

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 ..	42 222	44 799	51 859	49 936	52 699	64 572	80 354	97 623
Land in farms acres ..	8 297 011	8 676 336	9 436 854	9 459 429	9 678 307	10 649 862	12 001 860	13 125 802
Average size of farm acres ..	197	194	182	189	184	165	149	135
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars ..	320 488	232 374	205 034	171 658	102 388	47 191	27 572	18 635
Average per acredollars ..	1 636	1 198	1 125	900	558	286	183	139
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000..	1 388 837	1 350 875	1 396 216	1 060 091	699 383	371 956	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farmdollars ..	33 090	30 249	26 976	21 282	14 487	6 234	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3 357	3 408	4 158	3 891	3 544	4 600	6 730	8 038
10 to 49 acres	10 361	10 753	12 762	10 836	11 521	15 169	22 024	28 914
50 to 179 acres	16 293	17 530	20 489	20 393	22 480	27 735	32 981	40 593
180 to 499 acres	8 422	9 252	10 393	10 737	11 282	13 180	14 512	15 993
500 to 999 acres	2 517	2 624	2 837	2 909	2 756	2 889	3 068	3 087
1,000 to 1,999 acres	987	968	956	917	852	793	802	998
2,000 acres or more	285	264	264	253	264	206	237	
Total cropland farms ..	38 779	41 491	48 550	47 652	50 419	60 877	75 021	90 064
Harvested cropland farms ..	4 311 840	4 363 106	4 559 543	4 508 938	4 432 097	4 600 549	4 009 873	4 427 081
Irrigated land farms ..	2 449 013	2 406 976	2 779 282	2 599 660	2 446 897	2 277 878	2 566 117	2 857 848
Market value of agricultural products sold ² \$1,000..	2 055 958	1 588 770	1 606 915	1 261 255	959 687	570 335	469 651	423 925
Average per farmdollars ..	48 694	35 464	30 986	25 257	18 211	8 832	5 845	4 342
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000 ..	696 489	465 379	629 303	503 579	435 652	220 445	219 925	168 702
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000 ..	1 359 469	1 123 391	977 612	757 676	514 246	341 829	239 617	244 306
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	10 546	13 622	15 842	14 432	21 495	33 943	47 655	62 670
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7 161	7 995	9 509	9 398	8 316	10 161	12 462	16 084
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7 687	7 580	8 558	8 595	7 893	8 760	9 882	9 408
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴	7 402	6 895	7 753	8 053	13 054	11 038	9 975	9 405
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3 266	3 028	3 660	3 847				
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1 946	2 102	2 617	2 729	1 791	587	321	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999	3 439	3 110	3 541	2 657				
\$500,000 or more	775	467	349	186	106	29	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	36 866	39 344	45 731	43 964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	3 786	4 004	4 765	4 855	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	1 327	1 173	1 023	895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	243	278	340	222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None	15 878	16 275	17 984	18 711	17 449	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any	23 465	25 826	29 561	28 719	25 591	36 797	37 459	44 452
200 days or more	16 795	18 291	20 648	19 508	17 377	23 006	23 229	26 682
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming	19 571	20 617	24 090	24 425	28 599	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other	22 651	24 182	27 769	25 511	23 521	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ years ..	55.6	54.5	53.3	52.9	54.1	53.8	53.8	53.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	1 699 051	1 334 393	(NA)	(NA)	745 380	459 986	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	230 888	169 333	161 849	131 379	92 487	71 250	36 685	39 648
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	461 703	360 422	295 721	238 693	181 081	85 744	76 856	78 076
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ \$1,000..	108 844	92 982	116 005	93 963	80 091	40 059	36 101	(NA)
Petroleum products \$1,000..	79 225	64 261	98 762	60 344	38 960	25 693	24 009	20 583
Hired farm labor \$1,000 ..	188 671	145 364	126 893	103 504	69 582	56 303	45 930	50 575
Interest expense ⁷ \$1,000..	85 120	83 337	105 832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁶ \$1,000..	64 381	51 382	50 270	35 570	22 243	12 490	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms ..	27 638	28 325	33 114	30 642	34 943	40 120	56 750	71 452
Beef cows farms ..	1 653 191	1 510 920	1 672 006	1 455 042	1 703 583	1 422 418	1 312 301	1 315 951
Milk cows farms ..	22 519	22 228	25 556	23 163	24 760	(NA)	28 496	(NA)
Cattle and calves sold farms ..	674 068	581 298	617 787	545 240	659 896	479 130	437 461	359 669
Hogs and pigs inventory farms ..	2 369	3 372	5 577	7 005	10 726	16 038	36 693	56 101
Hogs and pigs sold farms ..	140 033	157 128	173 418	167 777	175 673	190 864	245 881	307 650
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	26 917	28 222	31 287	29 692	32 127	36 476	46 660	59 405
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ farms ..	855 634	859 708	814 465	783 226	719 470	805 392	712 376	670 087
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	2 085	3 711	7 239	10 168	12 202	17 243	36 080	64 464
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	412 736	345 058	474 393	537 412	502 033	535 949	479 894	785 682
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	1 596	3 016	5 282	7 768	8 450	12 247	13 727	26 708
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	715 452	642 863	804 740	912 766	902 641	845 756	640 151	694 488
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	2 069	3 194	5 445	6 568	8 708	13 996	37 741	64 237
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	6 191 513	6 605 717	4 510 736	4 751 709	5 131 750	4 254 883	5 742 585	6 442 474
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	640	567	559	561	578	777	975	1 634
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms ..	201 697 436	142 971 809	120 078 522	85 628 152	66 214 566	60 027 933	44 638 871	40 728 734

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	6 169	8 162	15 288	17 564	20 890	24 571	38 022	60 636
acres--	361 326	341 412	611 032	612 215	543 067	423 864	433 862	621 477
bushels--	40 633 506	20 941 850	58 283 179	50 865 163	43 268 674	32 511 424	24 255 072	28 311 878
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	3 670	4 339	6 594	5 051	10 115	10 745	14 766	24 366
acres--	241 042	188 428	296 840	123 985	258 366	151 983	177 148	253 987
bushels--	12 598 036	8 065 684	10 873 751	4 427 658	9 636 104	6 477 754	5 086 620	5 996 456
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	3 709	4 586	7 247	6 925	7 950	7 011	8 838	9 851
acres--	507 878	459 924	612 399	474 287	421 462	303 038	319 294	280 637
bushels--	15 742 573	10 421 715	17 698 179	13 015 028	10 011 420	7 776 397	6 370 491	5 733 425
Tobacco ----- farms --	8 444	9 750	13 485	14 835	15 903	21 183	27 695	34 806
acres--	55 419	45 121	64 005	70 928	67 308	66 293	78 542	85 851
pounds--	113 240 049	80 582 854	122 488 095	131 522 222	122 370 907	117 547 795	151 808 299	127 795 512
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	25 282	27 244	28 796	28 860	28 667	31 469	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	1 101 530	1 075 203	948 741	910 150	787 434	775 454	988 039	1 094 204
tons, dry --	2 180 604	1 832 905	1 714 484	1 535 228	1 403 313	1 278 689	1 233 824	1 620 013
Land in orchards ----- farms --	1 387	1 463	1 714	1 808	1 653	2 072	4 659	7 628
acres--	32 963	34 027	36 274	38 452	41 955	48 992	55 276	67 457

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.