

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 ..	649	701	728	674	597	700	1 100	1 395
Land in farms ----- acres ..	49 601	58 685	62 466	66 233	61 068	68 720	103 801	137 930
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	76	84	86	98	102	98	94	99
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	481 783	420 279	237 141	236 436	153 390	72 033	46 030	37 571
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	6 304	4 748	2 760	2 335	1 500	734	485	380
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000 ..	24 479	25 178	18 824	14 643	11 378	6 594	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	37 718	35 918	25 893	21 726	19 123	9 754	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	128	131	113	120	108	85	245	287
10 to 49 acres -----	237	250	273	206	177	235	314	401
50 to 179 acres -----	215	241	251	252	218	266	393	515
180 to 499 acres -----	57	66	82	82	77	102	121	147
500 to 999 acres -----	10	11	6	10	15	11	22	36
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	2	2	3	3	-	1	4	9
2,000 acres or more -----	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-
Total cropland ----- farms ..	591	597	655	624	543	604	941	1 131
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	24 411	26 121	28 180	32 418	29 078	31 840	45 233	54 584
acres ..	517	523	576	560	512	543	825	997
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	132	105	84	78	73	60	66	34
acres ..	2 979	3 494	2 224	2 801	2 336	1 925	1 428	406
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000 ..	39 512	37 786	30 376	25 757	22 219	15 963	18 513	18 299
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	60 882	53 903	41 726	38 216	37 218	22 803	16 830	13 117
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	27 431	26 685	18 139	15 211	12 121	7 306	7 875	6 824
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	12 082	11 100	12 237	10 546	10 074	8 636	10 569	11 452
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	175	290	271	206	184	253	430	428
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	115	79	95	112	72	60	111	176
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	85	82	91	65	52	87	134	210
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	99	79	92	96	240	269	393	584
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	49	41	52	74	-	-	-	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	49	55	58	66	-	-	-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	57	58	55	43	39	24	25	-
\$500,000 or more -----	20	17	14	9	7	3	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	529	567	620	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	42	45	52	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	73	80	51	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	5	9	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	293	265	271	318	238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	323	395	413	334	245	351	433	515
200 days or more -----	202	262	299	240	163	245	334	368
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	333	345	346	373	339	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	316	356	382	301	224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years ..	53.4	52.7	52.4	52.3	53.3	52.3	52.4	52.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000 ..	32 436	29 736	(NA)	(NA)	19 391	14 281	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000 ..	1 130	1 146	1 271	1 198	928	1 073	1 066	1 347
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000 ..	4 320	3 684	5 347	4 941	5 068	3 400	4 622	6 478
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000 ..	1 332	1 335	1 125	1 094	1 217	678	791	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 487	1 390	1 819	1 328	833	562	731	696
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	9 076	9 536	5 559	4 462	3 729	3 162	2 804	3 142
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000 ..	1 473	1 298	1 569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000 ..	904	778	647	580	501	356	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms ..	208	253	340	294	242	281	471	674
number ..	6 057	6 930	8 997	9 431	11 200	11 163	15 673	20 167
Beef cows ----- farms ..	133	156	192	139	114	(NA)	94	(NA)
number ..	967	1 133	1 251	1 123	1 093	776	659	442
Milk cows ----- farms ..	55	70	123	135	145	177	359	580
number ..	2 565	2 975	3 872	4 677	6 106	6 547	10 448	13 903
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	162	206	260	247	218	244	385	560
number ..	2 509	3 259	3 544	4 669	4 932	5 758	9 362	10 734
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	48	59	73	89	46	55	78	145
number ..	5 488	4 719	3 030	6 141	5 029	10 132	8 775	9 474
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	41	49	45	54	34	39	55	82
number ..	6 011	4 990	3 269	7 106	5 605	10 015	8 720	5 905
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms ..	83	96	126	105	90	130	279	536
number ..	242 307	205 794	388 239	256 021	283 254	426 599	433 188	418 598
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	5	6	4	4	4	10	23	47
number ..	(D)	58 714	(D)	(D)	131 000	155 990	858 550	1 571 785

See footnotes at end of table.

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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:								
Irish potatoes ----- farms --	19	22	21	35	44	(NA)	89	152
acres --	1 310	1 410	2 879	3 535	4 344	(NA)	4 925	4 895
cwt --	374 808	259 958	703 350	915 076	932 755	(NA)	922 699	1 055 855
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	245	291	340	318	272	303	(NA)	(NA)
acres --	7 614	8 126	9 296	10 623	8 689	8 785	15 642	19 938
tons, dry --	15 864	14 125	17 708	20 914	17 421	17 300	24 820	37 326
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms --	126	99	120	135	123	126	156	185
acres --	1 868	1 947	1 908	2 208	1 891	2 088	1 661	1 495
Land in orchards ----- farms --	72	83	79	62	50	46	85	122
acres --	664	856	827	702	668	779	835	1 106

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.