

**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 ..	66 937	70 228	72 523	72 237	69 719	83 037	88 726	94 676
Land in farms ----- acres ..	32 143 030	31 541 977	32 369 206	33 737 292	33 082 848	36 007 719	36 077 472	35 800 688
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	480	449	446	467	475	434	407	378
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	235 359	215 024	311 642	235 858	143 320	74 838	49 212	31 710
Average per acre -----dollars ..	496	480	699	503	302	173	121	84
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 134 331	2 063 371	2 323 995	1 718 075	1 066 350	594 131	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	31 943	29 465	32 109	23 850	16 693	7 597	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 832	3 666	3 244	2 749	2 264	3 276	1 883	2 907
10 to 49 acres -----	9 614	10 134	10 651	7 894	6 001	7 655	11 879	11 294
50 to 179 acres -----	21 099	22 331	23 558	23 643	22 733	26 617	28 894	32 064
180 to 499 acres -----	17 234	18 006	18 670	20 352	21 280	26 156	27 138	30 567
500 to 999 acres -----	8 202	8 405	8 850	10 038	10 247	12 129	12 262	11 936
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	5 133	5 132	5 124	5 181	5 003	5 180	4 734	5 908
2,000 acres or more -----	2 823	2 554	2 426	2 380	2 191	2 024	1 936	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	53 197	55 783	57 562	59 471	59 105	68 888	67 174	77 187
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	14 520 063	14 443 459	14 213 548	14 365 738	14 667 029	15 658 206	13 010 066	14 043 828
----- acres ..	42 015	43 522	45 825	48 168	47 123	52 940	59 360	66 155
----- acres ..	8 272 889	7 319 193	8 961 353	8 585 011	8 989 832	8 264 787	8 343 588	8 975 117
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	2 581	3 029	3 069	3 770	3 454	3 809	2 673	2 481
----- acres ..	512 487	478 437	492 077	601 723	515 104	524 065	302 081	197 632
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 562 646	2 714 892	2 530 061	2 330 408	1 594 913	969 271	600 790	580 735
Average per farm -----dollars ..	53 224	38 658	34 886	32 261	22 876	11 672	6 771	6 134
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	778 813	610 050	827 694	617 737	670 301	268 164	255 694	250 164
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 783 832	2 104 842	1 702 366	1 712 670	923 879	700 622	344 335	330 121
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	15 902	18 501	20 261	16 150	23 360	32 471	46 742	45 901
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	10 189	11 073	11 282	12 354	9 817	15 024	13 263	16 801
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	11 208	11 999	11 490	12 887	10 399	14 252	12 822	15 864
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	12 543	12 805	12 348	14 199				16 058
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	6 493	6 300	6 845	7 798	23 723	20 464	15 586	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	4 609	4 479	5 217	5 116				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	5 260	4 606	4 678	3 426	2 259	720		
\$500,000 or more -----	733	465	360	260	116	66	276	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	60 304	64 099	65 745	65 551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	4 985	4 711	5 541	5 795	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 196	1 049	886	675	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	452	369	351	216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	25 434	25 405	22 354	25 383	21 407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	36 697	40 839	43 879	43 819	34 702	50 472	48 601	51 298
200 days or more -----	25 827	28 495	30 961	30 245	23 607	31 628	29 828	28 299
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	33 279	33 052	32 847	32 053	37 165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	33 658	37 176	39 676	40 184	32 068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	55.0	53.6	51.9	51.4	52.6	51.7	51.7	50.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 117 869	2 359 468	(NA)	(NA)	1 321 717	850 252	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	1 103 395	745 844	626 108	679 962	366 642	281 066	106 451	92 311
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	628 412	439 530	396 650	417 136	311 019	147 319	102 411	77 241
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	140 995	102 292	116 377	113 512	86 881	36 702	24 436	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	146 709	128 203	181 287	111 338	70 001	44 646	36 219	30 138
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	144 750	124 732	98 335	80 082	53 428	43 628	33 407	33 949
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	195 857	189 200	263 323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	57 080	54 052	31 075	33 421	12 209	7 441	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	52 241	53 544	58 236	58 604	58 244	68 765	79 509	81 534
----- number..	4 736 594	4 537 774	4 673 900	4 940 392	4 943 568	4 812 495	4 199 872	3 239 413
Beef cows ----- farms..	44 115	44 130	49 090	49 510	47 128	(NA)	68 614	(NA)
----- number..	1 728 273	1 630 425	1 830 253	1 870 791	2 077 075	1 930 743	1 878 279	1 312 832
Milk cows ----- farms..	2 297	2 828	4 504	5 425	6 641	10 075	23 120	41 061
----- number..	90 312	90 499	108 021	101 843	102 061	128 772	168 055	237 913
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	51 240	53 577	57 030	60 077	58 712	68 817	73 792	77 669
----- number..	3 953 960	3 630 285	3 374 886	4 164 215	3 271 120	3 467 326	2 441 020	1 788 491
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	3 415	3 710	4 225	6 984	5 819	9 187	14 616	33 798
----- number..	260 682	187 351	212 510	307 527	225 189	319 224	253 945	524 409
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	2 776	3 090	3 665	6 240	5 014	8 217	9 905	22 476
----- number..	500 299	346 686	355 782	480 881	385 742	527 289	420 836	582 079
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	3 224	5 703	7 577	8 149	9 383	14 349	35 373	59 826
----- number..	5 051 662	5 826 714	4 810 418	3 381 695	2 351 832	2 769 167	3 124 081	4 184 997
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	529	556	462	407	344	281	249	227
----- number..	138 607 293	89 704 380	49 399 727	39 514 824	26 273 352	17 635 753	13 218 885	6 508 656

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms --	2 076	2 961	3 337	4 676	5 556	7 509	10 290	17 074
acres --	281 244	339 368	468 269	516 245	470 023	597 912	541 341	721 168
bushels --	13 933 273	15 114 650	18 714 432	17 993 503	16 017 147	25 366 530	13 354 150	17 317 490
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	16 716	18 644	22 999	22 589	26 483	30 247	31 200	35 734
acres --	5 197 545	4 276 344	5 972 135	5 039 915	5 935 050	4 253 753	4 099 760	4 321 253
bushels --	138 121 986	113 464 955	171 665 099	124 604 327	127 202 490	112 784 552	90 794 159	83 737 347
Oats for grain ----- farms --	1 006	1 114	2 264	2 654	(NA)	(NA)	7 915	15 091
acres --	37 838	40 105	82 169	88 925	(NA)	(NA)	218 045	497 801
bushels --	1 278 578	1 277 283	3 111 780	2 964 658	(NA)	(NA)	6 139 589	12 213 451
Cotton ----- farms --	1 726	2 913	2 848	4 279	6 089	9 783	10 621	16 919
acres --	296 484	360 299	414 312	548 619	502 239	468 039	559 285	601 798
bales --	212 041	306 388	235 262	336 710	302 685	293 039	275 882	364 833
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	32 299	32 196	31 688	33 661	28 965	32 307	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	2 112 710	1 920 000	1 684 013	1 763 400	1 337 133	1 455 176	1 533 067	1 161 448
tons, dry --	3 992 843	3 430 874	3 044 714	2 907 928	2 465 205	2 850 610	2 390 615	1 751 573

<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.