

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..	5 828	5 436	5 877	6 315	5 852	5 906	6 874	9 247
Land in farms acres..	1 262 155	1 278 525	1 407 868	1 574 441	1 633 049	1 667 561	1 915 520	2 524 371
Average size of farm acres..	217	235	240	249	279	282	279	273
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	323 107	318 131	258 713	206 616	181 939	130 338	62 347	29 733
Average per acre dollars..	1 520	1 342	1 124	842	640	462	224	109
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	284 761	276 042	270 641	274 844	215 607	141 152	81 020	(NA)
Average per farm dollars..	49 046	50 911	46 090	43 571	36 875	24 531	12 097	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	354	292	281	272	179	160	168	304
10 to 49 acres	1 103	807	834	754	466	402	465	739
50 to 179 acres	1 925	1 692	1 800	1 926	1 679	1 690	1 991	2 717
180 to 499 acres	1 862	2 039	2 320	2 635	2 735	2 875	3 380	4 367
500 to 999 acres	469	520	559	634	678	655	739	959
1,000 to 1,999 acres	100	73	71	85	106	110	114	136
2,000 acres or more	15	13	12	9	9	14	17	25
Total cropland farms..	5 065	5 081	5 506	5 977	5 696	5 762	6 600	8 930
..... acres..	617 263	658 765	707 970	772 055	806 244	779 344	836 246	878 153
Harvested cropland farms..	4 609	4 741	5 069	5 583	5 494	5 501	6 125	8 619
..... acres..	465 489	477 020	488 253	547 848	554 957	514 804	511 096	657 282
Irrigated land farms..	333	255	178	120	94	46	37	77
..... acres..	2 570	2 123	1 823	1 254	1 397	509	286	1 063
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	476 343	415 253	375 537	369 402	270 882	207 889	136 010	115 303
Average per farm dollars..	81 734	76 389	63 899	58 496	46 289	35 200	19 786	12 469
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	59 592	35 483	25 186	20 054	16 720	15 844	8 462	8 973
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	416 752	379 770	350 351	349 348	254 162	189 336	126 152	101 696
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500	1 504	1 326	1 523	1 661	1 350	1 418	2 092	2 518
\$2,500 to \$4,999	655	551	589	593	507	379	377	896
\$5,000 to \$9,999	704	567	480	444	409	387	547	1 666
\$10,000 to \$24,999	719	467	453	469	624			
\$25,000 to \$49,999	344	350	446	615	900	3 355	3 766	4 117
\$50,000 to \$99,999	569	710	992	1 192	1 280			
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1 190	1 378	1 352	1 307	756	352	76	37
\$500,000 or more	143	87	42	26	11	3	4	
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	4 915	4 665	5 096	5 589	5 181	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	538	485	510	505	488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation	318	246	232	176	145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	57	40	39	45	38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None	2 661	2 740	2 854	3 023	3 110	2 713	(NA)	(NA)
Any	2 835	2 402	2 695	2 863	2 526	2 202	3 081	4 332
200 days or more	1 685	1 344	1 598	1 710	1 402	1 211	1 799	2 102
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming	3 300	3 502	3 762	4 093	4 006	4 223	(NA)	(NA)
Other	2 528	1 934	2 115	2 222	1 846	1 587	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴ years..	53.1	51.4	50.4	49.1	49.4	50.0	50.4	50.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	371 207	340 482	289 945	(NA)	(NA)	179 001	109 864	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased \$1,000..	24 005	21 278	19 702	16 157	15 124	11 322	7 495	4 973
Feed for livestock and poultry \$1,000..	119 251	108 490	89 318	103 934	84 315	67 486	34 922	33 334
Commercial fertilizer ⁵ \$1,000..	9 800	10 887	9 015	8 919	9 233	7 400	3 496	3 437
Petroleum products \$1,000..	13 005	12 369	10 935	16 168	9 449	6 705	4 320	4 398
Hired farm labor \$1,000..	43 304	38 323	31 704	28 865	21 534	14 779	11 550	9 994
Interest ⁶ \$1,000..	23 753	23 441	22 539	25 245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁵ \$1,000..	4 131	3 402	2 816	2 018	2 702	1 539	1 168	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	3 203	3 558	4 128	4 965	4 591	4 763	5 324	7 744
..... number..	308 267	310 518	320 189	355 104	316 984	331 990	323 707	367 675
Beef cows farms..	1 057	1 048	1 180	1 360	1 166	1 204	(NA)	745
..... number..	12 340	11 812	9 805	9 473	8 600	11 825	14 861	5 462
Milk cows farms..	1 940	2 373	2 846	3 585	3 576	3 899	4 409	6 994
..... number..	162 868	168 473	178 967	191 089	184 860	189 206	187 251	229 757
Cattle and calves sold farms..	2 958	3 378	3 919	4 620	4 424	4 592	5 189	7 319
..... number..	142 041	145 715	170 741	157 002	157 282	150 895	162 322	214 545
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	238	347	370	732	689	755	422	1 013
..... number..	2 900	3 738	5 133	4 233	5 234	4 455	3 780	8 485
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	140	228	239	385	329	288	154	275
..... number..	4 992	7 427	7 595	7 012	8 259	5 491	6 349	12 345
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷ farms..	513	508	649	892	770	753	648	1 966
..... number..	256 074	(D)	405 869	499 462	524 457	826 674	448 582	640 129
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	57	51	53	55	42	24	3	9
..... number..	49 535	7 266	5 231	(D)	(D)	4 802	30 130	58 800

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 . .	131	143	210	261	150	185	126	57
acres . .	8 233	7 567	11 191	12 428	6 503	5 776	2 699	692
bushels . .	938 996	727 744	1 031 941	1 173 189	514 903	470 402	232 226	53 937
Oats for grain farms . .	26	28	42	98	121	(NA)	(NA)	616
acres . .	351	489	646	1 549	2 722	(NA)	(NA)	9 625
bushels . .	13 659	28 885	28 475	70 621	127 413	(NA)	(NA)	444 419
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes farms . .	65	80	57	95	112	198	(NA)	1 212
acres . .	232	231	162	305	700	1 035	(NA)	1 547
cwt . .	60 525	45 273	36 988	76 037	127 044	221 208	(NA)	315 019
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms . .	3 782	4 200	4 640	5 195	5 133	5 074	5 674	(NA)
acres . .	385 562	408 552	432 881	467 603	472 075	431 888	436 919	596 504
tons, dry . .	703 077	776 231	869 548	886 084	847 192	783 415	836 785	952 781
Land in orchards farms . .	228	258	221	244	185	161	164	352
acres . .	4 311	4 894	4 797	4 980	4 532	5 322	4 492	5 056

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.