

**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..	2 937	2 445	2 515	2 757	2 508	2 412	2 902	4 648
Land in farms ..... acres..	415 031	385 832	426 237	469 582	484 631	506 464	612 750	903 197
Average size of farm ..... acres..	141	158	169	170	193	210	211	194
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars..	323 523	342 607	358 279	201 171	169 736	118 421	50 418	25 402
Average per acre ..... dollars..	2 250	2 256	2 112	1 174	880	564	239	132
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> , \$1,000..	110 872	83 960	85 168	77 239	60 720	44 710	25 438	(NA)
Average per farm ..... dollars..	37 957	34 566	33 905	28 005	24 220	18 921	9 010	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	425	308	255	254	207	172	163	290
10 to 49 acres .....	784	619	567	600	444	360	443	805
50 to 179 acres .....	1 005	844	919	1 039	922	886	1 063	1 849
180 to 499 acres .....	571	511	583	663	729	762	958	1 349
500 to 999 acres .....	120	133	160	169	177	191	227	288
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	25	27	29	29	25	36	42	52
2,000 acres or more .....	7	3	2	3	4	5	6	15
Total cropland ..... farms..	2 489	2 242	2 255	2 493	2 367	2 273	2 635	4 303
..... acres..	132 619	135 437	147 719	154 926	172 753	171 187	189 227	254 302
Harvested cropland ..... farms..	2 256	2 039	2 044	2 282	2 232	2 128	2 352	3 895
..... acres..	101 753	100 746	106 629	116 613	124 510	118 186	116 321	168 044
Irrigated land ..... farms..	429	308	253	176	163	119	93	159
..... acres..	2 691	1 746	2 948	1 307	1 747	2 130	1 510	2 648
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> , \$1,000..	149 467	114 070	107 102	102 520	87 711	72 192	48 642	48 833
Average per farm ..... dollars..	50 891	46 654	42 585	37 185	34 972	29 930	16 761	10 506
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ... \$1,000..	73 728	45 724	35 327	26 207	22 213	17 193	9 774	8 481
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000..	75 739	68 346	71 775	76 312	65 498	53 761	38 273	38 899
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	1 121	928	1 020	1 133	910	987	1 326	2 328
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	460	343	371	430	400	206	233	458
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	388	325	320	276	282	232	253	550
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	363	288	234	253	253			
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	187	152	131	178	214	833	1 014	1 253
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	143	143	175	210	241			
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	230	234	238	242	182	131	56	42
\$500,000 or more .....	45	32	26	23	14	10	4	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	2 547	2 136	2 234	2 457	2 240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership .....	179	147	140	188	161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation .....	160	133	112	85	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	51	29	29	27	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>4</sup> :								
None .....	1 028	927	857	929	907	760	(NA)	(NA)
Any .....	1 807	1 420	1 539	1 655	1 480	1 260	1 644	2 601
200 days or more .....	1 152	848	959	1 035	885	755	1 013	1 691
Operators by principal occupation <sup>4</sup> :								
Farming .....	1 260	1 204	1 153	1 301	1 304	1 260	(NA)	(NA)
Other .....	1 677	1 241	1 362	1 456	1 204	1 077	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>4</sup> ..... years..	54.3	53.4	51.9	50.9	50.7	52.0	52.8	53.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>5</sup> ..... \$1,000..	126 098	95 755	91 948	(NA)	(NA)	63 531	41 042	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ..... \$1,000..	3 031	2 968	3 647	4 013	4 471	5 244	2 763	2 568
Feed for livestock and poultry ..... \$1,000..	22 257	18 649	19 529	25 619	22 140	22 152	13 810	16 975
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000..	2 931	2 868	2 834	2 767	3 018	2 202	1 130	1 183
Petroleum products ..... \$1,000..	5 148	4 171	3 979	5 910	3 732	2 564	1 567	1 611
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000..	30 438	21 601	18 040	13 626	12 296	8 466	6 379	5 601
Interest <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000..	6 115	5 177	5 612	5 685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>7</sup> ..... \$1,000..	1 717	1 528	1 499	1 350	1 235	812	616	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms..	953	956	1 148	1 515	1 386	1 391	1 583	3 059
..... number..	45 115	48 419	54 012	69 006	66 885	69 198	69 089	81 906
Beef cows ..... farms..	540	494	587	713	579	538	(NA)	489
..... number..	4 206	3 727	4 229	4 526	4 311	4 467	3 858	2 299
Milk cows ..... farms..	329	389	518	785	809	934	1 106	2 410
..... number..	19 563	21 659	25 110	30 984	30 609	33 402	35 000	43 937
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms..	760	766	969	1 242	1 213	1 214	1 399	2 472
..... number..	16 053	20 138	24 611	29 408	33 089	27 863	32 445	44 930
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms..	249	289	264	443	443	363	225	627
..... number..	4 373	4 458	5 040	6 339	8 013	8 899	8 941	13 397
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms..	137	173	180	278	276	203	130	222
..... number..	13 454	9 063	6 610	9 402	11 752	10 496	13 181	16 867
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) <sup>7</sup> ..... farms..	405	337	404	520	496	461	473	1 212
..... number..	213 782	212 748	459 446	647 655	1 004 126	1 311 754	1 568 318	1 831 188
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms..	35	25	22	44	36	22	32	79
..... number..	472 718	(D)	(D)	291 111	188 116	89 814	823 601	2 141 340

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	
<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>									
Potatoes, excluding									
sweetpotatoes..... farms..	50	63	46	79	88	122	(NA)	679	
acres..	87	168	153	251	394	659	(NA)	1 175	
cwt..	14 509	31 978	29 998	42 910	75 670	117 125	(NA)	251 192	
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms..	1 462	1 492	1 586	1 820	1 802	1 702	1 880	(NA)
acres..	78 832	77 605	84 617	88 300	95 623	89 472	90 631	147 194	
tons, dry..	140 513	136 963	164 829	165 999	171 222	157 290	161 584	189 513	
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>5</sup> .....	farms..	339	327	283	278	285	337	325	336
acres..	3 490	3 324	3 047	2 974	4 024	4 175	3 715	3 164	
Land in orchards .....	farms..	219	242	219	239	235	184	195	327
acres..	3 414	3 877	3 863	4 341	4 355	4 488	4 973	5 387	

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>4</sup>Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

<sup>5</sup>Data for 1964 to 1982 do not include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals include the cost of lime for 1969 to 1978.

<sup>6</sup>Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>7</sup>Data for 1969 to 1992 are for chickens 3 months old or older inventory; data for 1964 are for chickens 4 months old or older.

<sup>8</sup>Data for 1974 were from land area used.