

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	7,691	6,075	7,307	5,574	5,258	6,216	5,401	4,946
Land in farms acres	517,879	518,570	577,637	518,299	526,440	615,185	612,819	617,359
Average size of farm acres	67	85	79	93	100	99	113	125
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	829,090	755,254	418,750	455,014	460,410	346,530	205,677	183,339
Average per acre dollars	12,313	9,234	5,543	5,207	4,898	3,553	1,963	1,443
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	433,507	300,455	267,940	225,043	191,141	198,868	153,346	121,137
Average per farm dollars	56,373	50,243	36,684	40,395	36,359	32,039	28,429	24,507
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,199	1,429	1,791	1,254	1,044	1,105	920	798
10 to 49 acres	2,885	2,217	2,608	1,865	1,738	2,125	1,652	1,399
50 to 179 acres	1,903	1,673	2,124	1,690	1,667	2,016	1,814	1,698
180 to 499 acres	586	594	636	614	654	813	856	883
500 to 999 acres	90	129	118	121	121	126	130	137
1,000 to 1,999 acres	24	30	26	26	29	26	21	25
2,000 acres or more	4	3	4	4	5	5	8	6
Total cropland farms	5,508	4,898	6,324	4,990	4,853	5,654	4,941	4,645
..... acres	187,406	207,734	247,267	223,573	235,284	272,588	265,866	276,686
Harvested cropland farms	4,792	4,210	5,696	4,587	4,417	5,084	4,608	4,397
..... acres	153,993	159,253	184,480	168,765	173,255	194,874	197,769	197,405
Irrigated land farms	1,630	1,580	2,021	1,630	1,336	1,316	1,000	966
..... acres	23,133	23,720	26,820	24,564	19,909	20,158	17,331	16,753
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	489,820	384,314	483,529	454,404	350,639	340,464	281,436	211,994
Average per farm dollars	63,687	63,262	66,173	81,522	66,687	54,772	52,108	42,862
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	364,481	277,069	384,933	357,377	255,138	215,855	139,428	100,079
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	125,338	107,244	98,596	97,027	95,500	124,609	142,008	111,915
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	3,329	2,592	2,613	1,616	1,572	2,167	1,622	1,338
\$2,500 to \$4,999	839	647	876	664	656	830	706	730
\$5,000 to \$9,999	769	623	851	707	655	720	655	636
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,035	715	901	753	696	770	690	677
\$25,000 to \$49,999	518	422	609	507	476	494	526	552
\$50,000 to \$99,999	398	385	531	468	462	515	544	506
\$100,000 to \$499,999	609	556	749	687	627	623	570	438
\$500,000 or more	194	135	177	172	114	97	71	49
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	6,318	5,020	6,023	4,496	4,232	5,124	4,541	4,087
Partnership	574	376	521	443	401	481	377	439
Corporation	641	559	667	554	549	544	413	358
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	158	120	96	81	76	67	70	62
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	2,418	2,841	2,787	2,285	2,239	2,371	2,121	2,197
Any	5,273	3,234	4,128	2,980	2,695	3,516	2,897	2,520
200 days or more	3,257	2,159	2,639	1,864	1,666	2,283	1,838	1,623
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	3,688	3,283	3,603	2,927	2,926	3,174	2,941	2,852
Other	4,003	2,792	3,704	2,647	2,332	3,042	2,460	2,094
Average age of principal operator years	56.3	54.9	54.2	54.9	53.8	52.6	51.5	52.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	461,483	364,833	343,252	311,068	266,163	251,496	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	5,819	6,482	7,673	7,408	7,374	11,441	11,468	10,950
Feed purchased \$1,000	45,134	26,253	33,164	31,880	28,422	33,525	47,203	39,491
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	14,788	11,852	11,146	10,273	10,021	8,953	7,155	7,148
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	31,070	14,927	16,937	14,893	12,906	12,042	16,641	11,733
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	118,224	99,292	88,672	81,630	77,337	66,579	43,109	40,380
Interest expense \$1,000	19,171	13,451	18,358	15,766	14,502	13,788	10,141	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	12,490	9,166	8,847	8,299	7,616	7,319	4,885	3,882
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,832	1,269	1,924	1,420	1,565	2,112	2,311	2,073
..... number	46,852	50,791	64,362	61,719	68,331	83,065	102,366	96,951
Beef cows farms	1,173	775	1,121	799	850	1,124	1,071	904
..... number	8,646	6,882	8,075	6,858	7,347	9,692	8,176	7,408
Milk cows farms	310	380	563	483	606	838	1,111	1,156
..... number	15,050	21,085	26,852	26,846	30,906	36,913	49,891	49,728
Cattle and calves sold farms	1,066	795	1,435	1,158	1,271	1,725	1,908	1,803
..... number	20,405	19,125	25,905	24,849	29,839	39,668	47,034	51,782
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	453	273	543	383	404	498	619	628
..... number	11,553	11,434	21,309	18,297	16,439	25,816	39,570	54,586
Hogs and pigs sold farms	350	250	358	269	296	387	451	435
..... number	17,955	18,594	27,212	23,636	25,564	40,048	44,391	61,181
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,354	846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	139,764	319,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	94	81	62	41	45	37	48	41
..... number	17,330	29,424	(D)	(D)	125,283	(D)	162,904	163,218

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	50	49	111	99	111	152	165	182
farms	2,432	2,573	5,091	4,951	4,893	5,681	6,077	4,634
acres	372,853	346,592	594,115	590,748	488,921	626,829	591,680	401,871
bushels	230	297	431	403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	13,895	17,365	22,960	22,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	275,194	333,411	449,583	445,811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	7	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	7	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1	-	(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	2	8	15	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	64	107	96	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	2,880	4,370	3,890	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	1	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	-	-	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	-	105	105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	-	-	1,382	1,382	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	5	8	8	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	247	127	222	214	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	10,530	2,632	8,510	8,270	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	1	2	13	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	39	37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	311	297	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	60	50	67	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	1,324	1,113	1,168	1,176	27	21	46	44
acres	2,328,982	1,792,954	1,866,820	1,881,034	400	458	352	1,078
pounds					624,961	618,971	574,990	1,536,802
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	2,424	2,017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	93,811	93,745	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	198,593	209,771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	1	3	7	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	(D)	3	(D)	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	3	(D)	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	1,001	866	1,010	935	995	1,008	1,011	968
farms	15,764	14,757	16,338	16,039	16,577	16,325	15,307	14,812
acres	205	103	106	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,616	3,220	2,975	2,964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	9	4	4	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2	(D)	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	458	384	457	431	525	572	489	426
farms	5,416	5,426	6,201	6,546	7,848	9,379	9,332	8,111
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.