

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	76,860	73,027	79,112	73,051	77,610	88,786	98,483	104,690
Land in farms acres	26,775,100	27,310,833	27,673,285	27,204,780	27,250,340	28,526,664	28,726,114	29,472,473
Average size of farm acres	348	374	350	372	351	321	292	282
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,321,080	913,251	736,255	773,141	539,181	402,970	538,886	524,718
Average per acre dollars	3,792	2,425	2,136	2,126	1,548	1,262	1,837	1,854
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	10,499,792	7,386,281	6,854,940	6,606,816	5,516,277	5,392,170	6,092,937	5,401,250
Average per farm dollars	136,609	102,242	86,662	90,447	71,219	60,935	61,982	51,640
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	8,603	3,510	5,249	4,254	5,026	5,931	6,101	4,873
10 to 49 acres	20,592	16,162	15,120	12,604	12,191	12,971	15,183	14,257
50 to 179 acres	18,410	19,991	21,580	19,606	20,239	23,824	27,513	31,203
180 to 499 acres	13,116	15,862	18,746	18,231	21,327	26,720	31,723	37,099
500 to 999 acres	8,309	9,847	11,642	11,619	12,833	14,320	13,779	14,019
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5,520	5,896	5,447	5,414	5,115	4,407	3,606	2,895
2,000 acres or more	2,310	1,759	1,328	1,323	879	613	478	344
Total cropland farms	67,431	68,750	72,590	68,082	72,626	83,056	92,250	99,624
..... acres	23,707,699	24,171,260	24,186,942	23,920,923	24,164,457	25,102,092	24,748,112	25,159,492
Harvested cropland farms	54,185	56,083	65,560	62,712	69,425	79,986	89,124	96,432
..... acres	22,611,443	22,562,904	22,428,616	22,274,230	21,868,287	20,102,388	23,008,244	22,676,226
Irrigated land farms	2,388	2,031	2,072	2,021	2,061	1,635	1,182	1,146
..... acres	474,454	390,843	351,676	349,799	328,316	208,105	166,012	129,943
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	13,329,107	7,676,239	8,634,730	8,556,486	7,336,864	6,376,801	7,313,529	5,906,275
Average per farm dollars	173,421	105,115	109,146	117,130	94,535	71,822	74,262	56,417
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	10,876,415	5,871,542	6,602,817	6,567,164	5,251,328	4,158,936	5,092,452	3,893,237
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	2,452,692	1,804,697	2,031,913	1,989,323	2,085,535	2,217,865	2,221,076	2,013,039
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	26,879	20,801	16,630	12,210	9,178	10,630	11,226	10,078
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,278	4,316	5,713	5,107	5,613	6,741	7,417	8,430
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,877	5,146	6,242	5,949	6,898	8,728	8,975	10,922
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,910	7,980	9,440	9,082	11,800	14,962	15,315	19,381
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,381	7,258	8,420	8,243	10,363	13,313	14,707	18,892
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,245	8,052	9,395	9,290	11,572	14,765	17,376	19,720
\$100,000 to \$499,999	16,130	16,629	20,216	20,153	20,380	18,588	22,366	16,706
\$500,000 or more	7,160	2,845	3,056	3,017	1,806	1,059	1,085	529
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	65,748	64,468	67,182	61,748	65,752	75,409	83,715	89,658
Partnership	6,509	5,296	8,038	7,603	8,997	10,651	12,239	13,178
Corporation	3,433	2,584	3,158	3,043	2,361	2,135	1,866	1,348
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,170	679	734	657	500	591	663	506
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	28,398	33,260	32,396	31,043	33,728	38,565	42,422	48,448
Any	48,462	39,767	42,404	37,953	38,703	43,651	47,562	50,938
200 days or more	29,513	26,559	27,732	24,220	24,056	26,001	27,906	29,033
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	37,223	46,822	43,020	41,645	47,875	57,122	63,756	69,351
Other	39,637	26,205	36,092	31,406	29,735	31,664	34,727	35,339
Average age of principal operator years	56.2	55.1	53.2	53.4	51.7	50.4	49.2	49.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	9,045,080	6,223,876	5,680,557	5,542,904	5,088,894	4,557,450	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	588,949	411,546	354,351	334,161	434,193	460,761	447,023	475,790
Feed purchased \$1,000	705,155	528,144	583,150	567,098	531,978	451,832	477,619	404,412
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	1,480,395	731,424	726,810	714,914	645,280	564,393	712,705	530,912
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	562,346	280,056	315,472	309,146	322,542	299,486	480,860	282,731
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	483,699	421,803	353,685	344,362	300,090	275,128	225,820	191,852
Interest expense \$1,000	498,091	476,340	435,036	424,977	431,344	448,150	660,391	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	731,968	559,165	558,393	548,362	439,672	336,428	344,575	225,556
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	18,397	19,928	25,825	24,452	27,405	33,305	41,028	45,572
..... number	1,231,105	1,359,010	1,512,898	1,437,697	1,601,261	1,885,444	2,315,397	2,591,583
Beef cows farms	14,753	14,766	18,665	17,682	19,392	23,087	28,163	31,311
..... number	429,111	422,694	474,009	453,127	447,201	511,188	622,002	697,678
Milk cows farms	1,217	1,658	2,259	2,238	3,050	4,304	5,812	7,021
..... number	99,677	114,101	127,526	127,702	151,503	186,371	206,827	210,267
Cattle and calves sold farms	16,046	17,699	24,709	23,622	26,419	32,798	38,996	44,816
..... number	894,593	917,251	1,007,769	949,478	1,130,433	1,407,670	1,532,199	1,930,340
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	2,864	3,929	7,385	7,168	13,433	17,084	21,646	28,227
..... number	4,298,716	4,094,706	4,677,231	4,679,166	5,641,115	5,642,991	5,988,994	6,205,722
Hogs and pigs sold farms	3,063	4,313	7,641	7,447	14,142	17,837	22,814	29,290
..... number	13,196,581	11,178,721	9,390,266	9,374,726	10,330,124	9,879,960	9,531,614	9,219,000
Layers inventory (see text) farms	2,801	1,672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	5,285,583	3,290,313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	260	239	127	115	123	296	349	370
..... number	325,036	82,974	365,769	363,353	60,004	435,555	138,331	136,510

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage					
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Selected crops harvested:									
Corn for grain	farms 38,260	41,032	49,416	48,443	55,685	66,600	73,372	78,643	
	acres 13,096,231	10,742,787	10,780,900	10,710,072	10,770,985	9,162,711	11,383,178	11,052,177	
	bushels 2,248,664,947	1,418,566,127	1,372,414,201	1,363,015,453	1,532,681,088	1,168,644,485	1,425,129,317	1,181,849,723	
Corn for silage or greenchop	farms 2,296	3,271	3,872	3,774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 75,247	109,847	122,477	119,116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	tons 1,351,823	1,638,995	1,948,803	1,892,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Wheat for grain, all	farms 9,416	8,592	14,973	14,822	17,061	21,356	28,080	21,501	
	acres 891,567	581,084	984,815	983,556	1,075,805	954,990	1,452,686	849,634	
	bushels 47,291,213	27,923,042	54,005,189	53,954,013	54,096,203	48,850,664	62,046,957	31,325,922	
Winter wheat for grain	farms 9,407	8,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 891,399	581,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	bushels 47,282,936	27,923,042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Spring wheat for grain	farms 12	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 168	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	bushels 8,277	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Oats for grain	farms 1,006	2,109	3,709	3,588	5,635	8,540	8,940	11,500	
	acres 24,265	39,258	70,947	69,009	108,363	157,374	176,568	228,356	
	bushels 1,500,658	2,839,874	5,029,761	4,887,273	6,704,097	10,312,797	10,268,768	12,732,968	
Barley for grain	farms 46	59	117	117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 738	1,852	2,209	2,219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	bushels 43,029	111,960	120,948	122,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sorghum for grain	farms 731	664	1,139	1,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 76,601	56,921	77,636	76,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	bushels 5,960,150	4,510,917	6,441,270	6,392,482	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 58	106	119	116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 1,169	3,308	2,752	2,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	tons 13,502	33,155	29,410	28,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Soybeans for beans	farms 33,945	41,571	47,938	47,008	52,339	61,547	66,595	73,558	
	acres 8,293,711	10,505,989	9,872,252	9,825,475	8,932,399	8,768,833	8,997,737	9,228,983	
	bushels 353,741,105	438,990,297	417,919,609	415,716,620	373,563,650	329,323,117	335,976,354	301,061,189	
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	farms -	-	9	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres -	-	238	228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	cwt -	-	3,573	3,413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Tobacco	farms 13	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 827	268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	pounds 1,656,819	513,940	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 19,865	20,691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 593,186	729,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	tons, dry 1,770,834	2,234,607	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Rice	farms 3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres (D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	cwt (D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sunflower seed, all	farms 46	87	56	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 3,217	1,580	(D)	1,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	pounds 4,356,557	1,549,546	(D)	2,156,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	farms 1,377	1,107	1,314	1,262	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 71,371	70,430	67,925	66,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Potatoes	farms 253	84	89	87	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 6,244	6,825	4,358	4,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sweet potatoes	farms 21	36	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 19	40	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Land in orchards	farms 871	830	852	734	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	acres 6,032	8,168	9,067	8,645	(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.