

**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	65,531	64,414	65,476	61,593	63,278	68,579	73,315	74,171
Land in farms ..... acres	46,345,827	47,227,944	46,650,618	46,089,268	46,672,188	46,628,519	47,052,213	47,499,831
Average size of farm ..... acres	707	733	712	748	738	680	642	640
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	644,039	505,999	417,704	430,533	343,312	278,047	384,197	322,165
Average per acre ..... dollars	911	687	586	577	463	413	601	498
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	7,487,669	5,983,765	4,742,477	4,560,051	3,713,712	3,447,663	3,830,616	3,137,696
Average per farm ..... dollars	114,261	95,124	72,488	74,047	58,812	50,411	52,304	42,385
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	2,123	1,578	2,647	2,223	2,632	3,689	3,547	3,186
10 to 49 acres .....	10,041	9,611	8,438	6,970	6,023	6,222	6,837	5,379
50 to 179 acres .....	18,992	17,300	17,075	15,118	14,221	15,510	16,720	16,971
180 to 499 acres .....	14,108	13,632	14,136	13,928	15,218	16,705	18,693	20,044
500 to 999 acres .....	7,932	8,641	9,468	9,687	10,817	12,093	13,600	14,871
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	6,238	7,371	7,765	7,895	8,809	9,304	9,428	9,501
2,000 acres or more .....	6,097	6,281	5,947	5,772	5,558	5,056	4,490	4,219
Total cropland ..... farms	55,272	56,703	56,967	54,145	56,389	61,615	66,481	68,430
..... acres	28,216,064	29,542,022	31,064,605	30,020,580	31,119,250	31,385,090	30,598,859	29,843,255
Harvested cropland ..... farms	43,553	44,073	50,176	48,280	52,348	57,822	62,860	64,862
..... acres	19,886,655	18,976,719	20,989,979	19,839,087	18,794,787	17,729,394	20,186,974	18,987,644
Irrigated land ..... farms	5,957	5,915	6,109	6,135	6,543	7,352	7,257	7,961
..... acres	2,762,748	2,678,277	2,695,816	2,707,489	2,680,343	2,463,073	2,675,167	2,685,757
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	14,413,182	8,746,244	9,312,865	9,207,130	8,315,965	6,476,669	6,190,861	4,995,543
Average per farm ..... dollars	219,944	135,782	142,233	149,483	131,420	94,441	84,442	67,352
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	4,887,212	2,418,447	3,352,243	3,221,766	2,270,577	1,693,609	2,143,047	1,440,843
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	9,525,971	6,327,797	5,960,622	5,985,364	6,045,388	4,783,060	4,047,815	3,554,701
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	22,731	20,444	13,350	10,968	8,387	9,502	9,637	7,967
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3,863	4,594	5,368	5,068	5,618	6,919	6,565	7,897
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,198	6,102	7,283	6,767	7,808	9,430	9,183	10,944
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	7,844	9,256	10,856	10,293	12,132	14,070	15,130	17,284
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	6,097	6,717	7,674	7,757	9,387	10,282	11,827	13,426
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	5,609	6,282	7,497	7,304	8,277	8,997	10,459	9,687
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	10,174	9,205	11,437	11,433	10,174	8,422	9,584	6,324
\$500,000 or more .....	4,015	1,814	2,011	2,003	1,495	957	895	604
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	55,706	57,238	56,736	53,196	54,952	60,202	64,313	65,380
Partnership .....	5,549	4,062	5,444	5,196	5,686	5,889	6,702	7,092
Corporation .....	2,774	2,242	2,624	2,576	2,222	2,100	1,876	1,478
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,502	872	672	625	418	388	424	221
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	24,419	30,423	26,691	25,892	27,788	29,462	30,524	34,255
Any .....	41,112	33,991	34,771	31,891	30,776	34,654	35,521	36,256
200 days or more .....	26,753	24,293	23,861	21,507	19,757	21,677	21,306	20,390
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	30,873	40,645	35,821	34,979	39,324	42,607	47,293	49,104
Other .....	34,658	23,769	29,655	26,614	23,954	25,972	26,022	25,067
Average age of principal operator ..... years	57.7	56.0	54.3	54.4	53.2	52.0	50.9	50.7
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	12,364,531	8,443,180	7,381,093	7,290,703	6,920,528	5,516,518	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	5,192,954	3,554,091	2,689,819	2,687,621	3,193,374	2,426,149	1,900,272	1,674,241
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	2,237,287	1,410,837	1,507,130	1,506,407	1,146,620	887,270	920,415	803,712
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	840,338	413,519	391,113	373,353	280,102	216,166	254,590	252,403
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	574,447	309,599	303,541	294,353	284,197	243,568	358,860	207,732
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	412,164	332,498	313,715	306,410	239,629	226,075	153,404	131,444
Interest expense ..... \$1,000	408,926	409,944	359,114	351,690	318,599	314,163	467,054	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	358,384	200,234	227,901	224,156	161,750	125,003	94,957	68,543
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	30,017	32,525	37,518	36,244	37,889	40,785	47,008	48,215
..... number	6,669,163	6,321,138	6,437,839	6,506,089	6,066,493	5,539,292	5,800,138	5,930,018
Beef cows ..... farms	25,776	27,616	30,218	29,446	30,308	31,475	36,497	37,856
..... number	1,516,374	1,539,636	1,424,975	1,466,429	1,434,017	1,354,649	1,523,697	1,579,322
Milk cows ..... farms	1,042	1,042	1,481	1,466	2,165	3,093	4,631	5,691
..... number	115,634	113,388	80,495	82,080	85,132	96,675	123,009	120,775
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	27,565	29,589	37,044	36,207	37,893	41,498	47,032	49,162
..... number	8,738,281	8,044,209	8,233,339	8,271,113	7,699,746	7,310,338	6,519,159	6,756,343
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	1,454	1,648	3,005	2,831	5,684	6,768	9,241	13,329
..... number	1,885,252	1,520,996	1,574,839	1,585,224	1,584,048	1,516,878	1,708,770	2,014,541
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	1,542	1,939	3,012	2,873	6,089	7,090	9,778	13,794
..... number	4,712,308	3,512,384	3,162,975	3,184,437	2,992,913	2,759,676	3,036,205	3,344,600
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	2,634	1,961	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	158	183	102	93	80	132	210	220
..... number	26,941	91,894	37,700	35,018	88,483	176,061	94,543	259,001

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>								
Corn for grain .....	farms 11,236	9,552	10,434	10,833	9,604	8,944	8,346	10,618
	acres 3,680,278	2,494,179	2,454,398	2,497,516	1,748,802	1,243,969	1,161,875	1,567,013
	bushels 500,560,815	289,681,829	351,343,546	356,413,100	258,720,259	144,133,581	130,662,235	154,173,376
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	farms 1,665	2,865	1,712	1,765	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 166,018	307,303	116,152	117,472	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 2,988,294	3,213,232	2,022,960	2,042,941	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....	farms 22,630	24,236	31,852	30,392	36,623	38,638	49,231	46,131
	acres 8,527,780	8,080,854	10,884,416	9,560,615	9,942,149	8,679,588	11,664,008	9,601,848
	bushels 270,115,386	262,980,052	463,721,879	407,515,802	329,082,833	292,999,442	372,590,045	268,457,130
Winter wheat for grain .....	farms 22,630	24,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,527,780	8,080,854	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 270,115,386	262,980,052	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	farms 874	1,611	2,545	2,603	4,659	5,313	6,644	4,666
	acres 29,761	53,765	77,923	79,163	118,788	128,091	168,982	94,399
	bushels 1,363,381	2,403,129	4,413,607	4,530,823	6,024,886	4,775,729	7,799,056	3,483,394
Barley for grain .....	farms 157	81	156	152	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 13,109	4,193	8,499	8,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 692,044	154,233	344,173	336,453	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 11,379	15,086	20,578	20,398	23,820	32,492	26,908	34,778
	acres 2,625,920	2,863,487	3,106,172	3,077,984	2,957,276	3,399,564	3,187,148	3,664,560
	bushels 201,048,807	126,371,170	233,499,331	231,561,211	222,145,624	228,045,100	192,400,229	176,218,600
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 1,779	1,826	2,447	2,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 131,125	113,963	122,842	123,324	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 1,505,041	924,207	1,778,154	1,785,730	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms 13,232	13,622	14,404	14,733	14,743	18,864	17,116	16,254
	acres 2,591,428	2,534,974	2,139,071	2,208,642	1,669,958	1,878,978	1,692,288	1,480,800
	bushels 82,719,224	57,946,285	76,267,366	78,563,054	56,854,327	55,789,994	43,042,471	26,436,742
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	farms 33	80	118	118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,955	17,494	17,609	17,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 134,719	297,133	358,533	362,021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all .....	farms 106	162	43	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 40,924	55,953	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bales 54,814	75,581	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	farms -	12	14	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	(D)	33	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds -	(D)	64,232	56,380	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 29,266	29,760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,800,129	3,086,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry 6,916,201	6,413,838	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 681	896	940	936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 156,378	119,127	(D)	115,448	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 220,194,520	105,943,758	(D)	132,751,146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms 473	327	424	398	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,976	2,854	3,126	3,128	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	farms 137	38	72	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,266	3,764	927	924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 36	17	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 49	29	11	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards .....	farms 432	476	459	406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 7,162	7,042	6,175	6,834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

<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.