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### Introduction

#### HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

#### **USES OF THE CENSUS**

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

#### **AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED**

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

#### **FARM DEFINITION**

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

#### **COMPARABILITY OF DATA**

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

#### TABULAR PRESENTATION

**State data.** Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data. Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

#### **SPECIAL TABULATIONS**

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

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#### **CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES**

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (H) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
- (IC) Independent city.
- (L) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
- (NA) Not available.
- (S) Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- cwt Hundredweight.
- sq ft Square feet.

### A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

ltom		All farms		
Item		1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms		5 436	5 877	-7.5
Land in farms		1 278 525 235	1 407 868 240	-9.2 -2.1
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1:  Average per farm  Average per acre	dollars dollars	318 131 1 342	258 713 1 124	23.0 19.4
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1: Average per farm	dollars	50 911	46 090	10.5
Farms by size:		200	201	
1 to 9 acres 10 to 49 acres 50 to 179 acres 180 to 499 acres		292 807 1 692 2 039	281 834 1 800 2 320	3.9 -3.2 -6.0 -12.1
500 to 999 acres 1,000 to 1,999 acres 2,000 acres or more		520 73 13	559 71 12	-12.1 -7.0 2.8 8.3
Total cropland		5 081	5 506	-7.7
Harvested cropland	acres farms acres	658 765 4 741 477 020	707 970 5 069 488 253	-7.0 -6.5 -2.3
Irrigated land	farmsacres	255 2 123	178 1 823	43.3 16.5
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000 dollars	415 253 76 389	375 537 63 899	10.6 19.5
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse cropsLivestock, poultry, and their products		35 483 379 770	25 186 350 351	40.9 8.4
Farms by value of sales: Less than \$2,500		1 326	1 523	-12.9
\$2,500 to \$4,999 \$5,000 to \$9,999		551 567	589 480	-6.5 18.1
\$10,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$49,999		467 350	453 446	3.1 -21.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 to \$249,999		710 1 115	992 1 158	-28.4 -3.7
\$250,000 to \$499,999 \$500,000 or more		263 87	194 42	35.6 107.1
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup>	\$1,000 dollars	340 482 62 612	289 945 49 302	17.4 27.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) 1		5 438 71 810	5 881 83 417	-7.5
Average per farm	\$1,000 dollars	13 205	14 184	-13.9 -6.9
Operators by principal occupation: Farming		3 502 1 934	3 762 2 115	-6.9 -8.6
Operators by days worked off farm:				
Any200 days or more		2 402 1 344	2 695 1 598	-10.9 -15.9
Livestock and poultry: Cattle and calves inventory		3 558	4 128	-13.8
Beef cows		310 518 1 048	320 189 1 180	-3.0 -11.2
Milk cows	number farms number	11 812 2 373 168 473	9 805 2 846 178 967	20.5 -16.6 -5.9
Cattle and calves sold	farms number	3 378 145 715	3 919 170 741	-13.8 -14.7
Hogs and pigs inventory		347 3 738	370 5 133	-14.7 -6.2 -27.2
Hogs and pigs sold	farms number	228 7 427	239 7 595	-4.6 -2.2
Sheep and lambs inventory	farms number	485 17 145	605 20 456	-19.8 -16.2
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory	number	508 (D)	649 405 869	-21.7 (D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms number	`51 7 266	53 5 231	-3.á 38.9
Selected crops harvested: Corn for grain or seed	farms	143	210	-31.9
Corn for silage or green chop	acres bushels	7 567 7 727 744 1 419	11 191 1 031 941 1 481	-32.4 -29.5 -4.2
Oats for grain	acres tons, green farms	86 024 1 362 157 28	70 258 1 154 813 42	22.4 18.0 -33.3
Hay-alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, et	acres bushels c. (see	489 28 885	646 28 475	-24.3 1.4
text)		4 200 408 552	4 640 432 881	-9.5 -5.6
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	tons, dry farms	776 231 330	869 548 230	-10.7 43.5
Land in orchards		2 534 258	2 038	24.3 16.7
	acres	4 894	4 797	2.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

### B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1: Average per farmdoll.	ars 50 911	46 090	10.5
Farms by size: .01 to 3.84 hectares	292	281	3.9
3.85 to 20.04 hectares	807	834 1 800	-3.2 -6.0
72.68 to 202.22 hectares	2 039	2 320 559	-12.1 -7.0
404.66 to 809.51 hectares	73	71 12	2.8 8.3
Total cropland far	rms 5 081	5 506	-7.7
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Market value of agricultural products sold\$1,0l Average per farmdoll.		375 537 63 899	10.6 19.5
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Livestock and poultry:	0.550	4.400	40.0
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Beef cows	ber   11 812	1 180 9 805 2 846	-11.2 20.5 -16.6
	ber 168 473	178 967	-10.0 -5.9
Cattle and calves soldfarr	ber 145 715	3 919 170 741	-13.8 -14.7
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	ms 228 ber 7 427	239 7 595	-4.6 -2.2
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text)fal	res 165 341	4 640 175 187	-9.5 -5.6
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)farn	ns 330	788 841 230	-10.7 43.5
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hecta		1 941	2.0

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