

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2007	Not adjusted for coverage					
		2002	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Farms number	7,521	5,398	5,473	5,336	4,870	4,595	4,310
Land in farms acres	1,121,329	1,300,499	1,439,071	1,588,843	1,721,521	1,957,501	1,988,282
Average size of farm acres	149	241	263	298	353	426	461
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars	1,146,213	842,875	632,281	722,189	603,435	778,471	413,948
Average per acre dollars	7,688	3,507	2,405	2,425	1,707	1,826	897
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	304,997	186,163	211,775	283,699	199,280	190,230	172,521
Average per farm dollars	40,666	35,568	38,709	53,207	41,208	41,735	41,047
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	4,813	3,440	3,456	3,410	2,855	2,743	2,527
10 to 49 acres	1,972	1,309	1,417	1,342	1,401	1,261	1,211
50 to 179 acres	423	335	318	313	341	320	296
180 to 499 acres	154	146	139	133	128	126	146
500 to 999 acres	44	61	43	34	31	33	24
1,000 to 1,999 acres	50	41	33	31	36	33	32
2,000 acres or more	65	66	67	73	78	79	74
Total cropland farms	6,281	4,755	4,882	4,735	4,170	3,836	3,565
..... acres	177,626	211,120	292,107	293,371	327,396	346,113	333,262
Harvested cropland farms	6,044	4,522	4,594	4,472	3,837	3,538	3,299
..... acres	103,120	109,461	100,094	136,431	152,719	155,960	158,639
Irrigated land farms	2,810	2,231	2,241	2,220	1,827	1,544	1,493
..... acres	58,635	69,194	76,971	134,338	148,884	145,982	159,323
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	513,626	533,423	496,935	552,054	609,741	558,608	419,251
Average per farm dollars	68,292	98,819	90,798	103,458	125,203	121,569	97,274
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	429,916	445,356	401,411	453,410	498,317	456,069	331,020
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	83,711	88,067	95,524	98,644	111,424	102,539	88,230
Farms by value of sales ² :							
Less than \$2,500	2,932	1,407	1,638	1,790	1,402	1,454	1,398
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,012	714	743	754	674	706	688
\$5,000 to \$9,999	996	916	797	715	745	653	672
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,143	1,056	989	863	911	788	675
\$25,000 to \$49,999	557	506	535	484	476	397	350
\$50,000 to \$99,999	353	314	323	291	287	237	233
\$100,000 to \$499,999	380	352	334	326	278	266	209
\$500,000 or more	148	133	114	113	97	87	71
Farms by type of organization:							
Family or individual	6,363	4,629	4,583	4,425	4,035	3,852	3,614
Partnership	437	225	328	379	404	351	326
Corporation	617	472	497	456	370	352	326
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	104	72	65	76	61	40	44
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :							
None	1,903	2,786	2,148	1,961	1,723	1,633	1,551
Any	5,618	2,612	2,827	2,864	2,728	2,534	2,495
200 days or more	2,827	1,661	1,566	1,487	1,476	1,371	1,351
Principal operator by primary occupation:							
Farming	3,861	3,125	3,052	2,926	2,816	2,565	2,239
Other	3,660	2,273	2,421	2,410	2,054	2,030	2,071
Average age of principal operator years	58.6	56.5	55.0	53.8	53.0	52.7	52.7
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	486,648	450,946	398,567	466,826	495,759	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :							
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	3,343	6,025	6,471	7,856	15,230	17,581	12,930
Feed purchased \$1,000	24,678	27,997	35,749	37,060	42,629	41,548	34,227
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	29,807	17,791	25,653	30,574	30,717	33,477	26,530
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	24,443	14,458	16,335	18,110	17,197	19,864	11,595
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	178,496	177,692	150,682	178,788	193,230	146,277	131,217
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	14,838	8,633	13,964	14,051	22,930	17,771	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	17,238	16,134	17,187	20,396	18,233	16,417	13,700
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,142	748	829	874	1,003	1,040	839
..... number	151,479	154,308	181,732	191,230	211,045	241,969	218,901
Beef cows farms	853	578	625	655	724	784	659
..... number	86,000	83,277	93,711	87,620	83,427	90,523	85,623
Milk cows farms	15	27	44	57	73	88	76
..... number	2,296	6,465	8,389	10,816	11,836	12,767	12,956
Cattle and calves sold farms	713	550	660	699	807	817	740
..... number	70,567	60,739	66,726	82,788	101,315	91,675	105,088
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	225	204	248	253	372	371	399
..... number	14,933	23,364	29,440	28,570	47,564	49,029	50,071
Hogs and pigs sold farms	148	158	190	200	307	319	352
..... number	20,569	33,231	38,066	47,831	69,019	66,875	(D)
Layers inventory (see text) farms	354	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	368,233	537,882	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	7	17	9	14	12	23	27
..... number	(D)	881,112	478,672	1,201,331	2,069,316	3,173,500	2,588,757

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All farms	2007	Not adjusted for coverage						
		2002	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	farms	14	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	3,115	4,383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	124,878	203,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	farms	-	2	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms	30	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,000	1,112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry	2,215	2,261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	farms	9	2	13	31	79	188	328
	acres	(D)	(D)	31,483	62,915	79,234	89,696	99,065
	tons	(D)	(D)	2,873,712	5,488,214	7,934,181	8,950,242	9,213,485
Pineapples harvested	farms	42	34	27	21	18	15	20
	acres	(D)	10,211	12,992	15,500	22,262	23,141	25,314
	tons	(D)	314,626	348,428	556,748	683,182	626,860	685,502
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	farms	901	633	657	602	710	746	751
	acres	6,845	6,554	6,549	5,129	5,587	4,673	5,509
Potatoes	farms	15	11	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	7	6	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms	94	59	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	297	294	217	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards	farms	4,443	2,833	2,786	2,537	2,128	1,825	1,438
	acres	36,652	34,908	37,906	38,590	33,564	23,178	17,948

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.