

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 ..	20 242	20 517	24 929	26 706	29 275	39 559	56 248	78 172
Land in farms ----- acres ..	4 472 569	4 758 631	5 589 799	6 045 719	6 177 024	6 991 718	8 101 417	9 149 492
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	221	232	224	226	211	177	144	117
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	251 583	201 169	208 524	171 558	98 609	46 171	24 948	15 685
Average per acre -----dollars ..	1 137	871	946	758	467	261	171	134
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	667 725	639 734	761 038	692 409	449 233	261 675	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	33 077	31 252	30 576	26 002	16 418	7 138	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 302	1 337	1 471	1 499	1 689	2 479	4 642	6 714
10 to 49 acres -----	5 495	5 437	6 956	6 906	7 677	12 129	22 214	34 483
50 to 179 acres -----	7 591	7 742	9 421	10 551	11 942	15 605	19 585	25 949
180 to 499 acres -----	3 699	3 762	4 490	5 045	5 277	6 452	6 848	8 011
500 to 999 acres -----	1 263	1 303	1 560	1 638	1 631	1 875	1 903	1 986
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	642	673	708	743	747	733	710	1 029
2,000 acres or more -----	250	263	323	324	312	286	346	346
Total cropland ----- farms ..	18 037	18 578	23 166	25 427	28 074	37 634	53 963	75 213
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	2 588 525	2 686 117	3 179 278	3 375 565	3 201 239	3 439 927	3 520 349	4 035 157
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	14 587	15 556	20 144	22 875	24 757	32 189	50 005	71 602
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	1 066 079	878 683	968 554	854 974	676 496	362 215	349 071	302 924
Average per farm -----dollars ..	52 667	42 827	38 853	32 014	23 108	9 156	6 206	3 875
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	562 036	451 285	601 018	543 171	459 882	204 961	247 706	206 650
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	504 043	427 398	367 536	311 804	206 582	150 263	92 925	87 285
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	7 341	7 419	9 288	8 910	12 087	22 706	32 674	49 386
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	3 317	3 516	3 756	4 342	3 665	4 992	8 659	13 164
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	2 897	2 900	3 308	3 857	3 882	4 575	7 597	9 344
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	2 428	2 547	3 101	3 685	3 882	4 575	7 597	6 234
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	1 301	1 276	1 621	2 154	8 116	6 743	6 953	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	937	954	1 511	1 696	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	1 554	1 592	2 044	1 862	1 395	498	338	—
\$500,000 or more -----	467	313	287	182	107	21	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	17 933	18 337	22 297	23 673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	1 621	1 583	2 078	2 487	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	547	488	417	453	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	141	109	137	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	7 573	7 335	8 390	9 769	9 424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	11 271	11 791	14 172	15 596	14 484	22 500	26 532	37 019
200 days or more -----	8 326	8 549	10 118	10 866	10 077	14 309	16 425	20 917
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	8 866	8 983	11 299	12 477	15 659	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	11 376	11 534	13 630	14 229	13 303	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	55.5	54.5	52.6	51.9	53.4	53.1	51.9	50.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	897 923	736 918	(NA)	(NA)	509 937	319 907	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	66 195	62 818	53 566	46 966	30 450	26 649	12 941	12 719
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	199 673	170 086	141 310	129 971	96 996	54 515	34 109	34 974
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	83 614	68 222	97 736	94 953	84 760	44 546	42 878	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	54 384	41 808	73 992	50 757	33 816	24 433	23 135	19 253
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	111 836	92 317	79 734	79 173	53 247	46 003	38 946	36 425
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	40 773	42 815	74 196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	57 191	42 545	59 103	48 546	31 020	15 980	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	10 026	10 227	12 133	11 683	13 825	16 600	28 663	38 907
number -----	451 719	428 491	507 279	474 050	589 827	515 832	555 424	496 728
Beef cows ----- farms..	8 998	8 903	10 278	9 978	10 557	(NA)	17 027	(NA)
number -----	222 566	205 344	226 482	219 696	279 175	199 338	207 131	156 280
Milk cows ----- farms..	540	697	1 219	1 485	2 478	3 866	11 657	24 743
number -----	31 923	40 113	47 559	45 544	47 718	56 478	77 150	99 584
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	9 337	9 635	10 583	10 628	11 811	13 025	16 087	20 977
number -----	200 396	218 766	213 608	245 161	219 844	248 596	221 412	213 640
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	2 237	3 249	4 709	7 210	7 654	13 132	28 225	53 776
number -----	327 572	352 413	399 810	478 660	345 282	414 291	369 367	672 803
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	2 048	3 031	3 965	6 341	6 129	10 106	11 688	24 588
number -----	637 592	619 986	646 956	690 956	533 466	534 342	421 394	538 958
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	920	1 477	2 320	3 177	4 295	7 443	27 503	53 822
number -----	5 739 400	7 539 759	7 475 114	6 957 373	6 203 860	6 835 645	4 758 926	4 511 895
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	292	227	210	216	193	243	229	371
number -----	106 171 059	60 295 197	41 578 104	30 821 889	20 674 220	23 425 555	16 220 809	13 628 978

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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 --	4 346	6 292	7 942	11 240	13 913	17 888	33 434	55 187
acres--	311 947	309 791	384 966	523 326	451 165	386 999	415 380	684 262
bushels--	27 192 657	22 143 190	31 085 287	29 268 243	28 218 982	19 172 480	16 534 566	17 524 709
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	2 237	3 097	4 478	1 216	2 633	3 372	5 323	15 537
acres--	240 634	213 374	426 528	53 730	101 057	64 905	79 315	158 276
bushels--	10 470 395	7 558 179	14 810 264	1 745 494	2 688 032	2 165 011	2 091 759	3 116 662
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	4 015	5 220	10 552	12 811	13 439	14 038	13 539	7 759
acres--	532 909	597 258	1 385 643	1 404 636	1 081 703	851 524	621 223	383 779
bushels--	11 521 171	12 872 219	29 039 562	29 082 744	21 516 524	18 613 432	12 907 064	6 598 313
Cotton----- farms--	861	744	417	488	2 509	10 161	25 928	45 437
acres--	191 690	116 424	95 392	100 793	256 082	300 240	525 582	544 195
bales--	223 658	102 078	147 897	114 401	265 454	236 417	554 072	411 120
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	7 056	7 272	7 481	7 765	7 119	7 846	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	244 228	230 800	216 153	211 184	157 401	151 046	236 486	266 104
tons, dry --	481 619	432 109	414 498	405 556	309 783	293 363	354 017	311 558

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.