

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..	5 810	5 776	6 269	7 003	6 775	6 436	7 971	12 875
Land in farms acres..	1 211 648	1 258 297	1 342 588	1 468 674	1 500 390	1 523 696	1 759 700	2 590 022
Average size of farm acres..	209	218	214	210	221	237	221	201
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	251 074	241 816	210 777	150 487	118 027	80 656	35 496	19 979
Average per acre dollars..	1 190	1 130	962	708	521	341	161	100
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	282 151	263 791	240 068	236 527	206 739	141 550	90 020	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	48 697	45 757	38 325	33 916	30 542	22 673	11 639	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	533	465	419	379	358	305	368	619
10 to 49 acres	1 184	1 024	1 029	1 139	881	728	948	1 858
50 to 179 acres	2 110	2 174	2 453	2 824	2 711	2 554	3 274	5 820
180 to 499 acres	1 441	1 513	1 758	2 018	2 155	2 182	2 667	3 595
500 to 999 acres	398	448	474	505	539	509	570	764
1,000 to 1,999 acres	113	120	106	108	105	130	119	161
2,000 acres or more	31	32	30	30	26	28	25	58
Total cropland farms..	5 372	5 495	5 919	6 591	6 402	6 032	7 253	12 020
..... acres..	539 966	559 424	592 309	610 691	650 356	641 940	706 769	894 206
Harvested cropland farms..	4 875	5 141	5 486	6 138	6 064	5 631	6 519	11 007
..... acres..	403 014	399 755	410 891	457 076	463 029	449 901	457 935	594 434
Irrigated land farms..	671	523	359	200	255	176	115	206
..... acres..	21 791	10 241	6 065	5 831	7 013	6 211	5 526	4 157
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	438 673	430 324	405 484	399 412	393 869	359 612	198 181	255 931
Average per farm dollars..	75 503	74 502	64 681	57 034	58 136	55 875	24 862	19 878
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	212 229	215 995	157 828	142 834	106 752	132 582	63 894	138 268
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	226 444	214 329	247 656	256 578	287 117	224 145	132 772	111 956
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 923	1 690	2 059	2 549	2 090	1 957	2 976	5 966
\$2,500 to \$4,999	743	775	870	914	836	513	548	966
\$5,000 to \$9,999	751	786	719	664	627	511	720	1 040
\$10,000 to \$24,999	798	732	700	644	790			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	438	441	466	571	756	2 607	3 342	4 443
\$50,000 to \$99,999	390	449	553	745	765			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	626	794	809	829	825	796	356	439
\$500,000 or more	141	109	93	82	77	38	15	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	5 064	5 063	5 594	6 317	6 078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	306	325	350	384	426	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	403	352	300	272	244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	37	36	25	30	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	2 246	2 331	2 275	2 609	2 842	2 458	(NA)	(NA)
Any	3 263	3 144	3 653	3 932	3 659	2 743	4 315	7 031
200 days or more	1 958	1 857	2 253	2 467	2 115	1 579	2 219	4 041
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	2 872	2 981	3 220	3 644	3 908	4 130	(NA)	(NA)
Other	2 938	2 795	3 049	3 359	2 867	2 144	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	54.4	53.0	51.7	49.8	49.7	51.5	51.5	52.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	347 611	351 076	324 276	(NA)	(NA)	293 191	175 957	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	11 988	18 658	21 876	20 717	34 845	22 851	16 882	12 610
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	79 605	70 781	94 386	100 879	140 499	115 882	62 681	56 129
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	16 537	18 543	16 437	18 719	17 456	18 968	10 475	9 501
Petroleum products \$1,000..	14 829	15 276	12 827	18 739	13 885	9 268	6 169	6 098
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	64 285	61 086	51 613	44 906	39 420	31 435	23 295	22 218
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	15 954	14 775	15 455	18 511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	17 435	16 197	11 996	9 865	8 603	6 603	4 029	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	1 921	2 110	2 637	3 652	3 246	3 250	3 389	7 014
..... number..	101 695	104 511	119 475	141 206	129 250	137 366	127 018	157 594
Beef cows farms..	1 035	1 098	1 331	1 811	1 394	1 281	(NA)	1 295
..... number..	11 782	11 412	11 782	13 242	10 572	11 151	9 104	9 167
Milk cows farms..	685	836	1 183	1 784	1 837	2 034	2 246	5 414
..... number..	40 749	42 737	49 815	57 173	56 633	61 293	56 736	75 582
Cattle and calves sold farms..	1 631	1 831	2 366	3 030	2 796	2 716	2 904	5 396
..... number..	37 889	40 873	50 357	52 363	61 349	58 771	54 500	84 239
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	341	377	421	804	809	769	609	1 662
..... number..	5 977	4 768	8 999	8 586	7 788	6 480	7 350	13 117
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	261	258	295	450	409	324	288	566
..... number..	9 226	9 308	13 905	12 067	9 565	7 844	9 257	15 667
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	554	562	719	1 015	902	805	1 011	2 534
..... number..	6 134 383	5 200 911	6 999 685	7 232 235	9 015 115	9 861 717	7 373 553	4 795 565
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	73	74	95	145	337	387	554	911
..... number..	199 416	638 163	13 679 943	20 061 324	69 135 035	64 457 259	59 906 919	59 018 598

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 . .	49	46	80	126	105	95	34	23
acres . .	3 604	2 739	5 342	8 020	5 542	4 625	1 139	170
bushels . .	(D)	266 755	485 087	647 910	374 766	317 988	102 557	11 265
Oats for grain farms . .	272	320	535	679	763	(NA)	(NA)	1 504
acres . .	22 364	24 277	35 548	40 971	40 224	(NA)	(NA)	38 046
bushels . .	1 643 127	2 014 920	2 728 024	2 514 472	2 548 583	(NA)	(NA)	2 009 296
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes farms . .	586	770	839	1 134	1 287	1 575	(NA)	4 052
acres . .	73 085	87 650	83 261	99 251	114 904	136 963	(NA)	130 707
cwt . .	19 490 474	25 008 230	22 412 030	24 556 322	24 933 225	33 873 341	(NA)	35 251 148
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	2 810	3 119	3 672	4 290	4 124	3 634	4 041	(NA)
acres . .	214 005	214 129	221 675	241 490	236 567	209 869	208 162	367 496
tons, dry . .	332 039	332 197	393 393	414 555	367 396	340 581	333 701	457 226
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁸ farms . .	611	582	509	535	559	572	644	932
acres . .	11 745	10 251	9 727	11 278	11 044	9 382	13 188	17 491

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.