

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	12,834	12,198	13,254	12,084	13,037	14,776	16,183	15,540
Land in farms acres	2,051,756	2,077,630	2,193,063	2,154,875	2,223,476	2,396,629	2,557,728	2,614,439
Average size of farm acres	160	170	165	178	171	162	158	168
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,124,529	694,061	537,600	563,605	503,828	366,788	332,301	298,920
Average per acre dollars	7,034	4,084	3,247	3,176	2,911	2,261	2,121	1,719
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,268,194	870,708	759,208	728,486	657,587	657,693	660,519	497,402
Average per farm dollars	98,823	74,528	57,316	60,176	50,564	44,656	40,853	32,107
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,554	1,418	1,630	1,407	1,560	1,838	2,015	1,747
10 to 49 acres	4,589	4,412	4,500	3,828	3,979	4,400	4,822	3,947
50 to 179 acres	4,067	3,583	4,121	3,825	4,254	4,885	5,263	5,430
180 to 499 acres	1,719	1,836	2,022	2,038	2,252	2,591	2,978	3,346
500 to 999 acres	539	562	609	617	641	712	789	781
1,000 to 1,999 acres	255	277	276	274	266	284	252	230
2,000 acres or more	111	110	96	95	85	66	64	59
Total cropland farms	10,235	10,188	11,487	10,702	11,605	13,200	14,719	14,384
Harvested cropland acres	1,405,442	1,487,218	1,617,860	1,613,497	1,663,907	1,744,891	1,799,220	1,809,726
Irrigated land acres	8,278	8,335	10,027	9,474	10,447	11,960	13,672	13,663
..... farms	1,246,603	1,282,004	1,377,747	1,382,035	1,397,069	1,346,913	1,528,994	1,477,316
..... acres	1,326	1,265	1,198	1,154	1,063	1,074	845	616
..... acres	92,805	80,828	68,663	68,588	56,913	50,762	38,556	28,467
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	1,835,090	1,293,303	1,371,374	1,312,086	1,169,331	989,061	1,029,244	784,559
Average per farm dollars	142,987	106,026	103,469	108,580	89,693	66,937	63,600	50,486
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	629,303	450,202	456,523	458,719	388,143	253,056	339,430	267,125
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,205,787	843,101	914,851	853,367	781,188	736,006	689,815	517,434
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	4,985	5,116	3,933	3,097	3,165	4,165	3,891	3,137
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,248	1,199	1,517	1,365	1,642	1,948	2,123	2,143
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,272	1,067	1,645	1,551	1,698	1,881	2,044	2,247
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,469	1,319	1,776	1,668	1,822	2,012	2,388	2,496
\$25,000 to \$49,999	910	728	908	952	1,096	1,100	1,451	1,610
\$50,000 to \$99,999	691	670	829	854	904	1,084	1,504	1,713
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,289	1,444	1,931	1,944	2,229	2,306	2,525	2,047
\$500,000 or more	970	655	715	653	481	280	239	134
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	10,609	10,577	11,308	10,229	11,129	12,738	14,040	13,423
Partnership	1,038	763	1,039	994	1,114	1,323	1,544	1,541
Corporation	977	726	812	771	709	619	519	497
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	210	132	95	90	85	96	80	79
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	4,548	5,861	5,160	4,873	5,440	5,766	6,255	6,508
Any	8,286	6,337	7,217	6,362	6,745	7,985	6,682	8,278
200 days or more	5,052	4,334	4,962	4,317	4,563	5,504	5,875	5,411
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	6,269	6,977	6,523	6,235	6,980	7,882	8,740	8,711
Other	6,565	5,221	6,731	5,849	6,057	6,894	7,443	6,829
Average age of principal operator years	57.3	55.9	54.9	55.2	53.9	52.7	51.5	51.3
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	1,546,646	1,127,590	1,192,138	1,123,200	974,511	851,440	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	171,246	96,056	137,064	129,432	126,429	102,147	98,291	73,248
Feed purchased \$1,000	456,411	318,290	481,092	435,279	299,426	300,284	275,819	214,291
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	98,320	55,169	58,894	58,488	59,352	50,516	72,146	51,748
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	67,511	43,006	34,819	33,726	33,278	30,365	45,329	28,140
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	151,232	127,779	105,720	102,425	93,631	81,230	68,545	52,667
Interest expense \$1,000	64,323	50,924	47,676	45,896	42,938	40,272	(NA)	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	50,845	33,887	38,829	38,516	34,930	26,447	27,401	18,983
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	3,695	3,990	4,885	4,444	4,978	5,780	7,002	6,608
..... number	190,504	240,918	258,831	261,324	283,167	308,052	355,418	328,598
Beef cows farms	2,526	2,684	3,012	2,726	2,921	3,185	3,736	3,297
..... number	44,015	55,754	50,514	50,619	51,676	48,454	52,151	47,821
Milk cows farms	663	825	1,116	1,091	1,329	1,694	2,218	2,429
..... number	57,172	72,764	83,780	84,953	94,751	110,463	128,183	124,321
Cattle and calves sold farms	2,947	3,004	4,410	4,111	4,545	5,368	6,245	6,172
..... number	90,130	104,109	135,790	136,747	133,633	154,540	164,982	184,855
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	412	355	625	584	910	1,322	1,861	2,424
..... (D)			82,741	80,850	145,519	197,214	179,149	183,685
Hogs and pigs sold farms	454	379	518	495	843	1,265	1,625	2,188
..... number	123,734	137,357	152,926	149,472	289,149	372,470	335,333	301,650
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,229	810	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	2,662,723	3,172,376	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	808	862	1,096	997	1,109	1,381	1,378	1,446
..... number	296,373,113	287,106,225	294,314,818	256,926,521	257,209,663	257,070,110	235,112,072	196,068,244

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	2,803	2,958	3,612	3,554	4,631	5,608	7,281	7,789
farms	460,137	406,841	403,242	405,451	454,083	432,409	620,198	575,652
bushels	45,548,271	30,041,896	36,641,509	36,823,284	52,596,358	31,941,714	62,845,256	55,103,713
Corn for silage or greenchop	898	1,008	1,393	1,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	63,979	72,988	91,568	93,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	791,447	869,484	850,925	865,641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	1,497	1,629	2,345	2,339	2,774	3,112	3,153	2,542
acres	166,713	162,062	198,274	199,351	188,122	146,081	138,204	72,531
bushels	10,717,293	10,625,133	12,662,191	12,711,370	10,233,795	6,766,273	5,635,641	2,589,489
farms	1,495	1,629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(D)	(D)	162,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	10,625,133	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	184	256	472	460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,338	3,684	5,601	5,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	152,306	226,016	299,055	302,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	683	718	960	972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	34,288	36,241	46,770	47,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,733,463	2,907,723	3,447,330	3,489,722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	79	75	240	239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,895	3,133	14,983	14,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	217,697	131,777	958,211	925,077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	40	55	51	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,008	1,206	1,024	1,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	7,745	7,525	6,951	7,911	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	2,158	2,537	3,255	3,226	3,663	3,697	3,965	3,751
acres	386,604	465,780	507,924	509,683	503,181	405,170	413,137	371,644
bushels	10,381,954	10,695,873	15,112,845	15,171,466	16,226,822	9,352,369	11,290,198	11,434,269
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	-	7	13	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	160	988	988	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	-	2,844	11,733	11,733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	70	159	727	711	951	1,357	2,489	2,451
acres	423	1,162	7,814	7,939	8,470	10,780	24,840	21,260
pounds	842,793	1,739,926	11,798,301	11,987,083	11,794,382	13,751,729	32,280,276	25,954,144
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	5,123	4,885	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	223,390	227,727	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	552,667	553,823	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	22	25	7	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	596	104	(D)	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	614,150	34,965	(D)	22,235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	931	804	1,004	951	1,167	1,184	1,403	1,440
farms	33,447	31,701	35,921	35,958	36,313	38,238	38,331	50,832
acres	236	139	130	126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,964	3,038	2,223	2,219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	61	66	31	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	107	164	114	114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	472	441	463	422	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards	4,542	4,931	5,291	5,251	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
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.