

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..	5 473	5 336	4 870	4 595	4 310	3 020	3 896	4 864
Land in farms acres..	1 439 071	1 588 843	1 721 521	1 957 501	1 988 282	2 118 976	2 058 087	2 354 454
Average size of farm acres..	263	298	353	426	461	702	528	484
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	632 281	722 189	603 435	778 471	413 948	340 570	156 800	98 936
Average per acre dollars..	2 405	2 425	1 707	1 826	897	485	297	205
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	211 775	283 699	199 280	190 230	172 521	97 279	94 677	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	38 709	53 207	41 208	41 735	41 047	39 115	27 418	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3 456	3 410	2 855	2 743	2 527	1 633	2 024	2 603
10 to 49 acres	1 417	1 342	1 401	1 261	1 211	872	1 281	1 594
50 to 179 acres	318	313	341	320	296	271	336	359
180 to 499 acres	139	133	128	126	146	127	140	168
500 to 999 acres	43	34	31	33	24	23	28	38
1,000 to 1,999 acres	33	31	36	33	32	24	17	22
2,000 acres or more	67	73	78	79	74	70	70	80
Total cropland farms..	4 882	4 735	4 170	3 836	3 565	2 485	3 089	3 631
..... acres..	292 107	293 371	327 396	346 113	333 262	351 627	379 766	370 896
Harvested cropland farms..	4 594	4 472	3 837	3 538	3 299	2 265	2 750	3 422
..... acres..	100 094	136 431	152 719	155 960	158 639	151 433	178 657	167 497
Irrigated land farms..	2 241	2 220	1 827	1 544	1 493	889	735	1 070
..... acres..	76 971	134 338	148 884	145 982	159 323	141 742	145 564	143 940
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	496 935	552 054	609 741	558 608	419 251	609 788	285 619	187 504
Average per farm dollars..	90 798	103 458	125 203	121 569	97 274	201 917	73 311	38 549
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	401 411	453 410	498 317	456 069	331 020	536 537	236 177	151 862
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	95 524	98 644	111 424	102 539	88 230	73 237	49 364	35 558
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 638	1 790	1 402	1 454	1 398	983	1 731	2 602
\$2,500 to \$4,999	743	754	674	706	688	466	628	686
\$5,000 to \$9,999	797	715	745	653	672	428	493	594
\$10,000 to \$24,999	989	863	911	788	675	870	891	834
\$25,000 to \$49,999	535	484	476	397	350	870	891	834
\$50,000 to \$99,999	323	291	287	237	233			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	334	326	278	266	209	190	94	127
\$500,000 or more	114	113	97	87	71	64	48	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	4 583	4 425	4 035	3 852	3 614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	328	379	404	351	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	497	456	370	352	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	65	76	61	40	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	2 148	1 961	1 723	1 633	1 551	829	(NA)	(NA)
Any	2 827	2 864	2 728	2 534	2 495	1 449	2 494	2 726
200 days or more	1 566	1 487	1 476	1 371	1 351	889	1 452	2 256
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	3 052	2 926	2 816	2 565	2 239	1 512	(NA)	(NA)
Other	2 421	2 410	2 054	2 030	2 071	1 290	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	55.0	53.8	53.0	52.7	52.7	55.4	53.1	51.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	398 567	466 826	495 759	(NA)	(NA)	323 612	247 215	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	6 471	7 856	15 230	17 581	12 930	10 859	11 564	4 237
Feed for livestock and poultry..... \$1,000..	35 749	37 060	42 629	41 548	34 227	37 136	16 131	14 060
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	25 653	30 574	30 717	33 477	26 530	18 807	14 523	11 466
Petroleum products \$1,000..	16 335	18 110	17 197	19 864	11 595	7 344	6 109	5 963
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	150 682	178 788	193 230	146 277	131 217	88 464	84 455	57 345
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	13 964	14 051	22 930	17 771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	17 187	20 396	18 233	16 417	13 700	8 374	7 844	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	829	874	1 003	1 040	839	580	831	1 540
..... number..	181 732	191 230	211 045	241 969	218 901	227 461	232 663	218 442
Beef cows farms..	625	655	724	784	659	453	(NA)	1 051
..... number..	93 711	87 620	83 427	90 523	85 623	86 601	83 516	77 383
Milk cows farms..	44	57	73	88	76	73	99	200
..... number..	8 389	10 816	11 836	12 767	12 956	13 148	14 151	13 865
Cattle and calves sold farms..	660	699	807	817	740	539	729	1 088
..... number..	66 726	82 788	101 315	91 675	105 088	96 419	93 632	62 765
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	248	253	372	371	399	261	369	1 035
..... number..	29 440	28 570	47 564	49 029	50 071	51 021	52 335	67 882
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	190	200	307	319	352	261	338	695
..... number..	38 066	47 831	69 019	66 875	(D)	73 262	71 766	81 762
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	140	177	181	201	141	95	144	589
..... number..	726 534	935 278	(D)	929 210	1 243 801	1 305 449	1 072 425	1 044 516
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	9	14	12	23	27	20	35	49
..... number..	478 672	1 201 331	2 069 316	3 173 500	2 588 757	1 930 831	1 432 100	1 411 679

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Sugarcane for sugar farms..	13	31	79	188	328	(NA)	(NA)	705
acres..	31 483	62 915	79 234	89 696	99 065	(NA)	(NA)	110 803
tons..	2 873 712	5 488 214	7 934 181	8 950 242	9 213 485	(NA)	(NA)	10 740 597
Pineapples harvested farms..	27	21	18	15	20	(NA)	(NA)	76
acres..	12 992	15 500	22 262	23 141	25 314	(NA)	(NA)	38 415
tons..	348 428	556 748	683 182	626 860	685 502	(NA)	(NA)	923 729
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁶ farms..	657	602	710	746	751	532	574	728
acres..	6 549	5 129	5 587	4 673	5 509	2 611	3 507	4 240
Land in orchards farms..	2 786	2 537	2 128	1 825	1 438	982	1 198	1 802
acres..	37 906	38 590	33 564	23 178	17 948	16 016	16 951	12 766

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.