

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Farms number	2,546	2,391	2,671	2,460	2,633	2,966	3,338	3,398
Land in farms acres	510,253	540,080	589,107	579,545	589,189	608,245	655,465	669,646
Average size of farm acres	200	226	221	236	224	205	196	197
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	2,073,605	980,323	576,420	609,974	514,156	369,751	364,843	283,593
Average per acre dollars	10,347	4,054	2,687	2,660	2,246	1,765	1,829	1,493
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	304,801	271,874	195,342	187,259	177,139	158,043	153,587	139,851
Average per farm dollars	119,718	113,755	73,162	76,183	67,843	53,447	46,012	41,157
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	651	456	460	399	421	514	503	486
10 to 49 acres	802	794	880	772	797	867	905	806
50 to 179 acres	568	562	677	638	725	788	1,012	1,089
180 to 499 acres	280	316	359	359	398	481	591	685
500 to 999 acres	99	122	156	155	161	188	211	227
1,000 to 1,999 acres	99	89	93	91	89	100	90	83
2,000 acres or more	47	52	46	46	42	28	26	22
Total cropland farms	1,989	1,826	2,093	1,981	2,162	2,397	2,843	2,929
..... acres	432,773	457,201	491,489	486,981	495,156	501,290	521,104	529,651
Harvested cropland farms	1,615	1,548	1,901	1,810	1,956	2,172	2,700	2,806
..... acres	409,468	433,105	469,920	466,555	470,348	441,502	499,986	496,756
Irrigated land farms	560	439	430	415	352	384	323	255
..... acres	104,562	97,167	75,024	72,635	61,774	60,812	44,168	33,725
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	1,083,035	618,853	767,254	690,794	559,766	443,575	370,562	321,248
Average per farm dollars	425,387	258,826	287,253	280,811	212,596	149,553	111,013	94,540
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	210,635	150,404	176,356	174,845	142,963	96,118	110,276	102,937
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	872,400	468,449	590,898	515,949	416,802	347,456	260,286	218,310
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	683	607	459	375	392	540	548	368
\$2,500 to \$4,999	201	141	195	173	213	270	304	336
\$5,000 to \$9,999	159	133	208	195	252	297	306	379
\$10,000 to \$24,999	272	159	278	262	301	280	479	521
\$25,000 to \$49,999	127	147	198	200	202	214	333	412
\$50,000 to \$99,999	115	180	178	177	182	257	346	442
\$100,000 to \$499,999	281	694	634	623	818	952	904	863
\$500,000 or more	708	330	521	455	273	156	118	74
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	2,006	2,015	2,176	1,995	2,226	2,553	2,830	2,944
Partnership	210	136	216	207	213	216	302	291
Corporation	282	212	254	236	181	181	190	150
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	48	28	25	22	13	16	16	13
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	1,126	1,296	1,235	1,149	1,153	1,263	1,367	1,503
Any	1,420	1,095	1,209	1,097	1,287	1,426	1,629	1,722
200 days or more	918	690	821	744	849	955	1,129	1,111
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	1,504	1,659	1,601	1,497	1,578	1,774	1,956	2,004
Other	1,042	732	1,070	963	1,055	1,192	1,382	1,394
Average age of principal operator years	55.4	54.8	53.4	54.0	52.7	51.5	50.6	50.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	823,103	471,674	686,028	620,297	448,199	377,102	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	102,328	55,182	70,407	63,980	64,080	53,522	37,202	36,283
Feed purchased \$1,000	416,368	207,528	415,739	363,258	189,867	187,183	140,508	118,266
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	35,665	23,780	20,606	20,537	19,838	15,802	19,993	14,166
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	20,685	21,131	12,974	12,659	10,367	8,787	13,435	7,991
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	36,460	31,579	30,819	30,207	23,911	22,788	17,893	15,131
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	14,590	14,025	19,115	17,866	16,664	14,872	16,948	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	23,147	15,174	16,447	16,274	15,272	11,197	10,868	6,857
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	399	371	484	434	411	461	660	665
..... number	20,994	22,027	28,119	27,968	28,838	31,191	33,360	28,103
Beef cows farms	253	230	251	224	204	216	311	292
..... number	3,668	3,537	3,658	3,685	2,856	2,187	5,129	4,122
Milk cows farms	83	96	144	132	137	169	248	291
..... number	6,526	8,948	9,312	9,241	8,659	9,354	9,956	10,305
Cattle and calves sold farms	307	276	404	370	337	376	521	567
..... number	11,219	8,212	18,311	18,179	22,655	26,934	26,224	16,631
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	77	84	147	132	205	301	421	577
..... number	8,955	11,775	33,642	33,355	58,913	49,714	54,411	61,305
Hogs and pigs sold farms	84	86	125	115	195	310	413	574
..... number	49,898	68,934	60,553	60,245	118,100	109,600	101,972	100,178
Layers inventory (see text) farms	164	58	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	845	820	893	805	870	1,001	922	1,005
..... number	246,098,878	255,873,656	260,745,019	223,298,115	223,328,864	210,492,139	170,418,428	145,796,536

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	843	769	999	985	1,029	1,076	1,363	1,600
farms	185,407	161,421	157,128	157,011	154,240	130,234	150,676	156,517
acres	18,346,034	13,368,438	15,731,070	15,670,883	18,142,044	9,876,539	14,880,293	14,980,373
bushels	73	91	130	124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	6,353	9,700	9,176	9,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	67,825	128,220	112,879	112,724	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	340	371	657	652	599	630	783	370
tons	54,546	53,497	75,707	75,265	61,754	43,573	56,867	16,206
Wheat for grain, all	3,635,755	3,604,610	4,996,880	4,987,739	3,324,145	1,827,869	2,234,788	572,030
bushels	340	371	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	54,546	53,497	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,635,755	3,604,610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	9	17	47	47	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	142	244	565	576	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	16,350	29,022	29,392	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	137	162	243	242	323	360	471	464
bushels	20,106	22,169	32,278	32,311	37,520	32,642	33,951	25,133
farms	1,588,749	1,760,481	2,699,633	2,700,574	2,605,621	1,897,161	1,912,955	1,108,162
acres	10	12	91	85	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	327	455	4,880	4,633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	17,927	19,793	307,749	286,741	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1	7	6	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	78	144	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	452	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	817	859	1,151	1,125	1,324	1,515	1,991	2,124
farms	155,548	184,596	224,770	222,785	231,872	219,941	264,971	262,363
acres	3,990,694	4,717,471	6,638,933	6,560,094	6,948,357	4,143,975	6,373,519	7,501,262
bushels	-	3	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	-	(D)	1,708	1,708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	(D)	24,420	24,420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	430	493	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	14,211	18,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	37,989	53,740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3	3	2	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	233	236	286	270	271	317	367	381
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	40,088	39,208	46,484	45,491	42,380	43,036	40,421	41,038
farms	21	11	22	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,402	3,897	4,668	4,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	10	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	32	25	31	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	524	672	1,200	1,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

² Data for 1982 and 1978 exclude abnormal farms.

³ Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁴ Data for 1982 and 1978 do not include cost of custom applications; data for chemicals include the cost of lime for 1978.

⁵ Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

⁶ 1982 data do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁷ Data for 2002 and prior years do not include potatoes, sweet potatoes, or ginseng.