

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..	2 829	2 890	3 027	2 719	2 399	2 076	2 112	2 156
Land in farms acres..	6 409 288	9 263 684	9 988 520	9 980 201	10 427 111	10 813 610	10 708 346	10 482 772
Average size of farm acres..	2 266	3 205	3 300	3 671	4 346	5 209	5 070	4 862
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	876 417	811 941	749 936	925 540	801 173	440 806	270 507	182 436
Average per acre dollars..	388	252	227	249	184	85	53	38
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	196 289	172 887	158 576	143 648	115 952	71 867	37 482	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	69 532	60 260	52 474	52 928	48 414	35 074	18 274	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	425	445	574	405	251	186	186	89
10 to 49 acres	694	680	671	574	428	317	305	306
50 to 179 acres	543	599	574	535	520	403	484	546
180 to 499 acres	430	431	453	461	441	440	423	440
500 to 999 acres	242	238	267	224	232	215	214	216
1,000 to 1,999 acres	191	175	154	172	177	173	167	162
2,000 acres or more	304	322	334	348	350	342	333	397
Total cropland farms..	2 188	2 255	2 317	2 227	2 120	1 857	1 855	1 993
..... acres..	846 752	840 364	802 604	861 883	829 499	753 294	748 528	774 419
Harvested cropland farms..	1 765	1 753	1 884	1 895	1 855	1 665	1 648	1 854
..... acres..	526 338	408 568	526 067	605 082	585 486	551 300	521 024	507 210
Irrigated land farms..	2 159	2 151	2 221	2 154	2 086	1 794	1 768	2 018
..... acres..	764 738	556 172	778 977	829 761	881 151	777 510	752 696	824 511
Market value of agricultural products sold ² \$1,000..	356 565	288 139	250 458	202 581	198 954	133 437	80 880	51 277
Average per farm dollars..	126 039	99 702	82 741	74 506	82 932	64 276	38 295	23 784
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ... \$1,000..	151 717	79 957	75 685	72 582	58 748	43 647	12 239	9 764
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	204 848	208 182	174 773	129 999	140 206	89 788	68 635	41 191
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	695	862	861	717	476	481	577	718
\$2,500 to \$4,999	310	305	353	318	281	171	225	267
\$5,000 to \$9,999	358	352	336	322	338	256	300	303
\$10,000 to \$24,999	444	375	437	377	371			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	259	250	278	288	290	880	847	756
\$50,000 to \$99,999	253	264	258	261	239			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	379	366	415	344	318	222	115	89
\$500,000 or more	131	116	89	70	55	34	16	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	2 197	2 269	2 342	2 067	1 801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	295	323	356	392	363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	233	221	261	198	186	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	104	77	68	62	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	1 131	1 192	1 217	1 024	1 020	715	(NA)	(NA)
Any	1 515	1 518	1 654	1 505	1 301	852	1 043	912
200 days or more	939	910	1 042	891	770	506	647	575
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	1 558	1 656	1 675	1 553	1 392	1 189	(NA)	(NA)
Other	1 271	1 234	1 352	1 166	1 007	710	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	55.4	54.2	52.3	51.5	51.2	52.1	49.8	49.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	276 040	247 113	208 924	(NA)	(NA)	124 661	72 892	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	26 424	33 238	34 208	28 749	42 430	27 475	21 580	9 554
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	48 969	49 970	29 966	29 361	25 244	23 718	9 175	5 586
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	11 610	6 930	5 562	5 587	4 794	3 286	958	776
Petroleum products \$1,000..	14 895	14 154	12 556	15 144	9 065	6 066	3 783	3 219
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	44 391	31 652	33 775	20 438	18 830	13 057	9 231	7 495
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	21 724	18 621	19 257	22 958	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	5 292	3 949	3 940	2 814	2 377	1 439	599	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	1 694	1 652	1 819	1 786	1 622	1 545	1 533	1 724
..... number..	518 115	523 305	575 608	559 909	564 213	633 854	581 067	609 226
Beef cows farms..	1 371	1 330	1 438	1 367	1 271	1 230	(NA)	1 350
..... number..	275 801	265 690	305 018	285 594	282 917	325 595	284 137	298 761
Milk cows farms..	138	208	274	348	388	419	526	778
..... number..	24 902	21 769	17 646	15 851	13 487	13 816	12 489	13 205
Cattle and calves sold farms..	1 587	1 538	1 733	1 628	1 542	1 480	1 497	1 601
..... number..	295 007	317 233	303 567	275 493	340 556	320 730	320 032	271 561
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	113	154	149	245	277	233	240	321
..... number..	7 419	7 636	16 505	15 254	9 843	10 488	8 092	6 511
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	74	102	128	174	199	158	163	173
..... number..	7 414	23 746	26 413	16 037	16 097	11 241	7 314	9 957
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	203	250	397	422	439	379	419	743
..... number..	4 503	14 826	18 245	23 959	15 222	27 485	24 154	50 124
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	6	7	10	8	15	13	4	-
..... number..	(D)	200	525	549	(D)	1 171	94	-

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Wheat for grain farms . .	73	57	114	162	142	239	186	227
acres . .	19 034	9 968	15 052	20 536	17 463	28 169	11 315	20 303
bushels . .	1 903 995	719 200	1 096 511	1 386 182	1 053 253	1 227 677	638 265	729 228
Barley for grain farms . .	49	36	115	193	215	(NA)	(NA)	274
acres . .	4 642	4 613	9 150	28 490	26 282	(NA)	(NA)	11 387
bushels . .	422 623	423 411	725 196	2 079 755	1 678 370	(NA)	(NA)	588 664
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes farms . .	10	12	10	29	35	33	(NA)	69
acres . .	6 999	8 111	7 501	13 804	15 986	7 609	(NA)	575
cwt . .	2 962 254	3 035 277	2 561 680	4 608 250	4 855 039	2 719 185	(NA)	99 960
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	1 640	1 638	1 762	1 777	1 731	1 529	1 515	(NA)
acres . .	478 358	380 959	479 346	528 682	496 394	470 652	459 820	450 378
tons, dry . .	1 458 687	1 082 233	1 223 895	1 254 889	1 079 592	925 643	932 526	811 860

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.