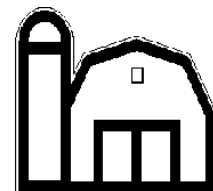


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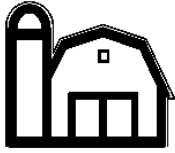
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# Introduction

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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 .....	67 959	75 131	-9.5
Land in farms ----- acres .....	15 463 551	16 606 567	-6.9
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	228	221	3.2
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	210 179	182 950	14.9
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	925	826	12.0
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	66 001	54 037	22.1
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres -----	3 605	4 012	-10.1
10 to 49 acres -----	8 655	8 778	-1.4
50 to 179 acres -----	24 121	27 498	-12.3
180 to 499 acres -----	25 570	28 828	-11.3
500 to 999 acres -----	4 790	4 923	-2.7
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 014	921	10.1
2,000 acres or more -----	204	171	19.3
Total cropland ----- farms .....	64 229	71 320	-9.9
Harvested cropland ----- acres .....	10 948 614	11 618 876	-5.8
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	61 125	69 141	-11.6
----- acres .....	8 843 649	9 335 007	-5.3
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	5 259 670	4 909 869	7.1
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	77 395	65 351	18.4
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	1 126 566	936 624	20.3
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	4 133 103	3 973 245	4.0
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 932	9 838	1.0
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 355	6 039	-11.3
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 576	7 505	-12.4
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	8 995	10 678	-15.8
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	7 872	10 491	-25.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	11 916	15 223	-21.7
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	13 809	12 818	7.7
\$250,000 to \$499,999 -----	2 662	1 932	37.8
\$500,000 or more -----	842	607	38.7
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	4 029 737	3 638 957	10.7
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	59 292	48 453	22.4
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	67 964	75 103	-9.5
Average per farm ----- \$1,000 .....	1 230 986	1 253 108	-1.8
----- dollars .....	18 112	16 685	8.6
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	46 180	53 342	-13.4
Other -----	21 779	21 789	(Z)
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	28 081	30 014	-6.4
200 days or more -----	18 307	18 776	-2.5
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	46 052	53 315	-13.6
----- number .....	3 866 998	4 138 221	-6.6
Beef cows ----- farms .....	10 394	10 355	4
----- number .....	195 810	180 276	8.6
Milk cows ----- farms .....	30 156	37 325	-19.2
----- number .....	1 521 969	1 743 427	-12.7
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	45 227	52 816	-14.4
----- number .....	1 808 889	1 982 183	-8.7
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	6 760	8 737	-22.6
----- number .....	1 173 783	1 312 818	-10.6
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	6 776	8 899	-23.9
----- number .....	2 244 673	2 515 246	-10.8
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	2 444	2 684	-8.9
----- number .....	84 956	94 429	-10.0
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	2 860	4 658	-38.6
----- number .....	3 734 208	5 156 407	-27.6
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	504	674	-25.2
----- number .....	13 686 548	10 761 742	27.2
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	36 674	48 665	-24.6
----- acres .....	2 830 496	2 787 734	1.5
Corn for silage or green chop ----- bushels .....	283 709 848	311 689 830	-9.0
----- farms .....	28 701	29 080	-1.3
----- acres .....	937 346	666 719	40.6
Oats for grain ----- tons, green .....	10 189 877	8 531 126	19.4
----- farms .....	22 195	31 065	-28.6
----- acres .....	488 332	679 203	-28.1
Soybeans for beans ----- bushels .....	27 900 172	37 458 060	-25.5
----- farms .....	8 957	5 628	59.2
----- acres .....	575 087	297 226	93.5
Irish potatoes ----- bushels .....	17 659 688	11 491 031	53.7
----- farms .....	447	470	-4.9
----- acres .....	78 231	72 149	8.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- cwt .....	26 639 799	22 003 470	21.1
----- farms .....	51 238	60 404	-15.2
----- acres .....	3 911 258	4 784 417	-18.3
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ----- tons, dry .....	8 621 168	12 407 639	-30.5
----- farms .....	4 269	4 177	2.2
----- acres .....	347 581	328 902	5.7

<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 -----	67 959	75 131	-9.5
Land in farms ----- hectares -----	6 258 099	6 720 678	-6.9
Average size of farm ----- hectares -----	92	89	3.4
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	210 179	182 950	14.9
Average per hectare ----- dollars -----	925	826	12.0
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	66 001	54 037	22.1
Farms by size:			
01 to 3.84 hectares -----	3 605	4 012	-10.1
3.85 to 20.04 hectares -----	8 655	8 778	-1.4
20.05 to 72.67 hectares -----	24 121	27 498	-12.3
72.68 to 202.22 hectares -----	25 570	28 828	-11.3
202.23 to 404.65 hectares -----	4 790	4 923	-2.7
404.66 to 809.51 hectares -----	1 014	921	10.1
809.52 hectares or more -----	204	171	19.3
Total cropland ----- farms -----	64 229	71 320	-9.9
Harvested cropland ----- hectares -----	4 430 904	4 702 159	-5.8
Irrigated land ----- farms -----	61 125	69 141	-11.6
----- hectares -----	3 579 025	3 777 877	-5.3
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 -----	5 259 670	4 909 869	7.1
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	77 395	65 351	18.4
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 -----	1 126 566	936 624	20.3
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 -----	4 133 103	3 973 245	4.0
Farms by value of sales:			
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\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	7 872	10 491	-25.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	11 916	15 223	-21.7
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	13 809	12 818	7.7
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Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 -----	4 029 737	3 638 957	10.7
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	59 292	48 453	22.4
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms -----	67 964	75 103	-9.5
Average per farm ----- \$1,000 -----	1 230 986	1 253 108	-1.8
----- dollars -----	18 112	16 685	8.6
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	46 180	53 342	-13.4
Other -----	21 779	21 789	(Z)
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	28 081	30 014	-6.4
200 days or more -----	18 307	18 776	-2.5
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms -----	46 052	53 315	-13.6
----- number -----	3 866 998	4 138 221	-6.6
Beef cows ----- farms -----	10 394	10 355	4
----- number -----	195 810	180 276	8.6
Milk cows ----- farms -----	30 156	37 325	-19.2
----- number -----	1 521 969	1 743 427	-12.7
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms -----	45 227	52 816	-14.4
----- number -----	1 808 889	1 982 183	-8.7
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms -----	6 760	8 737	-22.6
----- number -----	1 173 783	1 312 818	-10.6
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms -----	6 776	8 899	-23.9
----- number -----	2 244 673	2 515 246	-10.8
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms -----	2 444	2 684	-8.9
----- number -----	84 956	94 429	-10.0
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms -----	2 860	4 658	-38.6
----- number -----	3 734 208	5 156 407	-27.6
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms -----	504	674	-25.2
----- number -----	13 686 548	10 761 742	27.2
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms -----	36 674	48 665	-24.6
----- hectares -----	1 145 502	1 128 196	1.5
----- metric tons -----	7 206 565	7 917 289	-9.0
Corn for silage or green chop ----- farms -----	28 701	29 080	-1.3
----- hectares -----	379 344	269 821	40.6
----- metric tons -----	9 244 104	7 739 310	19.4
Oats for grain ----- farms -----	22 195	31 065	-28.6
----- hectares -----	197 628	274 873	-28.1
----- metric tons -----	404 970	543 702	-25.5
Soybeans for beans ----- farms -----	8 957	5 628	59.2
----- hectares -----	232 738	120 287	93.5
----- metric tons -----	480 618	312 735	53.7
Irish potatoes ----- farms -----	447	470	-4.9
----- hectares -----	31 660	29 199	8.4
----- metric tons -----	1 208 361	998 061	21.1
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms -----	51 238	60 404	-15.2
----- hectares -----	1 582 886	1 936 254	-18.3
----- metric tons -----	7 820 994	11 256 024	-30.5
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ----- farms -----	4 269	4 177	2.2
----- hectares -----	140 666	133 106	5.7

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