

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 ..	180 844	188 788	185 020	175 395	174 068	213 550	205 110	227 071
Land in farms ----- acres ..	130 886 608	130 502 792	131 310 306	135 619 617	134 185 289	142 566 826	141 706 309	143 217 559
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	725	691	710	773	771	668	691	631
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm -----dollars ..	360 153	374 742	386 138	294 473	187 073	99 133	77 756	51 787
Average per acre -----dollars ..	499	544	544	378	243	148	112	82
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	5 964 679	5 702 706	5 603 585	4 490 192	2 749 766	1 643 238	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm -----dollars ..	33 206	30 351	30 436	25 721	17 405	8 292	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	11 122	12 770	10 899	7 611	6 843	10 790	6 748	10 853
10 to 49 acres -----	34 514	37 063	33 673	22 867	20 951	27 315	31 723	34 539
50 to 179 acres -----	54 214	57 666	58 198	56 742	57 611	69 574	66 789	76 185
180 to 499 acres -----	38 602	39 143	40 246	43 356	44 783	56 667	55 054	61 720
500 to 999 acres -----	18 800	19 327	19 962	21 760	21 763	26 199	23 943	23 668
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	12 720	12 629	12 047	12 871	12 079	13 064	11 081	20 106
2,000 acres or more -----	10 672	10 190	9 995	10 188	10 038	9 941	9 064	20 106
Total cropland ----- farms ..	140 222	147 174	145 880	145 748	146 373	176 790	164 645	187 415
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	36 381 847	35 610 951	36 597 685	39 403 578	36 498 951	39 762 277	34 268 764	35 599 088
----- acres ..	104 318	110 358	110 341	112 291	109 208	128 274	138 503	157 054
----- acres ..	18 136 653	16 521 315	20 761 160	20 598 823	19 014 079	19 824 703	19 408 346	22 236 473
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	18 784	19 806	19 775	24 418	22 634	28 552	27 114	27 884
----- acres ..	4 912 308	4 271 043	5 575 553	6 947 079	6 593 832	6 888 075	6 384 963	5 655 638
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	12 004 385	10 548 907	8 936 363	8 229 298	5 638 180	3 291 422	2 225 025	2 108 881
Average per farm -----dollars ..	66 453	55 877	48 299	46 919	32 391	15 413	10 848	9 287
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	3 334 065	2 962 663	3 025 698	2 694 552	2 171 042	1 003 668	1 190 141	1 134 084
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	8 670 320	7 586 244	5 910 665	5 534 746	3 460 066	2 283 682	1 025 311	971 495
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	52 446	58 693	63 042	46 582	73 094	99 977	108 917	105 753
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	28 770	31 227	30 795	31 598	24 285	33 239	26 174	34 916
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	29 303	30 076	27 367	29 220	22 242	28 847	23 381	31 127
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	29 226	28 350	25 771	27 680				54 647
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	13 701	13 467	13 512	15 491	45 424	47 696	44 061	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	10 147	10 598	10 689	11 904				—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	14 293	14 235	12 020	11 502	8 083	3 378		—
\$500,000 or more -----	2 758	2 142	1 749	1 306	841	333	2 499	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	158 121	167 602	164 243	155 393	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	16 182	15 946	16 263	16 418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	4 893	3 945	3 257	2 692	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	1 448	1 295	1 257	892	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	67 672	65 582	57 284	62 487	54 846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	101 160	113 615	113 183	105 847	87 463	128 269	102 651	109 712
200 days or more -----	69 482	77 778	80 043	73 443	60 563	82 614	64 705	64 210
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	85 937	83 684	79 900	75 007	86 373	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	94 707	105 104	105 120	100 388	85 667	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years ..	56.1	54.4	52.9	52.4	53.7	52.7	53.3	52.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	10 431 343	8 911 631	(NA)	(NA)	4 984 611	3 041 800	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	3 516 453	3 134 939	2 356 028	2 315 360	1 344 068	944 659	277 176	294 308
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	2 063 320	1 565 112	1 562 467	1 503 227	1 317 088	561 909	339 443	257 186
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	445 433	339 641	367 989	329 182	285 918	135 822	96 194	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	486 457	416 266	601 320	404 096	226 295	146 986	143 105	116 560
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	729 915	630 271	480 462	431 842	300 700	237 489	202 804	227 301
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	451 603	486 577	608 466	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	288 639	246 176	208 539	167 418	89 312	59 292	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms ..	134 669	142 244	143 483	133 825	138 563	163 711	169 872	181 735
----- number ..	13 242 832	13 020 910	12 611 712	12 701 049	13 377 867	12 484 716	9 766 430	8 517 275
Beef cows ----- farms ..	118 728	123 291	125 651	119 752	113 683	(NA)	150 351	(NA)
----- number ..	5 186 359	5 138 558	5 223 321	5 233 424	5 991 030	5 348 313	4 871 625	3 909 567
Milk cows ----- farms ..	5 381	5 899	8 721	9 937	13 687	21 216	42 202	82 750
----- number ..	394 587	356 538	323 039	307 297	297 921	332 067	391 865	506 796
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	130 386	139 727	138 271	136 332	137 105	159 783	152 245	163 319
----- number ..	11 468 849	12 120 310	10 599 615	12 058 716	10 180 184	9 758 803	6 112 086	4 654 020
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	6 537	7 717	9 484	12 174	12 107	22 698	33 257	75 640
----- number ..	460 175	527 942	559 590	782 173	811 559	1 006 910	619 923	1 158 687
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	4 995	6 190	7 383	10 183	9 441	19 083	18 132	41 092
----- number ..	810 047	923 228	925 301	1 238 640	1 406 927	1 650 095	997 418	1 192 282
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms ..	7 595	13 201	16 871	16 257	19 860	30 789	69 617	126 854
----- number ..	19 728 363	19 601 318	15 061 107	13 738 886	14 155 071	16 004 907	15 113 400	15 871 213
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	916	1 023	1 022	1 213	1 375	1 796	1 913	2 416
----- number ..	292 758 887	226 038 116	176 390 727	168 330 357	146 502 086	156 150 513	124 197 718	84 685 579

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	7 393	9 131	9 192	12 223	14 057	19 039	37 650	64 856
acres--	1 549 680	1 227 335	1 097 305	1 286 697	782 986	567 137	701 586	1 343 044
bushels--	180 025 937	123 806 676	110 164 572	115 710 749	62 837 989	25 237 669	22 163 997	36 276 234
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- farms--	13 942	15 935	20 348	23 280	32 749	40 969	40 386	59 351
acres--	3 984 934	2 665 237	4 812 115	4 498 511	5 612 585	5 983 584	4 385 620	6 724 604
bushels--	222 512 221	155 573 425	256 044 797	205 070 846	263 602 187	280 953 610	201 610 294	235 381 994
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	14 877	19 386	22 647	15 103	20 197	25 170	29 172	25 550
acres--	3 726 217	3 649 104	5 087 248	2 691 350	3 489 127	2 813 316	3 125 227	3 031 131
bushels--	111 202 412	98 226 965	123 039 757	55 182 535	60 811 842	65 087 965	60 570 209	50 116 390
Rice ----- farms--	1 276	1 212	1 157	1 393	(NA)	(NA)	1 634	1 836
acres--	369 539	299 388	520 896	597 729	(NA)	(NA)	475 785	429 440
cwt--	20 026 016	16 345 153	24 702 306	27 807 754	(NA)	(NA)	19 723 700	13 608 220
Cotton----- farms--	11 237	16 557	16 292	23 035	26 334	47 730	54 472	80 916
acres--	3 620 070	4 349 755	4 522 787	6 476 184	4 493 986	5 032 040	5 643 643	6 126 137
bales--	3 212 770	4 071 552	2 715 950	3 746 038	2 505 597	3 040 790	3 915 081	4 155 986
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	74 836	76 357	71 265	72 168	61 089	61 208	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	3 607 387	3 252 216	2 851 469	3 024 941	2 350 721	2 113 732	2 083 997	1 442 797
tons, dry --	8 055 561	6 684 785	5 689 779	5 189 390	4 415 658	3 544 003	3 116 241	1 908 767
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	3 286	3 237	3 434	3 531	3 414	5 041	8 438	11 773
acres--	189 997	201 702	210 873	219 694	158 148	236 125	295 297	325 906

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.