

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 ..	67 959	75 131	82 199	86 505	89 479	98 973	118 816	131 215
Land in farms ----- acres ..	15 463 551	16 606 567	17 234 127	17 838 982	17 624 826	18 109 273	20 377 572	21 156 223
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	228	221	210	206	197	183	172	161
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	210 179	182 950	232 606	175 095	85 560	42 448	26 765	21 309
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	925	826	1 113	853	434	232	155	132
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ ----- \$1,000..	4 481 945	4 053 360	4 410 681	3 475 058	2 074 183	1 046 308	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	66 001	54 037	53 698	40 204	23 751	10 742	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	3 605	4 012	4 254	3 117	2 392	2 311	2 600	2 713
10 to 49 acres -----	8 655	8 778	10 256	9 447	8 176	8 118	10 117	11 363
50 to 179 acres -----	24 121	27 498	31 202	35 701	41 160	50 084	63 930	74 978
180 to 499 acres -----	25 570	28 828	30 855	32 997	33 612	35 205	39 250	39 868
500 to 999 acres -----	4 790	4 923	4 682	4 437	3 527	2 841	2 572	2 014
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 014	921	778	672	494	333	270	279
2,000 acres or more -----	204	171	172	134	118	81	77	77
Total cropland ----- farms ..	64 229	71 320	78 060	83 666	87 263	96 133	116 432	128 513
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	10 948 614	11 618 876	11 769 183	12 088 709	116 685 509	11 564 178	12 043 283	12 250 260
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	61 125	69 141	75 734	81 708	84 970	92 197	112 963	125 672
Acres ..	8 843 649	9 335 007	10 062 154	9 863 051	9 340 375	8 133 848	9 038 263	9 599 094
Market value of agricultural products sold ² ----- \$1,000..	5 259 670	4 909 869	4 854 582	3 444 600	2 352 996	1 455 482	1 097 457	961 103
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	77 395	65 351	59 059	39 820	26 297	14 706	9 237	7 325
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 126 566	936 624	943 422	671 094	478 736	195 840	174 032	122 661
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	4 133 103	3 973 245	3 911 160	2 773 506	1 867 277	1 255 675	915 645	832 950
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 932	9 838	10 768	11 653	15 233	22 796	28 553	30 298
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 355	6 039	6 472	8 119	7 602	10 460	20 033	28 309
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 576	7 505	7 884	9 901	11 517	17 056	32 162	43 543
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ⁴ -----	8 995	10 678	12 178	15 877	15 517	17 056	32 162	28 966
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	7 872	10 491	12 995	18 018	52 714	47 935	37 657	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	11 916	15 223	18 022	16 463	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	16 471	14 750	13 389	6 211	2 250	640	358	—
\$500,000 or more -----	842	607	465	231	124	35	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	58 298	64 642	70 842	76 016	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	6 930	7 909	8 937	8 749	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	2 502	2 322	2 193	1 555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	229	258	227	185	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁵ :								
None -----	36 175	40 587	43 143	44 825	38 627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	28 081	30 014	33 440	38 202	33 542	45 617	50 546	53 455
200 days or more -----	18 307	18 776	20 200	23 036	20 947	25 869	25 223	22 960
Operators by principal occupation ⁵ :								
Farming -----	46 180	53 342	57 939	59 222	64 805	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	21 779	21 789	24 260	27 283	23 619	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁵ ----- years..	50.6	50.3	48.4	49.0	50.2	49.7	49.7	48.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000..	4 029 737	3 638 957	(NA)	(NA)	1 680 806	1 027 337	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	349 520	294 202	261 923	233 653	138 150	111 561	54 597	56 442
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	785 140	675 221	667 669	450 562	380 336	206 574	161 540	152 585
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ ----- \$1,000..	248 410	236 568	262 517	181 264	126 706	50 289	38 532	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	183 421	175 966	264 315	141 420	97 613	59 720	59 724	55 277
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	362 356	312 325	279 154	181 536	93 914	68 468	51 677	45 203
Interest expense ⁷ ----- \$1,000..	346 096	400 274	531 636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁸ ----- \$1,000..	135 926	104 934	90 030	59 702	35 460	18 102	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	46 052	53 315	62 836	64 192	71 092	78 162	100 811	113 366
number..	3 866 998	4 138 221	4 458 683	3 971 214	4 218 103	3 969 412	4 383 753	4 099 830
Beef cows ----- farms..	10 394	10 355	14 386	15 185	19 252	(NA)	16 271	(NA)
number..	195 810	180 276	236 967	229 258	328 144	257 900	185 827	114 443
Milk cows ----- farms..	30 156	37 325	44 093	45 518	51 655	60 634	85 407	103 143
number..	1 521 969	1 743 427	1 852 784	1 699 839	1 728 670	1 723 000	2 083 336	2 095 134
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	45 227	52 816	61 246	62 894	69 642	77 933	98 210	111 237
number..	1 808 889	1 982 183	1 806 185	1 743 443	1 621 155	1 818 774	2 002 363	1 844 783
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	6 760	8 737	11 940	15 713	17 816	25 294	38 808	62 217
number..	1 173 783	1 312 818	1 479 028	1 473 818	1 240 808	1 676 978	1 735 176	2 460 355
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	6 776	8 899	12 059	15 396	17 978	25 542	36 059	52 218
number..	2 244 673	2 515 246	2 658 032	2 558 847	2 345 238	3 018 324	3 164 459	3 384 710
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ⁸ ----- farms..	2 860	4 658	7 373	9 284	13 170	18 109	41 611	69 047
number..	3 734 208	5 156 407	4 926 499	4 499 970	4 397 849	5 365 466	7 348 023	10 551 103
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	504	674	897	995	1 097	361	164	364
number..	13 686 548	10 761 742	8 803 544	8 721 401	9 463 734	12 125 398	9 910 566	14 490 559

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 --	36 674	48 665	52 645	56 602	52 645	50 345	64 373	90 101
acres--	2 830 496	2 787 734	3 257 104	2 975 928	2 271 002	1 655 803	1 421 801	1 911 736
bushels--	283 709 848	311 689 830	332 327 822	288 060 992	161 241 513	145 785 434	101 146 378	135 477 903
Oats for grain ----- farms --	22 195	31 065	40 594	50 851	(NA)	(NA)	89 344	106 841
acres--	488 332	679 203	890 503	1 092 308	(NA)	(NA)	1 919 162	2 382 922
bushels--	27 900 172	37 458 060	46 411 629	60 582 588	(NA)	(NA)	98 172 508	121 399 193
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	8 957	5 628	5 667	4 587	5 182	4 681	5 599	4 282
acres--	575 087	297 226	332 235	222 157	194 962	145 876	129 821	95 170
bushels--	17 659 688	11 491 031	10 619 901	6 602 755	3 813 422	3 100 055	2 134 465	1 851 320
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	51 238	60 404	64 770	71 292	74 237	76 243	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	3 911 258	4 784 417	4 491 368	4 771 840	4 105 994	3 512 233	4 130 456	3 803 221
tons, dry--	8 621 168	12 407 639	11 846 550	12 908 132	10 168 458	9 449 373	9 005 575	8 866 854
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁹ ----- farms--	4 269	4 177	4 262	5 188	6 264	7 092	9 978	12 673
acres--	347 581	328 902	280 326	319 090	337 959	310 210	265 991	242 511

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.

⁹Data for 1974 were from land area used.