

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1998 and Earlier Census Years

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

Item	1998	1988	1979	1970	1959 ¹⁶	1949 ¹⁷	1929	1889
Operations..... number	23,758	21,088	22,347	12,962	17,999	17,400	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	10,599,298	4,791,893	3,212,010	960,919	515,681	300,638	192,105	26,212
Floricul ture:¹								
Operations..... number	13,809	(NA)	(NA)	7,969	11,772	12,427	14,982	4,659
Sales..... \$1,000	4,462,860	2,570,005	1,619,974	501,473	292,302	218,521	109,895	14,175
Bedding/garden plants:								
Operations..... number	10,629	9,098	8,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	2,357,185	896,196	285,520	61,627	32,844	16,925	(NA)	(NA)
Annual bedding/garden plants:²								
Operations..... number	9,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	1,729,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Herbaceous perennial plants:								
Operations..... number	7,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	627,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potted flowering plants:³								
Operations..... number	5,080	6,405	7,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	868,131	586,302	418,007	125,826	69,469	26,901	25,652	(NA)
Foliage plants:								
Operations..... number	3,074	4,201	5,463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	594,760	485,910	466,913	38,376	25,607	9,842	(NA)	(NA)
Cut flowers:⁴								
Operations..... number	2,067	3,120	3,900	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	512,570	506,677	353,415	229,944	140,207	123,574	67,430	(NA)
Cut cultivated greens:⁵								
Operations..... number	758	787	674	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	130,213	94,920	33,595	8,827	2,433	(NA)	1,712	(NA)
Nursery plants:								
Operations..... number	8,305	7,000	7,436	3,764	6,757	4,643	7,207	4,510
Sales..... \$1,000	3,096,723	1,132,387	944,920	283,636	155,506	71,053	58,183	12,036
Unfinished plants and propagation materials:^{6 7}								
Operations..... number	1,868	1,681	880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	493,049	190,090	62,524	36,873	21,742	13,667	2,717	(NA)
Turfgrass sod, sprigs, or plugs:^{8 9}								
Operations..... number	1,143	825	1,060	545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	835,212	247,775	206,611	43,366	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, or tubers:¹⁰								
Operations..... number	254	179	372	270	861	870	1,935	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	55,389	29,175	23,544	10,375	9,964	9,237	5,364	(NA)
Cultivated mushrooms:								
Operations..... number	264	230	477	546	665	444	516	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	861,672	509,360	348,251	95,191	35,770	14,566	5,141	(NA)
Greenhouse produced food crops:^{11 12}								
Operations..... number	1,015	581	866	2,555	819	768	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	222,624	31,743	26,685	18,359	19,546	13,046	12,384	(NA)
Transplants for commercial production:								
Operations..... number	493	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	156,273	50,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetable seeds:¹³								
Operations..... number	436	352	528	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	93,147	23,113	37,562	6,874	(NA)	(NA)	12,809	(NA)
Flower seeds:								
Operations..... number	120	93	84	(NA)	85	60	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	19,480	7,585	4,463	1,645	2,593	1,823	713	(NA)
Other:^{14 15}								
Operations..... number	3,785	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sales..... \$1,000	302,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 1949 include greenhouse vegetables and mushroom operations.

² Data for 1970 include vegetable plant sales of \$16,802,715.

³ Data for 1929 include flowering and foliage plants.

⁴ Data for 1949 include cut flowers and cut cultivated greens.

⁵ Data for 1959 include only asparagus plumosus.

⁶ Data for 1929 include bedding plants.

⁷ Data prior to 1988 do not include nursery lining out stock.

⁸ Data prior to 1998 only include sod harvested.

⁹ Data for 1970 include pasture sod from 70 operations with sales of \$4,280,370.

¹⁰ Data for 1929 include sales of flowers cut from bulbs grown in the open and from forced bulbs.

¹¹ Data for 1929 include vegetable plants grown in hotbeds and covered frames with sales of \$2,076,498.

¹² Data for 1970 include 1884 vegetable plant operations. Sales included with annual bedding plants.

¹³ Data for 1970 include 261 vegetable and flower seed operations.

¹⁴ Data prior to 1998 do not include cut Christmas trees, short term woody crops, and tobacco transplants sold.

¹⁵ Data prior to 1998 summarized aquatic plants with nursery plants under other environmental.

¹⁶ Data for 1959 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$585,751,415 and wholesale sales were \$435,052,807.

¹⁷ Data for 1949 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$467,346,986 and wholesale sales were \$249,814,924.