

**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	47,846	49,311	49,343	40,334	40,759	43,552	49,630	51,405
Land in farms ..... acres	10,150,539	10,744,239	11,262,838	10,671,246	10,025,581	10,744,718	12,291,885	13,416,833
Average size of farm ..... acres	212	218	228	265	246	247	248	261
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	661,201	457,427	362,690	392,577	280,562	226,217	225,092	200,201
Average per acre ..... dollars	3,117	2,112	1,550	1,505	1,131	920	929	768
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	3,681,670	2,416,555	2,073,886	1,791,247	1,421,195	1,409,250	1,535,877	1,412,802
Average per farm ..... dollars	76,948	51,847	42,061	44,392	34,904	32,477	31,013	27,586
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	3,504	3,569	3,442	2,399	2,859	2,875	3,189	2,936
10 to 49 acres .....	16,243	15,759	14,169	10,255	10,443	10,953	12,179	10,768
50 to 179 acres .....	16,244	17,160	18,126	14,677	14,470	15,602	18,112	19,688
180 to 499 acres .....	7,432	7,962	8,518	7,910	7,987	8,868	10,197	11,632
500 to 999 acres .....	2,470	2,735	2,791	2,795	2,972	3,197	3,657	3,979
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,253	1,394	1,526	1,543	1,407	1,453	1,633	1,688
2,000 acres or more .....	700	732	771	755	621	604	663	714
Total cropland ..... farms	31,924	34,660	37,503	32,816	34,600	37,689	43,390	46,529
..... acres	4,478,168	4,676,567	5,572,570	5,370,844	5,475,712	5,780,330	6,531,234	6,828,187
Harvested cropland ..... farms	23,179	24,424	27,810	25,082	27,177	30,301	35,650	39,312
..... acres	3,390,437	3,245,784	3,894,737	3,762,559	3,332,666	3,298,268	4,761,260	4,687,895
Irrigated land ..... farms	5,716	5,369	4,752	4,372	4,701	4,985	4,443	4,568
..... acres	1,017,773	870,810	773,066	748,520	724,792	640,256	575,306	462,850
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	7,112,866	4,911,752	5,182,676	4,992,918	3,521,217	2,814,592	2,767,679	2,340,505
Average per farm ..... dollars	148,662	99,608	105,034	123,789	86,391	64,626	55,766	45,531
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	2,142,270	1,579,596	1,995,404	1,920,598	1,428,964	1,005,664	1,180,988	913,046
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	4,970,596	3,332,156	3,187,272	3,072,320	2,092,253	1,808,928	1,586,691	1,427,458
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	23,391	23,986	19,552	13,731	12,070	13,176	15,693	14,320
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,450	5,046	6,758	5,503	5,983	6,460	6,740	7,428
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4,527	5,131	6,053	5,154	5,402	5,805	5,843	6,619
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	4,906	4,878	5,052	4,694	5,200	5,320	5,868	7,198
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	2,308	2,406	2,369	2,174	2,659	3,012	3,788	4,500
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1,491	1,592	2,088	1,908	2,397	2,883	3,947	4,809
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	3,414	3,801	4,693	4,472	5,354	5,961	7,002	6,036
\$500,000 or more .....	3,359	2,471	2,778	2,698	1,694	935	717	449
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	41,703	45,050	43,523	35,206	35,985	38,806	44,207	45,381
Partnership .....	3,850	2,490	3,560	3,105	3,173	3,382	4,170	4,761
Corporation .....	1,909	1,484	1,891	1,706	1,297	1,106	954	1,059
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	384	287	369	317	304	258	299	204
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	17,549	22,903	17,604	15,060	15,563	15,835	17,088	20,361
Any .....	30,297	26,408	27,837	21,902	21,843	25,029	27,730	28,158
200 days or more .....	19,087	19,606	21,016	16,295	16,051	18,426	20,149	19,974
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	20,106	25,076	19,860	17,523	18,817	19,449	23,075	25,373
Other .....	27,740	24,235	29,483	22,811	21,942	24,103	26,555	26,032
Average age of principal operator ..... years	57.8	56.5	55.6	55.9	55.0	53.2	51.7	51.1
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	5,982,253	3,845,512	4,321,340	3,840,117	2,867,358	2,338,551	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	871,341	372,108	434,150	396,933	317,816	307,677	251,478	228,092
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	2,121,379	1,365,162	1,630,861	1,427,778	909,360	755,609	660,526	635,109
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	353,104	190,338	244,907	219,398	191,665	156,412	199,916	200,367
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	301,942	149,582	154,820	136,653	125,189	102,026	157,335	102,594
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	361,419	326,621	315,101	285,883	252,721	209,647	149,524	138,769
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	225,086	193,171	193,283	170,943	147,611	130,645	193,325	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	250,881	197,468	223,875	196,778	148,906	108,992	111,558	87,940
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	20,647	24,554	26,938	21,874	23,339	25,349	30,440	29,591
..... number	1,117,087	1,272,291	1,289,428	1,244,489	1,258,062	1,266,679	1,578,250	1,559,994
Beef cows ..... farms	17,721	21,576	23,047	19,180	20,549	21,952	25,658	25,264
..... number	554,099	629,127	624,891	613,731	599,899	606,750	690,184	705,277
Milk cows ..... farms	639	841	1,188	984	1,168	1,475	2,623	3,100
..... number	77,193	85,075	100,306	98,931	102,001	97,763	130,542	126,902
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	16,261	18,770	24,782	21,015	22,162	24,604	28,180	28,530
..... number	595,273	565,767	642,462	613,950	612,588	681,238	729,924	881,451
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	1,111	1,148	2,280	1,764	3,844	5,805	8,911	14,602
..... number	263,471	347,816	539,913	514,029	1,000,813	1,060,377	1,317,396	1,642,059
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	830	995	1,909	1,561	3,745	5,634	8,374	13,837
..... number	942,400	1,179,137	1,075,860	1,030,187	1,865,702	1,869,236	2,119,068	2,478,470
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	2,870	1,274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	19,273,181	20,022,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	2,265	2,758	2,478	2,245	2,407	2,815	3,096	3,265
..... number	1,398,912,031	1,288,543,081	1,069,285,689	1,017,501,305	749,018,187	609,503,009	521,508,557	424,817,579

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>								
Corn for grain .....	3,114	3,070	5,579	5,196	7,896	10,561	13,793	21,468
farms	449,007	252,176	411,608	404,288	647,833	548,498	788,306	1,497,159
acres	54,137,330	26,720,244	41,144,090	40,568,303	60,513,790	43,332,343	60,031,978	76,812,159
bushels	284	282	351	330	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	38,657	30,847	32,803	32,304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	676,293	541,116	511,356	503,805	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,332	1,305	2,155	2,115	2,332	4,704	7,874	2,034
Wheat for grain, all .....	228,959	185,301	300,860	299,188	292,362	416,997	995,962	109,364
bushels	9,206,001	7,664,451	12,768,987	12,691,834	12,371,069	13,269,742	31,864,435	3,286,853
farms	1,332	1,305	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	228,959	185,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	9,206,001	7,664,451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	476	573	570	554	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	28,770	23,056	22,105	22,341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,535,663	1,287,164	1,211,952	1,243,367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	13	13	28	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain .....	537	(D)	1,583	1,504	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	30,326	19,437	88,092	81,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	428	314	361	360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	44,694	25,904	27,672	27,786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,935,793	1,019,355	1,311,440	1,314,386	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	106	135	42	43	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	9,982	12,541	3,904	3,919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	119,277	151,413	37,566	37,866	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	1,617	1,108	2,921	2,864	4,193	6,036	12,683	12,147
farms	280,220	136,138	349,098	351,359	513,781	759,582	2,023,705	1,579,370
acres	7,970,113	3,083,878	7,047,160	7,078,444	14,391,870	16,725,741	51,993,159	27,148,555
bushels	2,577	3,216	4,410	4,188	2,015	1,733	770	851
Cotton, all .....	996,427	1,267,150	1,464,105	1,367,620	431,625	231,635	131,300	113,461
farms	1,628,260	1,564,995	1,918,779	1,764,127	668,950	286,188	192,496	103,409
acres	224	822	1,256	1,180	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bales	17,989	25,060	42,795	41,083	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	39,810,076	49,998,195	89,318,476	85,789,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	14,556	14,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	663,750	614,719	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,380,403	1,465,735	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	35	45	17	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	2,150	553	(D)	273	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	518,969	(D)	238,114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	2,762	3,290	4,850	4,695	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts .....	518,719	467,712	520,283	511,954	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,634,837,229	1,173,877,160	1,306,964,722	1,284,532,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	1,445	1,668	2,068	1,797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	128,720	149,556	123,082	118,806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	122	62	70	61	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	380	948	1,068	1,054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	69	90	98	87	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	573	634	712	665	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,745	4,273	4,199	3,541	4,146	4,137	4,503	4,970
Land in orchards .....	129,921	145,602	160,049	155,984	153,247	149,014	145,724	149,490
farms								
acres								

<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.