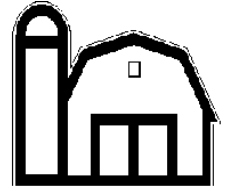


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# Introduction

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## 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.



## 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]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number .....	30 264	33 559	-9.8
Land in farms ----- acres .....	15 726 007	16 115 568	-2.4
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	520	480	8.3
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	468 482	355 976	31.6
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	892	739	20.7
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	61 053	45 905	33.0
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres -----	5 408	6 040	-10.5
10 to 49 acres -----	10 115	11 362	-11.0
50 to 179 acres -----	6 536	7 216	-9.4
180 to 499 acres -----	3 336	3 796	-12.1
500 to 999 acres -----	1 699	1 855	-8.4
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 461	1 626	-10.1
2,000 acres or more -----	1 709	1 664	2.7
Total cropland ----- farms .....	25 765	28 891	-10.8
Harvested cropland ----- acres .....	7 999 419	8 168 454	-2.1
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	21 282	24 027	-11.4
----- acres .....	4 734 673	4 597 476	3.0
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	14 068	15 437	-8.9
----- acres .....	1 641 437	1 518 684	8.1
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	3 821 222	2 919 634	30.9
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	126 263	87 000	45.1
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	2 451 605	1 688 656	45.2
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	1 369 617	1 230 978	11.3
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	8 980	10 599	-15.3
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	3 489	4 166	-16.3
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	3 078	3 507	-12.2
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	3 327	3 684	-9.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	2 305	2 668	-13.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	2 426	2 995	-19.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	3 491	3 605	-3.2
\$250,000 to \$499,999 -----	1 752	1 373	27.6
\$500,000 or more -----	1 416	962	47.2
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	3 122 970	2 425 028	28.8
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	103 194	72 255	42.8
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	30 263	33 563	-9.8
----- \$1,000 .....	689 113	478 484	44.0
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	22 771	14 256	59.7
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	16 491	17 654	-6.6
Other -----	13 773	15 905	-13.4
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	15 691	18 561	-15.5
200 days or more -----	10 441	12 330	-15.3
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	13 484	15 434	-12.6
----- number .....	1 270 275	1 304 673	-2.6
Beef cows ----- farms .....	9 555	10 799	-11.5
----- number .....	310 554	334 966	-7.3
Milk cows ----- farms .....	1 842	2 410	-23.6
----- number .....	242 787	220 849	9.9
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	12 259	14 371	-14.7
----- number .....	1 014 365	1 089 642	-6.9
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	1 407	1 525	-7.7
----- number .....	56 171	59 195	-5.1
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	1 150	1 355	-15.1
----- number .....	93 660	104 934	-10.7
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	1 364	1 609	-15.2
----- number .....	63 584	80 177	-20.7
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	1 886	2 654	-28.9
----- number .....	5 499 448	5 928 036	-7.2
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	164	245	-33.1
----- number .....	33 720 007	36 068 869	-6.5
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	571	735	-22.3
----- acres .....	94 619	91 470	3.4
Wheat for grain ----- bushels .....	16 854 783	15 956 710	5.6
----- farms .....	5 032	5 562	-9.5
----- acres .....	2 495 940	2 160 641	15.5
Barley for grain ----- bushels .....	120 833 207	114 781 997	5.3
----- farms .....	2 428	3 722	-34.8
----- acres .....	422 447	609 133	-30.6
Irish potatoes ----- bushels .....	19 565 135	31 889 132	-38.6
----- farms .....	431	486	-11.3
----- acres .....	129 110	110 157	17.2
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- cwt .....	62 345 425	54 358 456	14.7
----- farms .....	10 396	12 435	-16.4
----- acres .....	740 586	772 618	-4.1
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ----- tons, dry .....	2 669 837	2 574 944	3.7
----- farms .....	1 605	1 724	-6.9
----- acres .....	172 057	144 097	19.4
Land in orchards ----- farms .....	6 220	6 839	-9.1
----- acres .....	256 282	241 423	6.2

<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]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ..... number .....	30 264	33 559	-9.8
Land in farms ..... hectares .....	6 364 315	6 521 970	-2.4
Average size of farm ..... hectares .....	210	194	8.2
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	468 482	355 976	31.6
Average per hectare ..... dollars .....	892	739	20.7
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	61 053	45 905	33.0
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares ..... farms .....	5 408	6 040	-10.5
3.85 to 20.04 hectares ..... hectares .....	10 115	11 362	-11.0
20.05 to 72.67 hectares ..... farms .....	6 536	7 216	-9.4
72.68 to 202.22 hectares ..... hectares .....	3 336	3 796	-12.1
202.23 to 404.65 hectares ..... farms .....	1 699	1 855	-8.4
404.66 to 809.51 hectares ..... hectares .....	1 461	1 626	-10.1
809.52 hectares or more ..... farms .....	1 709	1 664	2.7
Total cropland ..... farms .....	25 765	28 891	-10.8
Harvested cropland ..... hectares .....	3 237 365	3 305 773	-2.1
Irrigated land ..... farms .....	21 282	24 027	-11.4
Market value of agricultural products sold ..... dollars .....	1 916 122	1 860 599	3.0
Irrigated land ..... hectares .....	14 068	15 437	-8.9
Market value of agricultural products sold ..... \$1,000 .....	664 290	614 611	8.1
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	3 821 222	2 919 634	30.9
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000 .....	126 263	87 000	45.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000 .....	2 451 605	1 688 656	45.2
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ..... farms .....	1 369 617	1 230 978	11.3
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\$10,000 to \$24,999 ..... farms .....	3 078	3 507	-12.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..... farms .....	3 327	3 684	-9.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ..... farms .....	2 305	2 688	-13.6
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..... farms .....	2 426	2 995	-19.0
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ..... farms .....	3 491	3 605	-3.2
\$500,000 or more ..... farms .....	1 752	1 373	27.6
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000 .....	1 416	962	47.2
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	3 122 970	2 425 028	28.8
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000 .....	103 194	72 255	42.8
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ..... farms .....	30 263	33 563	-9.8
Other ..... farms .....	689 113	478 484	44.0
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ..... farms .....	22 771	14 256	59.7
200 days or more ..... farms .....	16 491	17 654	-6.6
Livestock and poultry:			
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Beef cows ..... farms .....	16 491	17 654	-6.6
Milk cows ..... farms .....	13 773	15 905	-13.4
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms .....	13 484	15 434	-12.6
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms .....	1 270 275	1 304 673	-2.6
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms .....	9 555	10 799	-11.5
Sheep and lambs inventory ..... farms .....	310 554	334 966	-7.3
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ..... farms .....	1 842	2 410	-23.6
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms .....	242 787	220 849	9.9
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ..... farms .....	12 259	14 371	-14.7
Wheat for grain ..... farms .....	1 014 365	1 089 642	-6.9
Barley for grain ..... farms .....	1 407	1 525	-7.7
Irish potatoes ..... farms .....	56 171	59 195	-5.1
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ..... farms .....	1 150	1 355	-15.1
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ..... farms .....	93 660	104 934	-10.7
Land in orchards ..... farms .....	1 364	1 609	-15.2
..... hectares .....	63 584	80 177	-20.7
..... metric tons .....	1 886	2 654	-28.9
..... metric tons .....	5 499 448	5 928 036	-7.2
..... metric tons .....	164	245	-33.1
..... metric tons .....	33 720 007	36 068 869	-6.5
..... metric tons .....	571	735	-22.3
..... metric tons .....	38 292	37 018	3.4
..... metric tons .....	428 131	405 319	5.6
..... metric tons .....	5 032	5 562	-9.5
..... metric tons .....	1 010 107	874 411	15.5
..... metric tons .....	3 288 542	3 123 855	5.3
..... metric tons .....	2 428	3 722	-34.8
..... metric tons .....	170 964	246 516	-30.6
..... metric tons .....	425 981	694 304	-38.6
..... metric tons .....	431	486	-11.3
..... metric tons .....	52 251	44 581	17.2
..... metric tons .....	2 827 942	2 465 659	14.7
..... metric tons .....	10 396	12 435	-16.4
..... metric tons .....	299 715	312 679	-4.1
..... metric tons .....	2 422 036	2 335 951	3.7
..... metric tons .....	1 605	1 724	-6.9
..... metric tons .....	69 632	58 316	19.4
..... metric tons .....	6 220	6 839	-9.1
..... metric tons .....	103 717	97 704	6.2

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

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