

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	25,349	25,017	25,590	22,314	22,124	24,142	24,714	24,249
Land in farms acres	11,497,383	11,767,294	12,057,001	11,830,167	13,468,992	13,931,875	13,921,639	14,699,100
Average size of farm acres	454	470	471	530	609	577	563	606
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	894,497	613,303	487,885	536,521	410,206	336,615	459,965	348,408
Average per acre dollars	1,972	1,270	1,035	1,017	682	572	814	574
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	2,899,269	2,071,614	1,847,075	1,740,107	1,496,916	1,330,607	1,454,150	1,275,154
Average per farm dollars	114,383	91,746	72,191	77,916	67,841	55,327	59,016	52,760
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,891	4,871	4,320	3,092	2,785	3,021	2,953	1,708
10 to 49 acres	7,497	7,439	6,857	5,621	5,017	5,268	5,296	4,528
50 to 179 acres	5,225	4,917	5,294	4,757	5,070	5,685	6,129	6,792
180 to 499 acres	3,445	3,279	4,016	3,812	4,182	4,716	4,887	5,520
500 to 999 acres	1,808	1,873	2,243	2,199	2,270	2,446	2,562	2,622
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,214	1,346	1,604	1,582	1,524	1,697	1,568	1,766
2,000 acres or more	1,269	1,292	1,256	1,251	1,276	1,309	1,319	1,313
Total cropland farms	18,782	18,366	20,485	18,994	19,204	21,085	22,031	22,545
..... acres	5,918,899	6,152,611	6,435,446	6,308,877	6,301,862	6,742,285	6,484,076	6,540,493
Harvested cropland farms	13,975	13,444	16,388	15,494	16,023	18,270	19,596	20,815
..... acres	4,225,786	4,313,288	4,581,227	4,478,862	4,225,273	4,349,122	4,887,805	4,820,928
Irrigated land farms	16,124	15,901	16,683	15,191	15,487	16,620	17,355	18,215
..... acres	3,299,889	3,288,522	3,543,805	3,493,542	3,260,006	3,219,192	3,450,443	3,475,392
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	5,688,765	3,908,262	3,388,296	3,345,864	2,964,216	2,269,404	2,231,605	1,633,160
Average per farm dollars	224,418	156,224	132,407	149,945	133,982	94,002	90,297	67,350
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	2,324,789	1,787,172	1,816,769	1,773,699	1,492,103	1,097,255	1,160,742	796,800
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	3,363,976	2,121,090	1,571,526	1,572,166	1,472,113	1,172,149	1,070,863	836,360
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	10,772	11,587	8,016	5,663	4,726	5,329	4,910	3,801
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,192	2,123	2,790	2,350	2,186	2,519	2,435	2,606
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,281	1,998	2,636	2,362	2,433	2,627	2,635	2,988
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,617	2,444	3,240	3,182	3,266	3,646	3,655	4,371
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,666	1,604	2,131	2,068	2,370	2,781	3,042	3,857
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,505	1,368	1,939	1,898	2,253	2,787	3,306	3,248
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,661	2,589	3,533	3,510	3,790	3,791	3,963	2,897
\$500,000 or more	1,655	1,304	1,305	1,281	1,100	662	664	358
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	21,308	22,041	21,669	18,631	18,534	20,368	20,950	20,506
Partnership	2,124	1,543	2,089	1,956	2,074	2,314	2,312	2,409
Corporation	1,533	1,218	1,523	1,459	1,287	1,207	1,175	1,118
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	384	215	309	268	229	253	277	216
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	8,170	10,348	9,537	8,856	9,297	10,101	10,044	10,598
Any	17,179	14,669	14,673	12,230	11,342	12,614	12,567	12,495
200 days or more	10,332	10,467	9,759	7,885	7,214	7,555	7,425	6,829
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	11,579	13,857	12,786	12,049	13,082	14,550	15,268	15,720
Other	13,770	11,160	12,804	10,265	9,042	9,592	9,446	8,529
Average age of principal operator years	56.5	54.1	52.8	53.2	52.2	51.1	49.6	49.6
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	4,604,040	3,440,579	2,758,962	2,705,028	2,445,017	1,862,264	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	584,795	616,224	470,769	469,600	527,312	394,684	326,442	311,262
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,137,906	646,250	451,913	450,829	347,903	230,572	233,142	182,418
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	370,237	202,192	252,241	245,440	190,698	148,396	160,602	107,141
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	220,007	109,251	103,631	100,076	95,329	83,022	118,529	67,230
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	499,505	369,892	278,162	270,843	245,990	181,790	147,584	108,936
Interest expense \$1,000	220,279	192,730	183,432	178,482	157,683	158,965	218,310	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	160,030	120,830	122,359	118,406	82,374	65,098	52,652	28,849
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	10,621	10,902	13,317	12,063	12,527	13,481	15,980	15,535
..... number	2,236,147	1,989,548	1,862,639	1,908,097	1,812,720	1,772,756	1,925,419	1,853,621
Beef cows farms	7,365	7,902	8,966	8,405	8,393	8,604	10,201	10,117
..... number	476,292	502,024	531,661	555,676	565,016	558,229	614,385	605,859
Milk cows farms	811	982	1,504	1,404	1,990	2,769	4,199	4,663
..... number	536,463	390,600	265,038	265,854	181,785	157,665	178,082	137,492
Cattle and calves sold farms	9,662	9,035	12,516	11,684	12,230	13,321	15,262	15,103
..... number	1,829,456	1,856,342	1,567,003	1,578,375	1,646,112	1,502,218	1,490,079	1,482,254
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	657	841	917	714	1,141	1,258	1,648	2,426
..... number	32,794	23,352	33,875	29,026	67,343	76,882	80,957	96,456
Hogs and pigs sold farms	728	980	729	573	940	1,113	1,355	1,992
..... number	65,618	39,482	52,023	44,626	104,723	119,188	114,391	133,861
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,610	1,318	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	(D)	907,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	125	131	71	55	59	85	107	83
..... number	7,937	7,475	7,743	6,043	27,206	8,733	14,634	15,570

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	691	462	705	694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	104,570	42,209	41,369	41,162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	17,752,526	6,561,733	6,429,983	6,390,279	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,115	1,021	1,053	1,041	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	211,748	134,133	80,983	79,086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,695,090	3,490,255	2,044,572	1,991,808	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,850	2,736	5,381	5,199	6,106	7,706	7,870	8,367
Wheat for grain, all	1,191,086	1,201,942	1,458,097	1,410,978	1,384,893	1,239,480	1,507,775	1,362,793
acres	84,614,401	78,507,447	112,491,692	108,941,849	94,094,326	83,250,152	87,980,724	69,166,361
bushels	2,059	1,923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	729,704	675,290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	52,991,573	47,642,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	32	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	14,485	8,434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,166,722	620,629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,423	1,505	2,797	2,708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	446,897	518,218	581,392	567,369	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	30,456,106	30,244,525	46,213,277	45,270,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	298	393	547	549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	19,629	18,179	20,701	20,406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,178,663	1,244,462	1,500,159	1,472,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,146	2,447	4,259	4,178	5,149	7,852	9,379	9,817
farms	547,928	634,476	736,771	711,504	691,273	833,225	1,090,811	1,008,445
acres	42,464,856	47,865,297	56,147,263	54,317,070	48,647,384	59,437,911	73,169,464	61,765,733
bushels	-	1	1	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	3	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	170	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,070	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	641	762	1,188	1,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	88,987	79,791	95,409	92,743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,646,970	1,665,528	2,090,601	2,036,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	11,159	10,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,316,296	1,335,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,198,288	4,856,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	1	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	507	655	926	921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	163,598	202,932	195,869	195,651	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,631,170	4,934,966	5,084,196	5,078,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1,137	427	674	645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	377,062	26,010	38,695	37,783	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	703	818	1,435	1,402	1,616	1,792	1,892	2,271
farms	350,905	364,229	398,498	394,977	372,028	352,670	320,019	363,309
acres	485	442	429	377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	7,682	7,172	10,660	9,903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
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.