

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2009 and Earlier Census Years**

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

Item	2009	1998	1988	1979	1970	1959 <sup>18</sup>	1949 <sup>19</sup>	1929	1889
All horticultural specialty crops <sup>1</sup> ..... operations	21,585	23,758	21,088	22,347	12,962	17,999	17,400	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	11,687,323	10,599,298	4,791,893	3,212,010	960,919	515,681	300,638	192,105	26,212
Floriculture <sup>2</sup> ..... operations	12,009	13,809	(NA)	(NA)	7,969	11,772	12,427	14,982	4,659
sales (\$1,000)	5,018,449	4,462,860	2,570,005	1,619,974	501,473	292,302	218,521	109,895	14,175
Bedding/garden plants ..... operations	9,604	10,629	9,098	8,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	3,149,701	2,357,185	896,196	285,520	61,627	32,844	16,925	(NA)	(NA)
Annual bedding/garden plants <sup>3</sup> ..... operations	7,989	9,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	2,305,913	1,729,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Herbaceous perennial plants <sup>4</sup> ..... operations	6,416	7,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	843,788	627,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potted flowering plants for indoor or patio use <sup>5</sup> ..... operations	4,043	5,080	6,405	7,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	871,474	868,131	586,302	418,007	125,826	69,469	26,901	25,652	(NA)
Foliage plants for indoor or patio use ..... operations	2,728	3,074	4,201	5,463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	509,873	594,760	485,910	466,913	38,376	25,607	9,842	(NA)	(NA)
Cut flowers <sup>6</sup> ..... operations	1,703	2,067	3,120	3,900	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	403,254	512,570	506,677	353,415	229,944	140,207	123,574	67,430	(NA)
Cut cultivated greens <sup>7</sup> ..... operations	634	758	787	674	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	84,148	130,213	94,920	33,595	8,827	2,433	(NA)	1,712	(NA)
Nursery stock sold (see text) ..... operations	8,441	8,305	7,000	7,436	3,764	6,757	4,643	7,207	4,510
sales (\$1,000)	3,850,363	3,096,723	1,132,387	944,920	283,636	155,506	71,053	58,183	12,036
Cuttings, plug seedlings, liners, tissue cultured plantlets, and prefinished plants <sup>8,9</sup> ..... operations	1,178	1,868	1,681	880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	601,657	493,049	190,090	62,524	36,873	21,742	13,667	2,717	(NA)
Sod, sprigs, or plugs sold (see text) <sup>10,11</sup> ..... operations	1,403	1,143	825	1,060	545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	876,847	835,212	247,775	206,611	43,366	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers <sup>12</sup> ..... operations	223	254	179	372	270	861	870	1,935	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	48,512	55,389	29,175	23,544	10,375	9,964	9,237	5,364	(NA)
Food crops grown under protection <sup>13,14</sup> ..... operations	1,476	1,015	581	866	2,555	819	768	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	553,270	222,624	31,743	26,685	18,359	19,546	13,046	12,384	(NA)
Transplants for commercial vegetable and strawberry production ..... operations	502	493	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	330,647	156,273	50,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetable seeds <sup>15</sup> ..... operations	340	436	352	528	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	89,031	93,147	23,113	37,562	6,874	(NA)	(NA)	12,809	(NA)
Flower seeds ..... operations	141	120	93	84	(NA)	85	60	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	30,825	19,480	7,585	4,463	1,645	2,593	1,823	713	(NA)
Other <sup>16,17</sup> ..... operations	3,274	3,785	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	287,722	302,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Aquatic plants ..... operations	375	381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	26,000	23,635	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cut Christmas trees sold (see text) ..... operations	2,699	3,195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	249,821	256,161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Short rotation woody crops sold (see text) ..... operations	23	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	2,173	12,642	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco transplants ..... operations	189	207	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	9,728	10,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1929 through 1998 include cultivated mushrooms. <sup>2</sup> Data for 1949 include greenhouse vegetables and mushroom operations. <sup>3</sup> Data for 1970 include vegetable plant sales of \$16,802,715. <sup>4</sup> Data for 1998 include flats and hanging baskets. <sup>5</sup> Data for 1929 include flowering and foliage plants. <sup>6</sup> Data for 1949 include cut flowers and cut cultivated greens. <sup>7</sup> Data for 1959 include only asparagus plumosus. <sup>8</sup> Data for 1929 include bedding plants. <sup>9</sup> Data prior to 1988 do not include nursery lining out stock. <sup>10</sup> Data prior to 1998 only include sod harvested. <sup>11</sup> Data for 1970 include pasture sod from 70 operations with sales of \$4,280,370. <sup>12</sup> Data for 1929 include sales of flowers cut from bulbs grown in the open and from forced bulbs. <sup>13</sup> Data for 1929 include vegetable plants grown in hotbeds and covered frames with sales of \$2,076,498. <sup>14</sup> Data for 1970 include 1,884 vegetable plant operations. Sales included with annual bedding plants. <sup>15</sup> Data for 1970 include 261 vegetable and flower seed operations. <sup>16</sup> Data prior to 1998 do not include cut Christmas trees, short term woody crops, and tobacco transplants sold. <sup>17</sup> Data prior to 1998 summarized aquatic plants with nursery plants under other environmental. <sup>18</sup> Data for 1959 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$585,751,415 and wholesale sales were \$435,052,807. <sup>19</sup> Data for 1949 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$467,346,986 and wholesale sales were \$249,814,924.