

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..	5 574	5 258	6 216	5 401	4 946	4 497	5 703	8 019
Land in farms acres..	518 299	526 440	615 185	612 819	617 359	601 734	700 578	901 789
Average size of farm acres..	93	100	99	113	125	134	123	113
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	455 014	460 410	346 530	205 677	183 339	128 535	69 362	43 492
Average per acre dollars..	5 207	4 898	3 553	1 963	1 443	961	565	386
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	225 043	191 141	198 868	153 346	121 137	84 637	48 237	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	40 395	36 359	32 039	28 429	24 507	19 729	8 746	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1 254	1 044	1 105	920	798	627	859	1 508
10 to 49 acres	1 865	1 738	2 125	1 652	1 399	1 185	1 622	2 301
50 to 179 acres	1 690	1 667	2 016	1 814	1 698	1 637	2 039	2 680
180 to 499 acres	614	654	813	856	883	876	987	1 298
500 to 999 acres	121	121	126	130	137	142	156	190
1,000 to 1,999 acres	26	29	26	21	25	21	33	33
2,000 acres or more	4	5	5	8	6	9	7	9
Total cropland farms..	4 990	4 853	5 654	4 941	4 645	4 212	5 168	7 101
..... acres..	223 573	235 284	272 588	265 866	276 686	257 033	280 455	347 833
Harvested cropland farms..	4 587	4 417	5 084	4 608	4 397	4 032	4 669	6 498
..... acres..	168 765	173 255	194 874	197 769	197 405	188 015	189 635	234 443
Irrigated land farms..	1 630	1 336	1 316	1 000	966	879	925	1 229
..... acres..	24 564	19 909	20 158	17 331	16 753	18 512	18 850	24 178
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	454 404	350 639	340 464	281 436	211 994	179 653	138 650	138 543
Average per farm dollars..	81 522	66 687	54 772	52 108	42 862	39 950	24 312	17 277
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	357 377	255 138	215 855	139 428	100 079	86 453	61 859	54 925
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	97 027	95 500	124 609	142 008	111 915	92 464	76 360	82 727
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 616	1 572	2 167	1 622	1 338	1 354	2 132	2 825
\$2,500 to \$4,999	664	656	830	706	730	444	481	853
\$5,000 to \$9,999	707	655	720	655	636	498	600	1 166
\$10,000 to \$24,999	753	696	770	690	677			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	507	476	494	526	552	1 840	2 239	2 978
\$50,000 to \$99,999	468	462	515	544	506			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	687	627	623	570	438	297	195	156
\$500,000 or more	172	114	97	71	49	47	20	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	4 496	4 232	5 124	4 541	4 087	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	443	401	481	377	439	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	554	549	544	413	358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	81	76	67	70	62	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	2 285	2 239	2 371	2 121	2 197	1 672	(NA)	(NA)
Any	2 980	2 695	3 516	2 897	2 520	1 815	2 892	3 523
200 days or more	1 864	1 666	2 283	1 838	1 623	1 157	1 931	2 237
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	2 927	2 926	3 174	2 941	2 852	2 560	(NA)	(NA)
Other	2 647	2 332	3 042	2 460	2 094	1 604	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	54.9	53.8	52.6	51.5	52.5	54.2	53.0	53.6
Total farm production expenses ⁵ , \$1,000..	311 068	266 163	251 496	(NA)	(NA)	155 157	115 740	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	7 408	7 374	11 441	11 468	10 950	8 110	7 400	5 805
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	31 880	28 422	33 525	47 203	39 491	40 395	27 157	31 489
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ \$1,000..	10 273	10 021	8 953	7 155	7 148	5 808	3 531	3 959
Petroleum products \$1,000..	14 893	12 906	12 042	16 641	11 733	8 766	4 573	5 078
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	81 630	77 337	66 579	43 109	40 380	31 981	27 002	25 640
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	15 766	14 502	13 788	10 141	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁶ \$1,000..	8 299	7 616	7 319	4 885	3 882	2 768	2 231	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	1 420	1 565	2 112	2 311	2 073	1 994	2 226	3 560
..... number..	61 719	68 331	83 065	102 366	96 951	103 938	103 054	127 197
Beef cows farms..	799	850	1 124	1 071	904	759	(NA)	672
..... number..	6 858	7 347	9 692	8 176	7 408	7 650	5 928	4 816
Milk cows farms..	483	606	838	1 111	1 156	1 239	1 551	2 780
..... number..	26 846	30 906	36 913	49 891	49 728	55 328	58 786	79 275
Cattle and calves sold farms..	1 158	1 271	1 725	1 908	1 803	1 745	2 022	3 067
..... number..	24 849	29 839	39 668	47 034	51 782	48 032	59 974	84 203
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	383	404	498	619	628	465	307	606
..... number..	18 297	16 439	25 816	39 570	54 586	43 229	55 975	82 025
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	269	296	387	451	435	309	224	381
..... number..	23 636	25 564	40 048	44 391	61 181	52 681	56 679	86 696
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	510	535	738	727	685	577	803	1 615
..... number..	682 853	544 401	1 502 202	1 276 406	1 465 853	1 956 434	2 673 382	2 806 439
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	41	45	37	48	41	31	58	120
..... number..	(D)	125 283	(D)	162 904	163 218	301 430	1 577 680	4 407 220

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 . .	99	111	152	165	182	138	126	150
acres . .	4 951	4 893	5 681	6 077	4 634	3 022	2 012	1 388
bushels . .	590 748	488 921	626 829	591 680	401 871	232 727	168 547	94 690
Tobacco farms . .	68	27	21	46	44	51	74	157
acres . .	1 176	400	458	352	1 078	1 568	2 420	3 057
pounds . .	1 881 034	624 961	618 971	574 990	1 536 802	(D)	3 135 613	5 108 175
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	2 168	2 269	2 874	2 663	2 520	2 191	2 642	(NA)
acres . .	100 218	103 596	121 498	116 729	118 929	110 327	112 814	160 884
tons, dry . .	181 885	213 589	250 559	241 584	244 457	225 714	228 343	254 703
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁶ farms . .	935	995	1 008	1 011	968	931	1 005	1 319
acres . .	16 039	16 577	16 325	15 307	14 812	15 422	15 626	16 611
Land in orchards farms . .	431	525	572	489	426	366	412	633
acres . .	6 546	7 848	9 379	9 332	8 111	9 366	10 487	11 283

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.