

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 ..	31 892	32 014	34 087	28 503	26 753	29 063	39 757	42 573
Land in farms ----- acres ..	17 609 497	17 809 165	17 739 782	18 053 960	18 241 445	18 017 850	20 509 302	21 236 298
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	552	556	520	633	682	620	516	499
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	370 938	299 755	371 644	301 308	170 145	93 134	59 079	43 608
Average per acre -----dollars ..	663	542	705	477	250	150	115	87
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 532 094	1 211 480	1 256 603	937 659	585 085	307 968	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	48 223	37 982	37 044	33 013	23 064	11 031	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	6 319	5 476	5 987	3 344	2 521	2 743	4 041	5 141
10 to 49 acres -----	11 235	11 448	12 415	9 357	8 292	9 000	13 817	13 609
50 to 179 acres -----	6 748	7 219	7 662	7 488	7 671	8 370	11 441	12 551
180 to 499 acres -----	3 390	3 617	3 906	4 042	3 940	4 461	5 442	5 925
500 to 999 acres -----	1 508	1 560	1 560	1 567	1 568	1 642	1 882	2 099
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	997	1 008	957	1 025	1 030	1 108	1 248	1 486
2,000 acres or more -----	1 695	1 686	1 600	1 680	1 731	1 739	1 886	3 248
Total cropland ----- farms ..	26 508	27 318	29 300	25 809	24 875	26 604	34 763	38 484
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	5 037 764	5 236 393	5 237 399	5 100 837	5 074 988	5 197 520	5 281 935	5 380 144
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	20 743	21 712	23 719	22 007	21 636	22 117	29 981	33 420
acres ..	2 823 972	2 832 663	3 305 714	3 209 647	3 213 399	2 893 632	3 050 278	3 118 451
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	2 292 973	1 846 067	1 640 590	1 261 865	1 025 082	531 209	428 397	411 843
Average per farm -----dollars ..	71 898	57 664	48 129	44 271	38 317	18 277	10 775	9 674
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 452 213	1 048 616	935 456	688 807	651 552	260 416	227 991	212 564
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	840 760	797 451	705 134	573 058	360 480	263 966	195 479	190 254
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	11 490	11 751	13 511	8 976	10 196	12 500	21 735	21 508
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	4 569	4 785	4 987	4 435	2 931	3 580	4 386	5 207
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	3 734	3 770	3 776	3 690	3 103	3 520	4 180	5 518
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	3 801	3 697	3 718	3 798	3 103	3 520	4 180	10 266
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 183	2 194	2 248	2 410	8 054	8 546	8 907	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	1 940	1 972	2 007	2 270	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	3 273	3 224	3 322	2 599	2 207	810	—	—
\$500,000 or more -----	902	621	470	264	207	52	512	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	27 506	27 766	29 802	24 633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	2 481	2 603	2 807	2 685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 672	1 490	1 311	1 046	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	233	155	167	139	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	11 957	11 536	10 912	10 201	8 473	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	18 419	18 897	21 108	17 225	13 922	17 676	23 438	24 419
200 days or more -----	12 089	12 646	14 112	11 481	9 542	11 621	16 136	15 454
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	15 306	15 359	15 542	13 849	13 884	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	16 586	16 655	18 545	14 654	12 158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	53.4	52.7	50.4	50.7	52.4	51.9	51.5	51.3
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	1 881 731	1 535 162	(NA)	(NA)	784 663	466 946	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	160 847	195 278	159 787	158 630	85 275	76 862	40 373	34 828
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	230 557	170 426	193 064	151 692	135 954	62 441	55 259	53 061
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	119 158	97 839	104 674	73 096	68 346	26 544	20 135	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	80 192	65 914	89 859	50 914	35 528	20 984	20 421	19 976
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	367 047	257 760	179 512	138 490	94 663	69 339	54 564	49 522
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	133 197	131 483	181 873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	104 042	79 341	56 739	32 763	20 175	11 763	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	17 088	17 515	21 811	17 870	17 174	17 294	28 508	29 908
number..	1 465 444	1 503 625	1 618 005	1 546 797	1 559 319	1 352 781	1 620 073	1 354 205
Beef cows ----- farms..	13 105	13 369	16 396	13 618	13 049	(NA)	17 177	(NA)
number..	629 625	618 857	656 150	633 712	702 189	566 620	639 362	469 033
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 541	1 937	3 289	3 622	4 237	5 185	13 076	19 755
number..	99 035	95 325	99 134	89 856	87 994	86 638	126 325	152 226
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	15 608	16 812	19 314	16 732	15 753	15 972	21 961	23 537
number..	899 088	955 484	955 226	971 474	836 921	871 367	859 905	693 024
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	1 669	1 482	2 500	2 491	2 047	2 246	4 480	9 872
number..	58 276	86 293	105 174	113 907	94 933	96 872	112 746	197 593
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	1 463	1 400	2 163	2 103	1 714	2 015	3 209	6 427
number..	97 427	143 661	172 394	169 886	158 801	160 617	205 712	279 986
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	2 480	3 178	5 218	3 949	3 431	3 414	10 366	18 114
number..	2 954 237	3 049 585	3 398 829	3 123 679	2 520 001	2 293 996	2 649 797	2 860 025
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	208	225	326	247	208	194	151	226
number..	18 921 442	14 244 387	14 422 115	17 123 392	11 753 447	13 032 925	9 192 504	9 469 895

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	3 025	3 890	4 763	4 885	6 120	5 426	6 938	(NA)
acres --	924 855	838 849	1 179 942	1 151 760	1 250 119	734 097	770 441	781 444
bushels --	46 527 762	51 875 186	58 924 228	45 726 181	50 087 492	26 779 314	26 372 003	27 897 641
Barley for grain ----- farms --	1 096	1 805	2 366	2 661	(NA)	(NA)	5 191	8 560
acres --	127 185	186 504	250 291	215 394	(NA)	(NA)	363 748	501 905
bushels --	7 787 057	12 272 482	14 313 160	11 343 609	(NA)	(NA)	14 710 303	18 310 376
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	12 066	13 913	15 181	14 362	13 977	13 938	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	872 535	943 905	1 016 904	1 016 763	980 967	946 631	1 105 549	931 722
tons, dry --	2 276 437	2 340 999	2 482 717	2 509 847	2 217 388	2 087 423	2 171 345	1 771 122
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms --	1 509	1 529	1 554	1 560	1 608	1 752	1 985	2 370
acres --	147 616	142 236	134 814	144 749	148 977	129 001	120 245	106 500
Land in orchards ----- farms --	4 200	4 410	4 709	4 258	3 960	4 808	8 539	10 128
acres --	96 166	91 101	86 742	82 108	84 883	96 353	102 564	99 338

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.