

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	8,136	7,196	7,404	5,810	5,776	6,269	7,003	6,775
Land in farms acres	1,347,566	1,369,768	1,313,066	1,211,648	1,258,297	1,342,588	1,468,674	1,500,390
Average size of farm acres	166	190	177	209	218	214	210	221
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	364,807	322,690	230,120	251,074	241,816	210,777	150,487	118,027
Average per acre dollars	2,203	1,637	1,267	1,190	1,130	962	708	521
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	536,463	380,209	327,353	282,151	263,791	240,068	236,527	206,739
Average per farm dollars	65,961	54,316	44,285	48,697	45,757	38,325	33,916	30,542
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,046	918	773	533	465	419	379	358
10 to 49 acres	2,383	1,861	1,747	1,184	1,024	1,029	1,139	881
50 to 179 acres	3,019	2,506	2,802	2,110	2,174	2,453	2,824	2,711
180 to 499 acres	1,178	1,334	1,545	1,441	1,513	1,758	2,018	2,155
500 to 999 acres	330	393	393	398	448	474	505	539
1,000 to 1,999 acres	131	135	113	113	120	106	108	105
2,000 acres or more	49	49	31	31	32	30	30	26
Total cropland farms	6,557	5,929	6,714	5,372	5,495	5,919	6,591	6,402
..... acres	529,253	536,839	580,260	539,966	559,424	592,309	610,691	650,356
Harvested cropland farms	5,189	4,869	5,966	4,875	5,141	5,486	6,138	6,064
..... acres	393,738	394,121	426,711	403,014	399,755	410,891	457,076	463,029
Irrigated land farms	901	1,031	805	671	523	359	200	255
..... acres	20,994	19,703	22,229	21,791	10,241	6,065	5,831	7,013
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	617,190	463,603	450,278	438,673	430,324	405,484	399,412	393,869
Average per farm dollars	75,859	64,425	60,815	75,503	74,502	64,681	57,034	58,136
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	326,573	222,356	219,600	212,229	215,995	157,828	142,834	106,752
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	290,617	241,247	230,678	226,444	214,329	247,656	256,578	287,117
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	3,924	3,634	2,978	1,923	1,690	2,059	2,549	2,090
\$2,500 to \$4,999	838	777	978	743	775	870	914	836
\$5,000 to \$9,999	846	682	864	751	786	719	664	627
\$10,000 to \$24,999	949	727	914	798	732	700	644	790
\$25,000 to \$49,999	479	387	485	438	441	466	571	756
\$50,000 to \$99,999	328	310	400	390	449	553	745	765
\$100,000 to \$499,999	574	513	642	626	794	809	829	825
\$500,000 or more	198	166	143	141	109	93	82	77
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	6,956	6,377	6,557	5,064	5,063	5,594	6,317	6,078
Partnership	544	321	347	306	325	350	384	426
Corporation	552	422	456	403	352	300	272	244
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	84	76	44	37	36	25	30	27
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	2,525	2,839	2,624	2,246	2,331	2,275	2,609	2,842
Any	5,611	4,357	4,404	3,263	3,144	3,653	3,932	3,659
200 days or more	3,222	2,948	2,747	1,958	1,857	2,253	2,467	2,115
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	3,540	3,409	3,324	2,872	2,981	3,220	3,644	3,908
Other	4,596	3,787	4,080	2,938	2,795	3,049	3,359	2,867
Average age of principal operator years	56.4	53.7	53.8	54.4	53.0	51.7	49.8	49.7
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	493,693	399,767	373,488	347,611	351,076	324,276	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	13,601	16,895	13,435	11,988	18,658	21,876	20,717	34,845
Feed purchased \$1,000	103,475	73,459	83,550	79,605	70,781	94,386	100,879	140,499
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	24,426	18,170	17,522	16,537	18,543	16,437	18,719	17,456
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	35,779	16,300	16,200	14,829	15,276	12,827	18,739	13,885
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	90,323	78,420	68,056	64,285	61,086	51,613	44,906	39,420
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	18,277	15,230	17,561	15,954	14,775	15,455	18,511	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	20,210	17,397	18,237	17,435	16,197	11,996	9,865	8,603
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	2,112	1,749	2,484	1,921	2,110	2,637	3,652	3,246
..... number	88,191	89,831	104,652	101,695	104,511	119,475	141,206	129,250
Beef cows farms	1,326	1,107	1,375	1,035	1,098	1,331	1,811	1,394
..... number	12,114	12,242	12,824	11,782	11,412	11,782	13,242	10,572
Milk cows farms	479	556	776	685	836	1,183	1,784	1,837
..... number	32,527	35,633	41,177	40,749	42,737	49,815	57,173	56,633
Cattle and calves sold farms	1,447	1,223	1,901	1,631	1,831	2,366	3,030	2,796
..... number	27,501	32,147	39,111	37,889	40,873	50,357	52,363	61,349
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	437	328	486	341	377	421	804	809
..... number	4,401	4,637	7,017	5,977	4,768	8,999	8,586	7,788
Hogs and pigs sold farms	460	310	343	261	258	295	450	409
..... number	7,954	9,033	10,656	9,226	9,308	13,905	12,067	9,565
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,346	1,044	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	180	165	99	73	74	95	145	337
..... number	19,840	46,966	200,993	199,416	638,163	13,679,943	20,061,324	69,135,035

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	26	27	57	49	46	80	126	105
farms	3,272	2,660	3,615	3,604	2,739	5,342	8,020	5,542
acres	419,517	295,847	(D)	(D)	266,755	485,087	647,910	374,766
bushels	185	233	343	332	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	23,516	24,351	27,654	27,537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	429,432	407,813	449,971	447,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	13	12	17	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	512	302	533	551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	22,474	(D)	32,111	32,881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	129	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	6,994	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	11	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	383	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	15,480	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	159	197	285	272	320	535	679	763
acres	27,206	24,919	22,403	22,364	24,277	35,548	40,971	40,224
bushels	1,937,569	2,113,706	1,643,996	1,643,127	2,014,920	2,728,024	2,514,472	2,548,583
farms	94	112	192	195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16,975	25,856	28,063	28,163	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,076,922	1,825,297	1,764,610	1,769,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	3	5	9	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	93	(D)	156	146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,115	(D)	1,067	967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	14	18	19	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	766	940	829	804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	22,570	34,009	21,743	20,993	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16	35	67	61	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	481	367	865	884	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	4,359	3,570	9,405	9,839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)							
farms	3,048	2,765	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	197,757	209,955	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	428,423	446,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	1	2	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(D)	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	13,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)							
farms	968	684	667	611	582	509	535	559
acres	66,783	6,925	11,961	11,745	10,251	9,727	11,278	11,044
farms	464	444	614	586	770	839	1,134	1,287
acres	56,362	64,474	73,233	73,085	87,650	83,261	99,251	114,904
farms	4	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	374	415	352	334	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,015	4,037	5,054	5,170	(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.