

**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 ..	34 057	36 376	37 148	38 741	42 825	45 726	49 703	55 727
Land in farms ----- acres ..	44 828 124	44 157 503	43 810 988	44 422 328	45 977 776	45 584 164	45 567 263	44 850 666
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	1 316	1 214	1 179	1 147	1 074	997	917	805
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	360 111	326 333	418 940	295 953	155 415	83 427	56 615	40 852
Average per acre -----dollars ..	273	269	348	256	145	84	62	51
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 398 312	1 996 230	2 248 595	1 799 205	1 168 895	587 743	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	70 495	55 005	60 589	46 455	27 985	13 135	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	1 504	1 881	1 919	1 730	1 780	1 893	1 025	689
10 to 49 acres -----	2 622	2 638	2 105	1 626	1 549	1 402	1 594	1 855
50 to 179 acres -----	4 977	5 083	5 248	5 368	5 927	6 019	6 674	8 467
180 to 499 acres -----	7 286	8 625	9 505	10 833	13 109	15 807	19 361	23 982
500 to 999 acres -----	6 917	7 618	8 206	8 962	9 927	10 534	11 077	11 219
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	5 584	5 728	5 723	5 945	6 089	5 925	5 757	9 515
2,000 acres or more -----	5 167	4 803	4 442	4 277	4 444	4 146	4 215	
Total cropland ----- farms ..	30 142	32 451	33 844	36 091	40 015	42 781	47 133	53 347
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	19 582 565	19 641 972	18 838 739	18 732 968	19 191 587	19 837 884	18 707 247	19 164 759
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	28 430	31 110	32 823	35 172	38 635	41 108	46 230	52 161
----- acres ..	13 624 006	12 982 611	14 433 490	13 855 939	14 854 873	12 634 488	14 445 400	14 236 384
----- acres ..	1 674	1 869	1 815	1 776	1 072	1 063	1 005	1 002
----- acres ..	371 263	361 796	376 447	334 755	152 203	148 341	130 050	115 629
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 243 554	2 719 498	2 478 111	1 898 159	1 660 167	958 002	628 779	513 876
Average per farm -----dollars ..	95 239	74 761	66 709	48 996	38 766	20 950	12 651	9 221
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 072 895	857 373	842 980	564 177	598 401	212 626	145 239	82 257
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	2 170 659	1 862 125	1 635 131	1 333 982	1 061 683	745 335	483 174	431 499
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	2 792	2 888	2 633	2 293	3 231	5 529	6 748	9 998
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	1 658	2 020	1 841	2 343	2 565	4 215	7 577	12 443
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	2 779	3 190	3 144	3 952	4 877	8 109	14 671	17 954
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	5 493	6 764	7 043	9 025				15 044
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	5 792	7 026	8 172	9 940	29 496	27 034	20 378	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	6 829	7 706	8 090	7 463				
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	8 043	6 338	5 791	3 410	2 443	741	280	
\$500,000 or more -----	671	444	338	205	137	42		
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	29 525	31 761	32 396	34 158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	3 179	3 394	3 613	3 602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 104	942	885	776	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	249	279	254	205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	18 373	19 798	19 568	22 075	20 541	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	12 540	13 553	12 941	13 928	10 206	16 136	13 975	14 553
200 days or more -----	6 614	6 641	5 616	5 576	4 244	5 309	3 640	3 382
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	26 141	28 407	30 267	31 673	36 821	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	7 916	7 969	6 881	7 068	5 403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	51.1	49.7	48.6	48.7	50.1	49.2	48.6	47.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 563 564	2 138 164	(NA)	(NA)	1 233 024	746 192	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	632 721	519 803	446 010	402 675	282 483	205 158	120 547	90 280
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	360 923	277 680	268 944	203 062	233 933	116 466	85 413	74 153
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	128 044	96 748	79 742	76 202	60 964	21 557	8 921	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	157 432	144 494	214 464	118 281	86 798	54 632	51 078	43 807
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	95 956	94 911	67 414	54 829	39 088	27 513	20 021	17 048
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	198 194	200 864	296 609	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	110 347	77 926	53 836	38 042	19 808	6 244	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	22 576	23 998	27 000	28 120	33 895	35 979	42 994	47 401
----- number..	3 777 822	3 630 200	3 925 131	3 703 674	4 522 597	3 891 166	4 144 129	3 321 517
Beef cows ----- farms..	18 597	19 034	21 361	22 319	27 867	(NA)	34 040	(NA)
----- number..	1 604 838	1 502 927	1 595 688	1 502 830	1 970 524	1 605 420	1 577 953	1 210 873
Milk cows ----- farms..	2 873	3 940	5 610	6 297	8 843	12 531	21 192	31 332
----- number..	117 454	137 020	158 180	144 506	172 546	170 160	222 556	242 581
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	22 802	24 464	27 274	28 658	34 378	37 091	42 991	46 525
----- number..	2 500 254	2 398 208	2 419 576	2 274 610	2 608 546	2 605 858	2 159 559	1 711 336
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	6 710	7 906	9 336	12 193	14 387	18 143	23 820	33 021
----- number..	1 978 195	1 750 236	1 764 654	1 772 827	1 578 264	1 639 767	1 775 757	2 042 482
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	7 125	8 265	10 022	12 749	16 154	19 366	24 328	32 491
----- number..	3 654 082	3 181 008	3 066 751	2 881 114	2 950 064	2 704 669	2 611 723	2 511 017
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	1 110	2 173	3 311	4 892	7 866	13 298	27 674	41 001
----- number..	2 136 682	1 752 361	1 795 254	2 267 826	2 880 121	4 038 838	7 310 532	8 932 412
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	130	269	321	383	502	218	9	13
----- number..	121 283	237 779	200 262	234 794	93 673	50 268	94 630	50 341

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:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	16 427	19 448	18 694	21 138	20 702	25 106	30 024	30 262
acres--	3 097 251	2 573 567	2 583 209	2 626 001	2 316 881	2 233 845	2 537 890	2 456 485
bushels--	245 398 567	199 208 883	174 109 203	168 736 099	80 804 068	117 247 947	77 138 798	61 633 909
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	12 014	15 273	13 530	14 655	16 796	17 356	18 197	(NA)
acres--	3 340 644	3 229 384	3 332 487	3 037 808	3 018 578	1 847 442	2 076 649	1 874 828
bushels--	101 053 975	91 141 128	85 895 594	64 231 362	55 621 567	38 926 173	36 317 731	17 240 094
Oats for grain ----- farms --	9 055	13 558	19 743	22 452	(NA)	(NA)	33 606	33 006
acres--	627 557	919 997	1 807 860	1 957 801	(NA)	(NA)	2 390 039	2 018 538
bushels--	37 228 291	41 997 525	97 763 987	85 325 253	(NA)	(NA)	68 387 083	39 751 143
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	11 502	10 728	7 460	5 150	5 202	4 803	6 471	3 913
acres--	2 053 496	1 289 276	768 554	388 616	340 809	214 964	246 890	127 733
bushels--	56 705 835	40 074 670	22 315 924	11 435 996	6 876 227	5 002 104	4 072 470	1 510 924
Sunflower seed ----- farms --	1 571	1 659	2 479	966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	349 668	262 847	487 754	130 927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds--	427 963 785	315 806 323	471 804 227	144 875 797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	21 402	23 131	25 732	28 368	32 249	31 898	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	3 356 484	3 355 299	3 787 135	4 063 576	4 349 478	3 620 636	4 703 836	4 659 388
tons, dry--	5 734 128	5 682 824	6 594 617	6 838 623	5 284 209	4 940 482	4 675 297	3 263 593

<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.