

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..	6 135	6 773	7 669	7 334	6 298	5 803	5 890	6 477
Land in farms acres..	26 866 722	35 037 618	36 287 794	37 752 534	38 505 905	37 944 191	38 202 667	40 559 493
Average size of farm acres..	4 379	5 173	4 732	5 148	6 114	6 539	6 486	6 262
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	1 689 258	1 621 530	1 317 765	1 496 334	1 198 843	723 169	452 241	330 549
Average per acre dollars..	388	316	279	289	197	111	70	53
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	434 252	402 290	425 285	407 289	345 222	210 949	96 325	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	70 817	59 607	55 702	56 069	55 236	39 511	18 028	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1 444	1 678	2 158	1 966	1 220	960	926	974
10 to 49 acres	1 303	1 418	1 510	1 609	1 311	1 253	1 229	1 312
50 to 179 acres	1 008	1 048	1 133	1 051	999	998	1 008	1 152
180 to 499 acres	717	741	910	839	800	774	783	1 003
500 to 999 acres	581	613	678	600	614	512	604	642
1,000 to 1,999 acres	413	428	436	446	428	429	443	418
2,000 acres or more	669	847	844	823	926	877	897	976
Total cropland farms..	3 711	4 356	4 840	4 948	4 472	4 244	4 189	4 890
Harvested cropland farms..	1 277 169	1 344 091	1 453 852	1 480 103	1 543 713	1 505 072	1 631 401	1 589 668
..... acres..	2 765	3 323	3 646	3 838	3 579	3 533	3 354	4 191
Irrigated land farms..	3 426	3 965	4 241	4 437	4 185	3 828	3 709	4 697
..... acres..	1 013 902	956 454	913 841	1 097 825	1 195 727	1 153 478	1 177 618	1 125 376
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	1 903 408	1 515 384	1 628 544	1 526 915	1 311 458	1 080 530	611 211	468 664
Average per farm dollars..	310 254	223 739	212 354	208 197	208 234	186 202	103 771	72 358
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	1 222 891	899 242	896 681	806 847	657 427	500 163	236 537	261 063
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	680 517	616 141	731 863	720 068	654 031	580 247	372 035	201 387
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 918	2 241	2 494	2 506	1 562	1 584	1 786	2 359
\$2,500 to \$4,999	655	695	820	858	716	589	583	537
\$5,000 to \$9,999	620	648	775	752	624	584	649	585
\$10,000 to \$24,999	765	779	757	723	764			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	496	485	583	463	519	1 734	1 963	2 065
\$50,000 to \$99,999	333	462	533	451	509			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	698	907	1 152	972	1 049	890	669	841
\$500,000 or more	650	556	555	529	463	341	158	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	4 178	4 779	5 356	5 438	4 604	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	1 033	1 091	1 369	1 019	907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	679	631	724	674	630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	245	272	220	203	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	2 495	2 732	2 830	2 569	2 608	1 865	(NA)	(NA)
Any	3 223	3 583	4 423	4 244	3 475	2 397	3 074	2 872
200 days or more	2 068	2 382	2 997	2 947	2 373	1 750	2 124	2 102
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	3 250	3 613	3 782	3 501	3 099	2 815	(NA)	(NA)
Other	2 885	3 160	3 887	3 833	3 199	2 434	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	55.6	54.3	51.5	50.5	50.0	51.6	49.6	50.3
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	1 479 713	1 239 020	1 301 666	(NA)	(NA)	942 108	579 254	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	149 969	161 937	244 484	250 356	258 744	224 944	180 066	77 737
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	263 765	195 198	208 527	237 766	216 079	262 959	96 964	66 937
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	76 286	57 842	51 672	60 308	44 972	40 150	18 115	18 349
Petroleum products \$1,000..	53 250	46 774	44 554	62 705	40 300	22 523	13 738	16 650
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	255 124	190 442	207 689	156 401	129 517	92 272	67 647	58 101
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	63 768	51 921	74 553	100 153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	69 184	73 166	60 366	60 000	46 256	23 351	16 656	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	2 881	3 064	3 521	3 792	3 232	3 114	2 973	3 803
..... number..	822 273	928 783	1 110 912	1 139 377	1 249 582	1 217 769	1 237 729	1 104 373
Beef cows farms..	2 164	2 288	2 497	2 523	2 204	2 210	(NA)	2 331
..... number..	263 878	292 848	334 851	313 040	312 849	351 647	309 070	325 077
Milk cows farms..	123 371	88 582	86 280	81 811	69 505	58 035	42 629	1 393
..... number..	2 639	2 777	3 302	3 346	3 097	2 996	2 937	3 296
Cattle and calves sold farms..	688 560	744 147	1 009 492	1 020 088	1 195 719	1 461 832	1 375 605	1 023 692
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	206	281	331	543	524	512	413	521
..... number..	141 112	83 262	135 414	160 816	155 734	101 922	68 122	24 427
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	125	181	242	379	371	390	350	254
..... number..	200 790	150 140	237 623	261 054	187 832	151 287	98 575	29 315
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	383	513	741	1 135	887	686	530	1 327
..... number..	(D)	391 979	331 462	505 543	627 587	800 981	1 155 746	1 073 721
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	20	15	23	38	25	24	5	1
..... number..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	553 127	426 789	(D)

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain..... farms..	304	310	443	539	451	881	484	397
acres..	103 121	80 533	97 407	133 681	104 135	175 737	59 165	27 863
bushels..	9 114 709	6 823 397	7 991 708	11 891 456	7 535 554	11 111 528	3 580 163	1 320 888
Barley for grain..... farms..	315	165	168	290	293	(NA)	(NA)	964
acres..	66 215	19 984	14 654	35 502	32 514	(NA)	(NA)	130 779
bushels..	6 660 644	1 952 678	1 365 067	3 328 880	2 225 234	(NA)	(NA)	8 862 135
Cotton..... farms..	643	887	1 199	1 177	1 278	1 143	1 330	1 941
acres..	331 699	428 637	381 733	518 488	567 564	401 301	298 976	365 937
bales..	837 643	895 992	1 005 493	1 155 883	1 146 665	936 790	607 530	761 233
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)..... farms..	1 170	1 242	1 402	1 642	1 631	1 557	1 515	(NA)
acres..	243 946	191 277	181 319	161 540	174 544	194 280	184 966	221 182
tons, dry..	1 667 752	1 037 443	1 040 321	913 269	982 232	1 098 292	935 675	1 018 710
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁸ farms..	302	360	328	339	324	303	341	333
acres..	131 204	118 125	98 138	69 864	70 296	54 005	87 968	87 519
Land in orchards..... farms..	843	1 162	1 141	1 199	1 017	973	952	1 243
acres..	67 459	68 465	74 921	74 568	77 324	77 611	60 144	48 206

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.

⁸Data for 1974 were from land area used.