 980	784 136	890 480	839 293	1 021 554	858 548	905 999	833 864
Milk cows ----- farms..	19 531	20 630	24 286	23 632	26 231	(NA)	29 708	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	385 428	320 641	342 296	331 700	424 055	274 950	260 675	176 141
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 552	2 336	4 353	5 716	9 523	15 388	41 918	70 848
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	99 291	110 127	125 832	125 412	129 958	143 089	197 678	243 476
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	20 771	22 682	25 272	25 691	28 259	32 325	42 478	54 296
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	399 035	395 732	378 660	426 554	384 044	418 690	410 953	341 472
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	4 311	6 921	11 390	18 846	22 975	35 271	73 083	131 865
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	5 100 979	2 547 127	2 047 098	1 901 227	1 414 751	1 393 393	1 046 354	1 660 105
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	4 012	6 290	9 436	15 737	17 383	26 248	28 995	62 107
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	10 776 400	5 180 960	3 907 278	3 389 145	2 616 555	2 301 048	1 359 760	1 424 580
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 064	3 330	5 348	7 486	11 215	19 621	63 422	120 922
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	18 133 946	20 070 337	18 823 538	18 556 105	15 670 429	17 223 353	13 763 213	12 158 140
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	2 116	2 153	2 195	2 434	2 520	3 243	3 287	3 436
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	499 071 743	408 721 082	348 434 068	296 848 126	225 566 077	252 003 506	172 734 036	107 182 773

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	13 052	21 000	30 193	38 850	49 134	57 871	95 144	142 678
acres--	1 019 871	1 056 000	1 393 496	1 489 546	1 327 640	1 128 723	1 217 650	1 678 257
bushels--	96 617 840	71 795 021	133 576 411	113 677 738	100 057 145	77 787 866	71 077 106	70 520 411
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	6 883	7 747	11 950	6 517	12 557	16 110	22 947	41 450
acres--	490 214	378 744	597 539	132 445	248 308	180 368	232 537	368 035
bushels--	23 164 935	15 091 015	20 682 804	4 312 796	8 667 399	7 326 994	6 381 737	8 609 247
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	13 080	17 409	26 324	29 577	33 248	27 466	33 672	25 665
acres--	1 287 573	1 273 278	1 746 774	1 512 294	1 208 924	740 654	621 219	401 367
bushels--	34 176 793	31 368 069	42 285 536	35 093 482	26 751 021	18 705 519	14 218 665	8 472 872
Cotton----- farms --	2 035	981	620	434	2 405	7 937	29 562	53 281
acres--	357 766	94 186	68 760	43 394	143 782	163 430	367 384	375 846
bales--	445 466	93 720	92 248	47 261	131 611	115 388	369 563	318 638
Tobacco ----- farms --	17 625	22 260	29 489	37 971	44 023	64 006	87 576	111 141
acres--	283 900	239 343	337 696	409 857	366 841	372 122	408 052	450 085
pounds--	604 014 807	478 051 423	690 142 724	820 615 121	714 135 918	674 932 186	877 729 569	654 438 670
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	18 268	20 733	21 046	23 174	23 690	26 981	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	466 944	456 360	375 940	391 331	331 539	304 599	452 293	612 034
tons, dry --	922 347	795 954	647 953	673 400	561 691	471 945	577 872	779 754

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

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>4</sup>Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

<sup>5</sup>Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

<sup>6</sup>Data for 1992 and 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1992, 1987, and 1982.

<sup>7</sup>Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>8</sup>Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.