

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	30,106	27,413	30,425	23,823	25,652	27,350	31,628	31,370
Land in farms acres	8,109,975	7,830,664	8,367,843	7,876,528	7,837,545	8,007,173	8,928,827	9,295,029
Average size of farm acres	269	286	275	331	306	293	282	296
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	554,270	444,007	338,828	380,871	291,332	268,630	381,817	290,454
Average per acre dollars	2,058	1,534	1,236	1,206	972	940	1,351	981
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	2,378,327	1,694,916	1,654,927	1,414,014	1,186,601	1,046,373	1,373,382	1,195,087
Average per farm dollars	78,998	64,379	54,406	59,330	46,299	38,323	43,528	38,217
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,282	2,526	2,525	1,650	1,934	2,066	2,461	1,698
10 to 49 acres	10,394	8,766	9,488	6,485	6,895	7,799	9,411	8,416
50 to 179 acres	8,457	8,100	9,530	7,429	7,891	8,248	9,565	10,322
180 to 499 acres	4,550	4,202	4,651	4,128	4,553	4,811	5,632	6,163
500 to 999 acres	1,501	1,828	2,124	2,029	2,471	2,602	2,617	2,798
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,103	1,253	1,386	1,388	1,345	1,279	1,343	1,383
2,000 acres or more	819	738	721	714	563	545	599	590
Total cropland farms	19,866	20,368	23,275	19,333	21,777	23,273	27,424	28,351
..... acres	4,691,344	5,071,537	5,567,627	5,331,411	5,552,733	5,562,736	6,093,474	6,343,637
Harvested cropland farms	13,783	14,017	17,679	15,115	17,171	18,644	21,991	23,528
..... acres	3,342,048	3,332,146	4,022,664	3,882,648	3,810,690	3,599,678	4,699,323	4,838,520
Irrigated land farms	3,218	3,496	3,784	3,400	4,064	3,929	3,693	3,799
..... acres	954,353	938,841	960,831	942,528	897,641	646,677	693,698	681,056
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	2,617,981	1,815,803	2,142,630	2,031,277	1,607,511	1,340,162	1,406,458	1,211,920
Average per farm dollars	86,959	66,239	70,423	85,265	62,666	49,000	44,469	38,633
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,604,647	1,065,611	1,457,793	1,411,472	1,111,346	929,858	994,976	839,265
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,013,334	750,192	684,837	619,805	496,165	410,304	411,482	372,655
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	14,626	11,838	11,578	7,755	8,008	9,283	12,209	10,208
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,934	3,203	4,345	3,389	3,664	4,021	4,384	4,785
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,295	3,194	3,902	3,097	3,407	3,448	3,515	3,884
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,167	3,039	3,323	2,825	3,149	3,050	3,112	3,742
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,771	1,419	1,521	1,358	1,593	1,776	2,043	2,672
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,091	1,295	1,332	1,207	1,670	2,063	2,387	2,670
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,817	2,473	3,313	3,126	3,545	3,323	3,582	3,138
\$500,000 or more	1,405	952	1,111	1,066	616	386	356	224
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	25,716	24,915	26,736	20,633	22,310	24,322	28,255	27,813
Partnership	2,395	1,323	2,141	1,850	2,032	1,926	2,402	2,643
Corporation	1,775	1,041	1,334	1,164	1,105	905	724	748
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	220	134	214	176	205	197	247	166
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	10,413	13,095	10,623	8,851	10,555	11,078	10,888	12,434
Any	19,693	14,318	17,579	13,128	13,024	14,388	17,721	17,290
200 days or more	11,866	10,092	11,636	8,550	8,594	9,202	11,312	11,281
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	12,591	14,805	13,315	11,281	12,931	13,496	14,629	15,283
Other	17,515	12,608	17,110	12,542	12,721	13,854	16,999	16,087
Average age of principal operator years	57.3	55.1	53.5	53.7	53.5	52.0	50.5	50.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,118,965	1,615,624	1,657,726	1,466,483	1,309,012	1,022,931	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	120,621	89,122	84,341	73,786	63,257	55,167	64,469	57,480
Feed purchased \$1,000	369,975	260,900	290,852	247,019	171,376	135,012	169,501	140,153
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	228,664	126,666	142,397	128,104	121,097	86,079	95,050	81,354
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	179,282	89,018	96,514	85,572	91,578	74,326	122,494	77,103
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	191,748	181,647	179,549	163,558	146,667	121,984	107,345	101,312
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	69,870	73,597	85,849	75,495	70,931	72,918	(NA)	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	179,158	159,159	192,734	173,185	170,327	112,347	117,109	76,231
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	14,075	15,022	18,525	14,589	15,036	16,033	20,049	19,532
..... number	878,664	855,717	930,114	877,124	844,260	813,295	1,003,833	1,052,216
Beef cows farms	12,355	12,775	15,701	12,669	13,112	13,551	16,936	16,869
..... number	510,837	478,428	504,611	490,437	441,725	422,604	480,918	523,342
Milk cows farms	298	422	1,176	982	1,279	1,581	2,652	3,134
..... number	28,338	44,519	68,205	64,888	78,976	83,381	100,159	112,316
Cattle and calves sold farms	10,977	11,925	17,231	13,953	14,131	15,248	17,994	18,823
..... number	403,495	408,531	449,689	418,642	375,903	402,235	434,781	539,157
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	718	680	906	633	844	1,262	2,188	3,047
..... number	10,615	18,262	25,229	20,338	37,519	51,857	55,657	73,475
Hogs and pigs sold farms	525	540	516	373	534	807	1,259	1,877
..... number	15,513	(D)	37,689	28,527	57,244	72,940	71,260	92,607
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,450	1,034	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	1,991,941	2,098,325	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	308	567	372	319	313	312	379	336
..... number	187,733,125	216,941,912	143,187,649	123,132,021	115,258,369	96,147,369	91,851,892	62,414,721

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	1,331	1,198	1,593	1,462	1,452	1,663	1,506	2,376
farms	722,387	461,782	422,420	411,072	269,642	189,772	33,792	34,668
acres	114,674,506	54,944,774	49,256,383	47,951,435	31,066,973	19,097,307	2,769,934	1,991,356
Corn for silage or greenchop	39	68	136	127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	4,087	6,661	9,933	9,799	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	69,995	66,951	137,888	135,939	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	815	690	572	528	682	1,067	1,962	132
Wheat for grain, all	215,177	148,926	103,154	98,911	119,304	151,251	379,289	13,030
bushels	11,502,018	5,708,218	3,897,331	3,755,759	4,432,764	4,654,627	13,515,660	400,487
farms	815	690	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	215,177	148,926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	11,502,018	5,708,218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	30	48	46	38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,549	2,107	2,038	1,857	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	131,809	144,198	136,128	126,478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	-	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	615	465	399	370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	245,384	120,732	81,272	78,445	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	22,397,992	9,356,983	5,757,669	5,557,996	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	12	8	26	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	467	323	971	870	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,089	4,360	9,952	8,942	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,455	1,840	3,912	3,511	3,903	5,017	8,047	9,777
tons	593,815	660,650	1,314,310	1,260,523	1,112,815	1,540,372	2,638,249	2,969,049
bushels	24,717,263	20,736,686	37,571,260	36,152,458	33,360,521	40,524,474	67,702,197	74,258,151
Cotton, all	645	1,072	1,711	1,586	2,599	2,675	2,371	2,531
farms	333,804	474,784	660,039	647,257	827,792	590,257	562,581	510,107
acres	698,557	737,641	985,690	970,097	1,219,599	921,867	788,360	470,675
bales								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	8,798	7,999	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	463,695	406,827	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,176,324	1,022,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	848	1,448	1,844	1,736	2,197	2,273	2,508	2,690
Rice	377,115	538,518	583,734	579,299	589,752	417,411	572,919	599,432
farms	23,122,031	29,612,936	26,744,677	26,474,660	26,906,404	17,970,394	23,487,541	22,442,049
acres	1	4	4	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(D)	73	73	43	43	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	38,886	38,886	38,700	38,700	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	461	665	802	705	755	687	709	1,013
farms	405,433	471,628	410,368	395,588	356,349	264,466	251,237	297,361
acres	14,086,448	15,367,635	12,616,545	12,187,651	9,131,174	6,877,798	7,572,128	6,808,988
tons	8	1	18	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	(D)	888	871	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	2,606,083	2,578,083	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)						
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	759	550	588	441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	18,912	5,154	6,872	5,641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	97	32	65	51	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(D)	123	114	256	226	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	120	145	177	138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	14,863	16,877	21,082	18,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,050	1,022	1,047	821	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(D)	18,201	15,778	18,941	16,842	(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.