

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	47,463	44,081	45,808	34,799	35,204	36,556	36,352	36,109
Land in farms acres	9,231,570	10,414,877	10,659,777	10,454,217	10,766,077	11,194,090	12,814,216	13,016,288
Average size of farm acres	195	236	233	300	306	306	353	360
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,096,718	665,376	540,572	662,538	619,265	543,830	552,586	407,118
Average per acre dollars	5,639	2,836	2,344	2,241	2,037	1,790	1,576	1,114
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	2,591,541	1,723,447	1,613,796	1,421,654	1,414,554	1,243,530	1,084,678	888,887
Average per farm dollars	54,604	39,884	35,239	40,869	40,898	34,799	30,895	25,624
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	12,184	10,267	10,622	7,394	7,664	7,300	6,790	5,912
10 to 49 acres	20,680	18,360	18,680	12,750	12,692	13,346	12,981	12,186
50 to 179 acres	8,543	8,776	9,804	7,932	7,738	8,379	8,711	9,438
180 to 499 acres	3,461	3,684	3,785	3,687	4,011	4,255	4,409	4,881
500 to 999 acres	1,225	1,330	1,324	1,390	1,451	1,598	1,660	1,853
1,000 to 1,999 acres	653	822	749	802	776	789	828	851
2,000 acres or more	717	842	844	844	872	889	973	988
Total cropland farms	26,555	27,348	30,792	27,141	28,702	29,386	30,565	31,548
Harvested cropland farms	2,953,340	3,715,257	3,610,304	3,639,850	3,841,505	3,790,599	4,093,583	4,298,952
Irrigated land acres	20,486	20,495	23,520	21,017	22,556	22,677	24,396	26,212
..... farms	2,112,129	2,313,537	2,434,379	2,435,702	2,400,704	2,240,831	2,643,147	2,705,674
..... acres	12,868	13,456	14,573	12,673	13,500	11,981	10,550	10,358
..... acres	1,552,118	1,815,174	1,873,823	1,862,404	1,782,680	1,622,750	1,585,080	1,979,814
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	7,785,228	6,242,272	6,137,802	6,004,554	5,266,033	4,351,383	3,522,103	3,025,633
Average per farm dollars	164,027	141,609	133,990	172,550	149,586	119,033	96,889	83,792
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	6,256,228	5,041,433	4,853,417	4,817,261	4,197,420	3,317,823	2,518,959	2,167,111
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,529,000	1,200,839	1,284,385	1,187,292	1,068,613	1,033,560	1,003,144	858,522
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	21,529	19,114	19,006	11,530	11,790	12,551	12,287	10,267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,839	4,544	5,607	4,405	4,318	4,868	4,824	5,062
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,668	4,285	5,131	4,122	4,151	4,470	4,449	4,865
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,404	5,240	5,286	4,572	4,674	4,765	4,797	5,723
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,355	3,305	3,049	2,805	2,901	2,833	2,934	3,332
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,435	2,486	2,349	2,188	2,262	2,273	2,354	2,598
\$100,000 to \$499,999	3,166	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,443	3,341	3,399	3,201
\$500,000 or more	2,067	1,868	1,985	1,928	1,665	1,455	1,270	1,010
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	39,792	37,119	37,138	27,173	27,243	28,943	29,556	29,480
Partnership	2,417	2,429	3,212	2,716	3,233	3,289	3,195	3,642
Corporation	4,693	4,076	4,989	4,516	4,325	3,961	3,255	2,656
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	561	457	469	394	403	363	346	331
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	16,063	22,094	17,389	14,054	14,150	13,494	12,617	13,438
Any	31,400	21,987	25,383	18,337	18,791	21,196	21,034	21,129
200 days or more	18,743	16,103	18,497	13,152	13,330	15,349	15,536	15,319
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	20,904	22,998	19,207	15,782	16,557	15,821	15,610	15,913
Other	26,559	21,083	26,601	19,017	18,647	20,735	20,742	20,196
Average age of principal operator years	58.4	57.0	56.3	56.5	55.3	53.7	52.5	51.6
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	5,762,883	4,734,590	4,553,217	4,384,423	4,082,659	3,200,405	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	175,186	147,080	160,467	145,770	131,497	148,405	165,018	153,375
Feed purchased \$1,000	547,947	410,603	501,971	446,861	382,945	336,690	349,630	329,686
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	439,145	289,115	352,800	347,559	283,424	209,617	217,332	174,996
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	266,387	146,528	138,244	131,636	128,168	104,591	135,063	80,953
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	1,208,631	1,157,569	944,561	925,607	937,571	721,540	480,444	388,967
Interest expense \$1,000	203,987	163,345	247,091	237,536	219,234	191,913	198,515	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	376,699	321,442	355,836	350,556	320,675	227,063	165,343	107,621
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	21,011	19,182	23,007	15,849	15,522	17,321	17,822	16,501
..... number	1,711,011	1,738,874	1,858,255	1,808,900	1,783,968	1,879,124	2,178,552	2,128,018
Beef cows farms	16,694	15,717	18,945	13,600	13,423	14,672	14,839	14,070
Milk cows farms	942,419	982,404	1,012,614	1,003,072	962,527	995,250	1,098,152	1,111,594
..... farms	422	923	952	666	877	1,073	1,385	1,444
..... number	119,856	144,843	160,818	159,614	171,675	176,993	194,550	183,958
Cattle and calves sold farms	14,146	14,149	19,974	14,600	14,127	16,071	16,075	15,682
..... number	843,641	847,869	895,794	869,219	897,455	1,025,178	1,108,300	1,201,067
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,906	1,471	2,352	1,431	1,926	2,487	3,602	5,160
..... number	19,937	33,479	62,967	50,309	114,899	156,137	203,231	323,349
Hogs and pigs sold farms	1,326	1,090	1,467	971	1,551	2,103	3,105	4,730
..... number	25,398	50,533	114,147	96,512	200,375	266,652	328,150	465,063
Layers inventory (see text) farms	3,361	1,707	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	11,787,758	10,581,159	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	248	446	468	321	363	402	433	419
..... number	73,353,351	109,236,689	139,309,122	105,967,210	97,854,566	93,224,832	76,456,724	64,899,236

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	513	519	1,324	1,268	1,548	2,088	2,987	4,923
farms	33,915	26,790	67,439	69,623	86,407	95,874	190,254	295,790
bushels	2,991,208	2,456,508	5,247,737	5,440,956	6,377,801	6,628,740	12,559,553	15,207,531
Corn for silage or greenchop	119	131	162	148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	27,005	27,049	28,151	28,316	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	484,308	425,131	398,131	401,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	79	68	184	189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	9,157	6,108	16,078	16,231	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	497,844	211,973	583,322	585,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	79	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	9,157	6,108	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	497,844	211,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	49	76	122	124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	3,222	4,368	5,601	5,836	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	200,966	190,940	298,906	311,981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	21	18	21	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	1,331	1,385	925	945	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	68,866	60,951	41,895	42,395	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	35	35	23	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	4,290	3,524	3,662	3,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	48,495	35,053	38,170	38,170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	101	77	391	404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	12,066	7,478	39,680	41,021	49,072	89,938	334,401	367,936
bushels	291,981	242,878	988,263	1,025,521	1,523,227	2,257,392	8,529,087	7,928,276
Cotton, all	213	268	329	343	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	80,053	101,766	91,025	93,504	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	109,206	93,915	125,714	128,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bales	23	115	196	186	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	1,040	3,851	6,951	6,881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	3,061,788	9,609,134	16,350,368	16,191,980	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres								
pounds								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	5,755	4,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	354,860	299,435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,120,290	860,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	7	10	10	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	11,376	14,108	10,691	10,691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	975,319	722,435	445,619	445,619	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	108	120	162	152	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	378,587	440,768	421,727	421,421	431,677	403,014	343,680	336,493
cwt	14,127,121	16,174,145	15,728,855	15,718,897	16,151,380	13,586,040	10,359,951	10,316,794
Peanuts for nuts	423	494	724	750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	118,637	76,459	74,447	76,682	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	341,137,148	210,036,443	204,343,523	209,914,666	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1,493	1,507	1,792	1,500	1,988	2,053	2,455	2,928
farms	265,835	219,412	253,321	250,562	299,867	311,659	283,780	343,098
acres	181	106	156	140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	26,526	35,386	41,258	41,255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	31	38	35	36	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,859	3,105	1,570	1,575	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	8,993	10,115	11,080	9,379	10,258	9,965	11,214	12,011
farms	677,403	894,955	996,717	981,910	914,642	762,068	938,527	932,495
acres								

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.