

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Farms ..... number	81,033	79,631	87,991	74,126	77,669	83,217	82,463	73,194
Land in farms ..... acres	25,364,695	27,589,027	28,795,834	27,698,779	28,978,997	30,598,178	32,156,894	32,727,202
Average size of farm ..... acres	313	346	327	374	373	368	390	447
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	2,005,768	1,206,822	839,126	941,170	820,063	583,668	746,577	521,240
Average per acre ..... dollars	6,408	3,526	2,643	2,605	2,213	1,575	1,918	1,161
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	8,761,575	6,325,990	5,463,053	5,155,473	4,363,190	4,081,738	3,873,341	3,011,896
Average per farm ..... dollars	108,145	81,933	62,129	69,590	56,485	49,223	47,361	41,411
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	25,278	21,827	27,151	20,662	21,485	22,697	22,951	16,423
10 to 49 acres .....	28,080	27,307	28,613	24,250	26,089	28,498	28,203	25,639
50 to 179 acres .....	12,939	14,356	14,874	13,288	13,883	15,017	14,873	14,761
180 to 499 acres .....	7,014	7,741	8,055	7,270	7,512	8,028	7,636	7,737
500 to 999 acres .....	3,267	3,604	3,912	3,572	3,702	3,804	3,635	3,546
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2,194	2,374	2,683	2,439	2,411	2,544	2,435	2,319
2,000 acres or more .....	2,261	2,422	2,703	2,645	2,587	2,629	2,730	2,769
Total cropland ..... farms	61,215	61,810	70,231	62,269	64,417	68,266	67,916	63,663
..... acres	9,464,647	10,994,161	11,062,811	10,803,804	10,479,268	10,894,503	11,257,374	11,454,731
Harvested cropland ..... farms	53,000	54,115	62,031	55,990	56,785	59,259	59,048	56,253
..... acres	7,633,173	8,466,321	8,676,242	8,543,159	7,760,773	7,676,287	8,764,808	8,804,374
Irrigated land ..... farms	53,400	55,596	63,226	55,920	56,546	58,868	58,389	55,627
..... acres	8,016,159	8,709,353	8,886,693	8,712,893	7,571,313	7,596,091	8,460,508	8,505,824
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	33,885,064	25,737,173	23,280,110	23,032,259	17,051,912	13,922,234	12,491,442	9,274,495
Average per farm ..... dollars	418,164	323,205	264,574	310,718	219,546	167,300	151,479	126,711
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	22,903,021	19,152,722	17,201,736	17,033,714	11,747,474	9,269,389	8,158,494	5,851,902
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	10,982,043	6,584,451	6,078,374	5,998,545	5,304,438	4,652,845	4,332,948	3,422,592
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	23,965	23,362	28,871	19,473	22,692	23,187	25,513	18,494
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	6,548	6,038	7,470	6,516	7,160	8,661	8,871	8,306
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	7,208	7,262	7,560	6,498	7,417	8,512	8,515	8,253
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	10,481	9,455	9,685	8,621	9,324	11,028	10,178	10,460
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	7,578	7,131	7,360	6,747	6,899	7,863	7,218	7,519
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	6,212	6,798	6,909	6,544	6,360	6,895	6,423	6,593
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	10,461	11,426	12,159	11,823	11,143	11,430	10,675	9,797
\$500,000 or more .....	8,580	8,159	7,977	7,904	6,674	5,641	4,990	3,660
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	64,001	64,442	69,154	56,755	60,187	64,928	65,482	57,916
Partnership .....	9,552	8,953	11,836	10,813	11,350	12,127	11,360	10,815
Corporation .....	5,750	5,070	5,504	5,252	5,067	5,367	4,849	3,871
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,730	1,166	1,497	1,306	1,065	795	772	592
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	26,322	40,223	35,359	31,588	32,118	32,051	29,641	29,135
Any .....	54,711	39,408	47,362	37,919	41,278	47,085	47,387	41,462
200 days or more .....	30,510	26,037	30,644	24,012	26,681	30,948	31,587	27,140
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	40,910	49,132	43,783	39,267	40,215	41,906	40,633	38,060
Other .....	40,123	30,499	44,208	34,859	37,454	41,311	41,830	35,134
Average age of principal operator ..... years	58.4	56.8	55.7	56.5	55.2	53.6	51.8	51.3
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	26,962,641	20,527,198	17,085,533	16,817,253	13,804,983	10,917,593	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	1,264,818	949,697	774,047	759,223	935,152	776,540	855,311	873,948
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	4,274,263	2,494,806	2,616,926	2,588,982	2,108,719	1,707,608	1,721,393	1,330,184
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,314,175	834,536	757,065	746,325	568,772	427,924	427,823	335,444
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	1,124,340	610,228	500,700	488,226	414,984	332,166	449,759	252,664
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	5,015,513	4,317,078	3,435,777	3,392,577	2,922,390	2,385,242	1,819,323	1,370,770
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,099,536	930,722	978,929	958,431	738,910	697,449	938,913	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,369,132	1,102,974	970,316	957,006	694,549	544,779	468,604	288,968
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	16,638	17,379	21,522	17,335	19,097	22,119	26,579	22,090
..... number	5,498,025	5,234,177	5,121,933	4,968,679	4,702,114	4,570,667	4,612,967	4,446,512
Beef cows ..... farms	11,827	12,497	15,172	12,158	13,105	14,966	17,199	13,895
..... number	662,423	735,045	959,772	890,805	862,971	906,006	952,164	850,537
Milk cows ..... farms	2,165	2,793	2,922	2,650	3,124	3,631	4,638	4,829
..... number	1,840,730	1,644,692	1,406,884	1,403,217	1,249,038	1,070,366	946,201	836,675
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	12,681	12,897	19,134	16,007	17,205	20,486	22,947	20,321
..... number	3,553,530	3,157,013	3,191,996	3,107,562	2,993,538	3,097,084	3,338,619	3,477,491
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	1,389	1,521	2,351	1,593	2,221	2,699	4,800	4,317
..... number	153,983	163,465	221,174	212,088	258,130	150,931	184,577	178,132
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	1,267	1,513	1,638	1,193	1,761	2,297	3,769	3,444
..... number	296,378	308,769	396,891	373,352	481,270	303,406	281,733	297,937
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	5,098	3,244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	21,091,629	22,768,304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	229	338	323	240	298	298	411	310
..... number	280,512,754	260,447,483	244,056,157	237,723,294	225,074,862	209,376,014	123,778,881	97,785,819

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....	farms 606	592	987	958	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 189,965	168,354	258,501	256,292	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 34,602,626	28,395,621	42,632,526	42,230,303	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	farms 1,975	2,012	2,046	1,985	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 460,614	393,694	317,367	314,357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 12,019,578	10,117,296	7,533,442	7,451,051	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....	farms 1,191	1,573	2,107	2,065	2,236	2,841	3,429	2,300
	acres 354,165	410,369	581,692	581,071	569,044	562,302	928,713	590,373
	bushels 30,224,394	33,590,674	42,544,545	42,372,177	39,456,581	40,004,786	63,130,854	32,687,096
Winter wheat for grain .....	farms 879	1,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 249,704	313,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 20,157,552	23,935,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain .....	farms 239	321	360	353	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D) 88,399	136,155	134,710	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 7,821,257	8,963,903	12,635,526	12,490,437	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain .....	farms 114	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D) 8,475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 2,245,585	691,713	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	farms 299	429	206	193	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 25,993	34,319	24,762	24,167	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 2,595,144	2,798,145	2,033,506	1,991,198	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain .....	farms 161	343	584	574	933	1,431	2,261	3,552
	acres 44,125	74,721	129,524	129,549	204,119	269,845	582,708	873,831
	bushels 2,872,476	5,266,774	7,630,739	7,475,447	12,183,472	14,560,411	31,980,247	41,029,764
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 58	66	77	76	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 10,909	10,676	13,322	13,568	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 909,160	807,824	977,600	990,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 195	68	11	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 30,085	6,209	2,219	2,259	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 536,162	94,009	41,424	42,584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	farms 239	385	440	413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 34,002	58,420	60,933	60,153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 709,841	1,234,989	1,189,658	1,173,449	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all .....	farms 855	1,393	1,872	1,833	2,351	3,037	3,002	3,819
	acres 471,378	694,653	1,043,208	1,036,316	1,066,060	1,083,811	1,312,569	1,517,980
	bales 1,418,751	2,056,964	2,559,842	2,543,194	2,792,443	2,619,934	2,872,637	1,911,050
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 7,411	8,273	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,723,147	1,952,522	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry 10,642,531	11,202,962	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice .....	farms 1,304	1,473	1,567	1,544	1,575	1,654	1,322	1,236
	acres 531,075	531,314	514,281	514,081	401,194	399,193	566,914	484,822
	cwt 43,018,947	43,581,796	41,474,551	41,457,650	31,865,036	28,566,209	36,672,135	25,300,625
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 111	154	143	135	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 27,913	18,129	(D) 23,780	23,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 29,776,645	21,455,613	(D) 29,689,822	29,689,822	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	farms 155	228	456	449	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 42,984	55,692	104,354	103,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 1,539,394	2,063,080	2,947,634	2,924,151	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts .....	farms 11	16	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 14	22	(D) 22	(D) 22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 28,000	38,600	(D) 28,000	(D) 28,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms 3,868	3,858	5,105	4,490	3,713	3,787	4,053	4,081
	acres 1,169,786	1,197,481	1,228,721	1,209,259	1,016,744	882,741	894,573	900,401
Potatoes .....	farms 224	269	354	304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 37,858	48,217	44,343	43,503	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 92	133	109	100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 13,644	10,007	7,112	7,010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards .....	farms 39,484	38,693	43,957	38,747	40,298	41,021	39,801	36,164
	acres 2,826,291	2,871,626	2,652,993	2,582,084	2,245,781	2,152,664	2,158,404	1,892,077

<sup>1</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.  
<sup>2</sup> Data for 1982 and 1978 exclude abnormal farms.  
<sup>3</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.  
<sup>4</sup> Data for 1982 and 1978 do not include cost of custom applications; data for chemicals include the cost of lime for 1978.  
<sup>5</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.  
<sup>6</sup> 1982 data do not include imputation for item nonresponse.  
<sup>7</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years do not include potatoes, sweet potatoes, or ginseng.