

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1997 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Farms number..	3 687	3 427	3 580	3 754	3 519	3 421	4 490	6 068
Land in farms acres..	359 313	358 743	398 400	444 242	455 731	440 056	541 372	721 314
Average size of farm acres..	97	105	111	118	130	129	121	119
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	571 074	624 135	467 677	316 317	279 270	196 135	111 071	67 429
Average per acre dollars..	5 949	5 959	4 171	2 655	2 158	1 525	921	561
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	151 760	124 989	132 445	127 424	96 944	68 108	43 487	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	41 194	36 557	36 996	33 925	27 596	20 447	10 059	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	744	606	560	594	483	481	573	907
10 to 49 acres	1 273	1 172	1 176	1 164	1 032	888	1 245	1 711
50 to 179 acres	1 129	1 082	1 176	1 223	1 201	1 272	1 724	2 197
180 to 499 acres	436	455	546	632	660	655	825	1 085
500 to 999 acres	75	86	95	111	117	106	98	137
1,000 to 1,999 acres	26	19	24	28	20	13	19	21
2,000 acres or more	4	7	3	2	6	6	6	10
Total cropland farms..	3 289	3 058	3 163	3 326	3 226	3 139	3 907	5 263
..... acres..	181 043	192 756	210 012	224 986	232 026	227 006	252 072	288 041
Harvested cropland farms..	3 032	2 789	2 876	3 062	3 009	2 959	3 444	4 833
..... acres..	140 513	143 782	153 715	171 229	169 681	159 157	162 275	205 861
Irrigated land farms..	674	524	430	367	298	319	243	381
..... acres..	7 366	5 893	7 245	6 695	6 927	7 474	8 937	14 452
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	421 648	336 983	357 702	285 324	225 972	186 921	145 890	138 999
Average per farm dollars..	114 361	98 332	99 917	76 005	64 215	54 639	32 492	22 907
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	263 799	183 300	164 664	102 058	82 977	75 560	59 493	53 679
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	157 850	153 683	193 039	183 266	142 995	110 929	86 167	84 804
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 165	1 120	1 166	1 236	947	986	1 686	2 296
\$2,500 to \$4,999	555	442	482	486	484	343	384	515
\$5,000 to \$9,999	500	476	445	437	401	350	431	693
\$10,000 to \$24,999	511	480	436	432	461			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	271	249	275	287	310	1 340	1 729	2 384
\$50,000 to \$99,999	221	214	247	314	419			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	349	345	423	467	418	348	224	163
\$500,000 or more	115	101	106	90	72	45	24	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	2 996	2 778	2 923	3 119	2 927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	344	326	355	360	362	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	311	289	276	251	205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	36	34	26	24	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	1 565	1 492	1 418	1 459	1 577	1 314	(NA)	(NA)
Any	1 953	1 751	1 940	2 032	1 784	1 445	2 267	2 495
200 days or more	1 310	1 098	1 304	1 432	1 161	930	1 556	1 778
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	1 824	1 828	1 842	1 957	2 009	1 987	(NA)	(NA)
Other	1 863	1 599	1 738	1 797	1 510	1 250	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	55.5	55.0	53.5	52.5	52.2	53.1	52.9	53.2
Total farm production expenses ⁵ , \$1,000..	330 902	282 694	255 212	(NA)	(NA)	160 298	125 543	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	8 740	9 381	16 647	24 973	13 336	11 062	9 978	6 750
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	58 691	55 796	54 207	66 821	60 525	52 466	33 171	35 624
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ \$1,000..	12 743	11 236	7 333	7 547	7 707	6 512	3 932	4 343
Petroleum products \$1,000..	10 638	9 985	9 300	14 569	9 514	6 738	4 374	4 855
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	96 925	77 980	65 657	44 278	36 372	31 061	28 351	26 459
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	11 289	10 443	11 616	12 018	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁶ \$1,000..	4 819	4 506	4 815	3 377	3 189	2 180	1 740	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	1 227	1 345	1 596	1 896	1 722	1 715	2 122	3 363
..... number..	65 645	78 044	89 306	110 029	99 507	102 368	106 935	123 460
Beef cows farms..	721	770	887	947	754	651	(NA)	598
..... number..	6 887	6 878	7 146	6 746	6 406	6 013	5 894	4 468
Milk cows farms..	370	486	630	880	922	1 050	362	2 591
..... number..	28 017	34 552	41 691	51 795	49 959	53 174	56 885	72 232
Cattle and calves sold farms..	983	1 103	1 335	1 592	1 537	1 522	1 921	2 838
..... number..	25 237	31 200	41 093	47 487	48 821	45 248	54 379	71 402
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	210	293	254	379	345	270	149	317
..... number..	4 521	5 588	5 429	6 915	8 388	7 521	7 760	13 660
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	160	201	195	265	209	149	90	127
..... number..	9 408	8 232	8 776	9 202	10 806	11 314	10 018	14 657
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	387	391	443	583	569	569	806	1 602
..... number..	3 992 919	4 494 659	4 913 031	5 637 431	5 713 767	4 924 061	4 978 834	4 278 093
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	30	42	40	40	45	55	121	220
..... number..	342 656	943 569	850 969	539 656	597 228	934 052	4 494 475	10 234 658

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed farms . .	75	81	115	150	135	118	86	144
acres . .	5 460	5 357	3 953	6 017	3 629	2 347	1 205	1 188
bushels . .	605 666	630 547	335 317	628 384	339 904	200 638	91 367	86 947
Tobacco farms . .	74	43	53	78	98	109	129	177
acres . .	2 529	1 456	1 875	2 198	3 202	4 956	5 444	8 009
pounds . .	4 115 845	2 310 666	2 831 167	3 148 241	4 830 151	7 943 473	7 071 758	12 608 667
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	1 670	1 752	1 984	2 091	2 008	1 898	2 302	(NA)
acres . .	81 752	81 281	86 038	90 659	91 574	83 551	86 125	135 629
tons, dry . .	158 978	176 190	184 080	190 034	190 992	174 102	180 311	222 247
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁵ farms . .	620	579	451	511	537	513	596	654
acres . .	10 008	9 994	8 608	8 244	10 875	8 056	7 778	9 083
Land in orchards farms . .	253	332	308	331	320	267	307	513
acres . .	3 546	4 481	5 122	5 361	5 724	5 882	6 902	7 924

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.