

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 ..	13 520	14 066	13 984	12 764	12 184	13 045	15 759	17 811
Land in farms ----- acres ..	9 624 463	9 989 073	9 772 942	10 470 564	10 610 050	11 312 951	12 867 081	12 688 518
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	712	710	699	820	871	867	817	712
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	347 982	302 838	389 678	320 234	163 989	79 705	57 747	42 391
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	491	425	560	391	188	92	71	60
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	526 636	499 126	472 803	370 829	245 726	121 489	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	39 126	35 685	33 985	29 176	21 114	9 630	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 262	2 365	2 358	1 424	1 116	1 395	1 805	2 243
10 to 49 acres -----	3 735	3 835	3 938	3 218	2 948	3 159	4 085	4 597
50 to 179 acres -----	3 176	3 437	3 345	3 486	3 538	3 870	4 645	5 420
180 to 499 acres -----	2 057	2 137	2 135	2 290	2 217	2 247	2 569	2 756
500 to 999 acres -----	927	941	896	941	904	933	994	1 075
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	582	598	572	607	639	592	661	707
2,000 acres or more -----	781	753	740	798	822	849	1 000	1 720
Total cropland ----- farms ..	11 700	12 233	12 349	11 779	11 327	12 055	14 570	16 320
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	2 093 779	2 028 537	1 920 459	2 006 845	1 838 683	1 944 576	2 069 514	2 007 651
----- acres ..	10 173	10 752	11 078	10 951	10 692	11 103	13 759	15 481
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	1 043 347	1 076 886	1 118 486	1 163 141	1 089 243	1 024 475	1 039 040	1 062 246
----- acres ..	10 901	11 143	11 174	10 822	9 701	10 282	13 762	15 701
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	725 159	617 882	555 428	465 380	338 649	212 977	158 772	155 675
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	53 636	43 927	39 719	36 460	27 795	16 326	10 075	8 740
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	181 380	130 441	130 233	101 550	94 887	38 557	33 966	34 657
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	543 779	487 442	425 195	363 831	243 622	174 365	124 429	120 985
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	3 979	4 380	4 299	3 187	3 491	4 637	7 019	7 322
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	1 751	1 894	1 924	1 968	1 662	1 920	2 504	2 871
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	1 845	1 854	1 990	1 900	1 846	1 981	2 386	3 216
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	2 217	2 272	2 151	2 215	2 171	2 171	2 386	4 251
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	1 241	1 272	1 279	1 372	4 433	4 053	3 527	---
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	987	1 005	1 000	1 024	---	---	---	---
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	1 275	1 218	1 162	874	537	265	143	---
\$500,000 or more -----	225	171	127	87	53	24	---	---
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	11 030	11 660	11 605	10 625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	1 616	1 619	1 514	1 374	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	665	599	551	473	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	209	188	314	292	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	4 550	4 566	4 072	4 293	3 271	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	8 142	8 688	8 925	7 942	6 489	8 345	9 648	10 752
200 days or more -----	5 614	5 834	6 218	5 288	4 168	5 505	6 316	6 426
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	6 269	6 350	6 155	6 041	6 287	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	7 251	7 716	7 829	6 723	5 388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	54.8	53.7	52.0	51.9	52.6	51.4	51.3	50.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	602 812	494 641	(NA)	(NA)	288 132	181 123	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	103 978	84 657	80 313	74 543	52 074	43 778	28 579	26 279
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	135 079	101 717	108 719	102 272	87 162	39 544	34 568	30 409
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	17 412	13 229	10 327	11 893	9 442	4 012	2 834	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	34 722	29 726	35 676	22 427	14 589	9 246	8 762	8 407
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	72 014	51 365	42 066	34 946	22 269	17 868	14 247	13 505
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	42 771	47 504	59 617	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	8 569	8 604	5 302	4 624	2 471	1 250	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	7 530	7 854	8 757	8 114	8 087	8 293	11 207	13 553
----- number..	860 830	855 338	855 997	804 935	839 849	735 847	748 238	697 709
Beef cows ----- farms..	5 306	5 430	5 773	5 483	5 246	(NA)	6 080	(NA)
----- number..	356 971	346 462	320 470	315 625	335 417	275 854	268 435	231 005
Milk cows ----- farms..	1 082	1 447	2 325	2 480	2 828	3 501	6 235	9 699
----- number..	80 369	76 610	90 108	78 520	77 659	70 297	75 217	87 895
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	7 212	7 520	7 836	7 608	7 547	7 871	9 775	11 745
----- number..	506 739	499 464	458 467	467 458	431 649	450 478	399 786	378 435
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	727	748	1 061	1 356	1 384	1 554	2 633	5 878
----- number..	43 017	33 643	38 748	46 929	37 295	39 200	38 465	74 287
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	575	575	746	1 020	912	1 158	1 544	2 871
----- number..	61 407	48 290	50 369	61 212	56 142	59 787	54 934	77 395
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	622	1 008	1 417	1 189	1 171	1 224	3 276	6 164
----- number..	1 778 605	2 089 320	2 101 959	2 294 011	2 109 377	1 515 087	1 106 513	1 644 891
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	21	23	43	29	29	38	43	67
----- number..	5 091	7 793	4 357	2 483	64 061	1 502 660	1 138 273	1 223 436

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	1 274	1 711	1 703	2 054	3 623	4 088	4 331	(NA)
acres--	177 360	191 384	237 229	254 279	264 168	219 709	203 207	226 279
bushels--	6 295 501	7 149 004	6 662 449	6 672 767	6 377 354	5 814 608	4 915 551	5 305 000
Barley for grain ----- farms --	2 345	3 139	3 863	4 281	(NA)	(NA)	5 929	7 580
acres--	104 213	126 345	150 908	145 346	(NA)	(NA)	118 561	144 260
bushels--	7 879 596	9 506 857	10 949 532	9 059 083	(NA)	(NA)	5 665 904	6 782 735
Oats for grain ----- farms --	681	789	1 054	1 152	(NA)	(NA)	2 161	2 460
acres--	11 923	11 107	13 312	14 270	(NA)	(NA)	18 699	19 031
bushels--	669 910	699 305	784 230	762 236	(NA)	(NA)	920 175	921 562
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	8 660	9 114	9 312	9 267	8 853	9 026	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	660 762	649 688	614 816	625 177	550 926	517 638	563 119	531 489
tons, dry--	2 073 029	1 962 334	1 877 759	1 759 548	1 537 290	1 486 499	1 401 053	1 240 486

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.