

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..	735	649	701	728	674	597	700	1 100
Land in farms acres..	55 256	49 601	58 685	62 466	66 233	61 068	68 720	103 801
Average size of farm acres..	75	76	84	86	98	102	98	94
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	442 402	481 783	420 279	237 141	236 436	153 390	72 033	46 030
Average per acre dollars..	5 885	6 304	4 748	2 760	2 335	1 500	734	485
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	28 517	24 479	25 178	18 824	14 643	11 378	6 594	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	38 799	37 718	35 918	25 893	21 726	19 123	9 754	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	181	128	131	113	120	108	85	245
10 to 49 acres	257	237	250	273	206	177	235	314
50 to 179 acres	221	215	241	251	252	218	266	393
180 to 499 acres	61	57	66	82	82	77	102	121
500 to 999 acres	13	10	11	6	10	15	11	22
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	2	2	3	3	—	1	4
2,000 acres or more	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	1
Total cropland farms..	661	591	597	655	624	543	604	941
..... acres..	25 611	24 411	26 121	28 180	32 418	29 078	31 840	45 233
Harvested cropland farms..	606	517	523	576	560	512	543	825
..... acres..	19 019	18 136	18 498	21 252	23 704	21 422	21 553	28 897
Irrigated land farms..	180	132	105	84	78	73	60	66
..... acres..	3 265	2 979	3 494	2 224	2 801	2 336	1 925	1 428
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	48 200	39 512	37 786	30 376	25 757	22 219	15 963	18 513
Average per farm dollars..	65 578	60 882	53 903	41 726	38 216	37 218	22 803	16 830
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ... \$1,000..	39 423	27 431	26 685	18 139	15 211	12 121	7 306	7 875
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	8 777	12 082	11 100	12 237	10 546	10 074	8 636	10 569
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	210	175	290	271	206	184	253	430
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91	115	79	95	112	72	60	111
\$5,000 to \$9,999	91	85	82	91	65	52	87	134
\$10,000 to \$24,999	109	99	79	92	96	—	—	—
\$25,000 to \$49,999	73	49	41	52	74	240	269	393
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	49	55	58	66	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999	78	57	58	55	43	39	24	25
\$500,000 or more	19	20	17	14	9	7	3	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	573	529	567	620	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	54	42	45	52	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	98	73	80	51	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	10	5	9	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	328	293	265	271	318	238	(NA)	(NA)
Any	381	323	395	413	334	245	351	433
200 days or more	260	202	262	299	240	163	245	334
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	370	333	345	346	373	339	(NA)	(NA)
Other	365	316	356	382	301	224	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	54.1	53.4	52.7	52.4	52.3	53.3	52.3	52.4
Total farm production expenses ⁵ \$1,000..	35 350	32 436	29 736	(NA)	(NA)	19 391	14 281	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	848	1 130	1 146	1 271	1 198	928	1 073	1 066
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	2 924	4 320	3 684	5 347	4 941	5 068	3 400	4 622
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	1 528	1 332	1 335	1 125	1 094	1 217	678	791
Petroleum products \$1,000..	1 642	1 487	1 390	1 819	1 328	833	562	731
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	10 755	9 076	9 536	5 559	4 462	3 729	3 162	2 804
Interests ⁶ \$1,000..	1 744	1 473	1 298	1 569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	824	904	778	647	580	501	356	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	200	208	253	340	294	242	281	471
..... number..	5 749	6 057	6 930	8 997	9 431	11 200	11 163	15 673
Beef cows farms..	129	133	156	192	139	114	(NA)	94
..... number..	1 062	967	1 133	1 251	1 123	1 093	776	659
Milk cows farms..	45	55	70	123	135	145	177	359
..... number..	2 239	2 565	2 975	3 872	4 677	6 106	6 547	10 448
Cattle and calves sold farms..	158	162	206	260	247	218	244	385
..... number..	2 315	2 509	3 259	3 544	4 669	4 932	5 758	9 362
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	60	48	59	73	89	46	55	78
..... number..	2 764	5 488	4 719	3 030	6 141	5 029	10 132	8 775
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	45	41	49	45	54	34	39	55
..... number..	4 951	6 011	4 990	3 269	7 106	5 605	10 015	8 720
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	93	83	96	126	105	90	130	279
..... number..	58 042	242 307	205 794	388 239	256 021	283 254	426 599	433 188
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	5	5	6	4	4	4	10	23
..... number..	(D)	(D)	58 714	(D)	(D)	131 000	155 990	858 550

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes..... farms..	16	19	22	21	35	44	(NA)	89
acres..	788	1 310	1 410	2 879	3 535	4 344	(NA)	4 925
cwt..	(D)	374 808	259 958	703 350	915 076	932 755	(NA)	922 699
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	255	245	291	340	318	272	303	(NA)
acres..	8 189	7 614	8 126	9 296	10 623	8 689	8 785	15 642
tons, dry..	16 680	15 864	14 125	17 708	20 914	17 421	17 300	24 820
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁶ farms..	126	126	99	120	135	123	126	156
acres..	1 907	1 868	1 947	1 908	2 208	1 891	2 088	1 661
Land in orchards farms..	54	72	83	79	62	50	46	85
acres..	389	664	856	827	702	668	779	835

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.