

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1997 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Farms number..	548	512	574	570	383	291	332	382
Land in farms acres..	881 045	923 037	1 026 732	1 323 953	1 286 463	1 633 070	1 604 211	1 959 440
Average size of farm acres..	1 608	1 803	1 789	2 323	3 359	5 612	4 832	5 129
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	486 827	486 550	553 000	463 849	364 527	237 938	61 541	47 150
Average per acre dollars..	303	270	309	200	109	42	13	9
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	28 993	22 423	22 290	18 562 436	7 762	5 004	2 628	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	53 003	43 795	38 901	32 912	21 683	17 315	8 316	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	96	76	96	91	33	17	16	11
10 to 49 acres	98	93	113	115	71	40	32	16
50 to 179 acres	171	160	172	184	130	107	140	207
180 to 499 acres	93	85	97	88	68	58	85	81
500 to 999 acres	33	41	24	23	30	13	18	21
1,000 to 1,999 acres	26	19	24	13	10	19	6	7
2,000 acres or more	31	38	48	56	41	37	35	39
Total cropland farms..	434	419	454	460	320	249	282	346
Harvested cropland farms..	94 810	84 061	66 305	54 311	29 341	23 970	22 035	23 271
Irrigated land farms..	381	352	397	395	303	237	251	305
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	24 650	15 351	17 972	11 399	8 225	6 695	3 617	3 768
Average per farm dollars..	44 982	29 982	31 309	19 999	21 475	23 007	10 895	9 865
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	15 968	11 228	10 768	6 010	4 661	2 808	983	951
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	8 682	4 123	7 204	5 389	3 564	3 827	2 621	2 733
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	187	211	242	267	152	108	208	224
\$2,500 to \$4,999	75	75	92	110	64	37	25	40
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	67	73	85	58	56	25	24
\$10,000 to \$24,999	99	70	65	46	45			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	44	30	38	25	21	66	62	90
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	25	25	11	13			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	41	31	34	23	19	18	6	1
\$500,000 or more	6	3	5	3	1	-	-	-
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	458	430	478	489	327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	43	40	52	42	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	36	30	29	29	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	11	12	15	10	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	182	178	173	132	103	55	(NA)	(NA)
Any	314	308	369	397	276	205	244	233
200 days or more	145	145	182	200	127	108	147	145
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	306	273	248	231	150	97	(NA)	(NA)
Other	242	239	326	339	233	176	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	53.3	51.3	48.9	45.8	46.8	48.6	47.0	46.6
Total farm production expenses ⁵ \$1,000..	21 821	16 308	15 774	(NA)	(NA)	6 356	3 358	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	1 291	254	386	507	569	180	246	204
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	2 532	1 586	2 978	2 293	1 665	1 675	809	1 132
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ \$1,000..	1 549	1 225	1 413	1 118	776	636	237	497
Petroleum products \$1,000..	1 728	1 224	1 140	1 113	507	338	195	251
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	5 064	3 928	2 647	1 925	1 823	785	472	574
Interests ⁶ \$1,000..	1 143	869	1 275	1 466	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁶ \$1,000..	219	110	166	45	68	24	19	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	120	132	170	207	141	124	136	203
Beef cows farms..	11 111	8 002	9 433	8 729	8 743	9 695	8 466	8 193
Milk cows farms..	84	97	112	129	80	58	(NA)	68
Cattle and calves sold farms..	3 694	3 224	3 199	2 994	2 773	3 104	2 653	2 186
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	30	34	50	64	59	50	76	123
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	1 101	715	1 713	963	1 330	1 607	1 662	2 477
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	92	115	134	151	102	95	112	123
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	2 847	1 672	2 538	1 640	1 616	1 510	2 029	1 874
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	53	45	45	88	55	31	24	32
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	2 112	2 135	573	3 741	845	1 162	975	1 105
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	33	40	37	70	36	18	13	21
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	2 532	2 800	1 100	6 244	(D)	1 635	836	657
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	9	7	12	19	13	4	4	-
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	1 860	(D)	4 141	4 610	1 418	5 408	300	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1997 and Earlier Census Years—Con.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Barley for grain farms . .	31	22	35	45	44	(NA)	(NA)	53
acres . .	7 106	2 676	5 666	6 950	3 887	(NA)	(NA)	1 914
bushels . .	164 015	136 228	235 417	227 820	166 923	(NA)	(NA)	72 606
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	267	230	290	307	231	176	175	(NA)
acres . .	24 023	(D)	21 254	17 248	15 536	14 528	10 228	13 343
tons, dry . .	28 664	23 510	28 615	19 726	23 591	20 015	12 548	19 741

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 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

⁵Data for 1964 to 1982 do not include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals include the cost of lime for 1969 to 1978.

⁶Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁷Data for 1969 to 1992 are for chickens 3 months old or older inventory; data for 1964 are for chickens 4 months old or older.