

**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	56,014	53,315	53,519	46,027	46,562	51,172	58,661	60,426
Land in farms ..... acres	10,031,807	10,142,958	10,443,935	9,872,812	10,088,170	10,316,861	10,942,172	11,038,419
Average size of farm ..... acres	179	190	195	215	217	202	187	183
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	610,556	509,299	335,580	358,166	247,370	196,065	228,238	175,171
Average per acre ..... dollars	3,409	2,667	1,704	1,671	1,131	971	1,223	960
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	5,082,342	3,761,334	3,318,370	3,055,199	2,558,206	2,347,585	2,676,343	1,988,471
Average per farm ..... dollars	90,742	73,910	62,011	66,361	55,028	45,954	45,711	32,963
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	4,219	3,235	3,375	2,611	2,562	2,866	2,714	1,972
10 to 49 acres .....	20,726	18,663	15,243	12,075	11,148	12,174	14,300	12,627
50 to 179 acres .....	19,206	18,605	20,322	17,439	17,449	19,779	23,336	26,479
180 to 499 acres .....	7,275	7,993	9,606	8,989	10,289	11,329	13,539	15,035
500 to 999 acres .....	2,619	2,856	3,245	3,201	3,576	3,667	3,672	3,451
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,424	1,468	1,354	1,338	1,234	1,134	924	747
2,000 acres or more .....	545	495	374	374	304	223	176	115
Total cropland ..... farms	48,592	47,904	49,199	43,017	44,320	48,653	56,321	59,080
..... acres	7,803,643	7,983,574	8,273,748	7,891,802	8,156,388	8,181,320	8,458,021	8,382,317
Harvested cropland ..... farms	37,868	38,244	42,704	37,941	41,334	46,017	53,738	57,294
..... acres	6,859,081	6,827,903	6,989,300	6,724,480	6,584,251	6,172,468	7,255,909	6,774,229
Irrigated land ..... farms	5,078	4,413	4,123	3,752	3,823	3,755	3,179	3,157
..... acres	500,428	456,278	407,071	393,485	366,465	314,953	285,983	225,928
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	5,753,219	3,772,435	3,694,670	3,567,825	3,028,547	2,545,078	2,588,317	1,914,314
Average per farm ..... dollars	102,710	70,757	69,035	77,516	65,043	49,736	44,123	31,680
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	3,329,928	2,362,628	2,314,487	2,199,721	1,671,563	1,272,802	1,364,665	997,743
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	2,423,291	1,409,807	1,380,183	1,368,104	1,356,984	1,272,276	1,223,652	916,571
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	24,150	23,291	16,794	12,557	10,923	12,670	13,718	14,282
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	5,229	4,749	5,863	5,049	5,579	6,774	7,751	9,125
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,292	5,107	6,610	5,800	6,387	7,548	8,741	9,652
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	6,094	6,429	8,066	7,213	7,752	8,460	10,335	10,851
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3,941	4,019	4,843	4,472	4,683	5,002	6,143	6,644
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	3,342	3,229	3,837	3,663	4,163	4,322	5,334	5,544
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	5,546	5,038	6,151	5,962	6,156	5,808	6,140	4,044
\$500,000 or more .....	2,420	1,453	1,355	1,311	919	588	480	258
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	48,687	48,070	47,103	40,190	40,654	45,166	52,022	53,931
Partnership .....	4,260	3,172	4,121	3,778	4,316	4,662	5,495	5,635
Corporation .....	2,494	1,817	2,035	1,834	1,431	1,167	947	699
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	573	256	260	225	161	177	197	161
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	20,533	23,109	19,790	17,964	18,547	19,384	21,350	21,888
Any .....	35,481	30,206	31,304	25,906	25,462	29,155	33,579	36,289
200 days or more .....	22,413	22,347	22,835	18,568	17,984	20,818	23,181	26,054
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	24,795	29,071	24,133	22,043	24,396	26,112	30,107	29,296
Other .....	31,219	24,244	29,386	23,984	22,166	25,060	28,554	31,130
Average age of principal operator ..... years	56.3	54.2	52.8	53.3	51.9	50.9	49.5	49.7
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	4,786,767	3,333,716	2,975,925	2,835,658	2,583,189	2,211,823	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	308,543	196,578	182,079	175,474	205,867	190,386	170,034	145,691
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	740,126	390,264	422,966	414,770	333,497	273,192	254,964	179,958
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	453,795	241,158	255,435	244,613	218,185	194,526	242,091	173,192
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	300,854	145,503	150,939	142,449	141,653	120,621	181,320	97,893
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	606,717	469,731	389,932	369,145	318,276	242,445	186,312	136,868
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	261,676	211,406	201,024	189,849	181,417	197,966	273,637	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	229,101	181,198	192,051	182,494	149,282	119,993	114,159	67,558
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	14,454	14,495	18,130	15,468	17,031	19,436	25,657	25,293
..... number	1,048,206	998,204	1,051,130	1,025,702	1,113,604	1,163,352	1,345,793	1,248,623
Beef cows ..... farms	7,848	8,144	9,062	7,566	7,548	8,163	10,810	10,575
..... number	109,500	117,564	125,630	116,399	116,106	110,156	140,969	139,275
Milk cows ..... farms	2,647	3,013	4,226	3,990	5,198	6,499	9,142	9,867
..... number	344,233	298,429	301,588	300,641	316,954	344,550	398,211	377,999
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	11,631	11,293	16,330	14,293	15,780	18,164	22,849	23,057
..... number	603,609	516,107	554,154	537,681	594,685	653,806	642,060	675,773
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	2,691	2,180	3,316	2,853	4,774	5,577	7,433	8,572
..... number	1,032,054	927,400	1,024,236	1,032,014	1,231,641	1,227,069	1,064,073	931,240
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	2,930	2,336	3,029	2,690	4,770	5,603	7,194	8,065
..... number	3,316,183	2,789,197	2,195,553	2,206,940	2,300,151	2,215,872	1,734,236	1,392,522
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	5,247	3,491	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	9,034,335	7,308,261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	725	659	416	336	386	495	636	493
..... number	4,041,902	4,027,972	405,014	393,028	400,262	702,431	601,403	496,339

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>								
Corn for grain .....	farms 13,768	13,613	18,089	16,712	18,962	25,140	30,792	33,676
	acres 2,350,668	2,007,021	2,190,146	2,122,283	2,221,271	1,982,401	2,568,541	2,337,985
	bushels 288,066,336	234,709,542	245,261,942	238,319,129	226,824,263	189,779,819	256,473,754	184,697,964
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	farms 3,352	3,362	5,054	4,817	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 297,381	233,601	282,015	279,786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 4,350,145	3,447,251	4,027,278	4,001,045	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....	farms 6,263	6,561	9,525	8,976	12,433	10,327	15,416	13,966
	acres 523,153	433,783	517,669	499,742	583,245	356,073	513,445	370,398
	bushels 33,583,908	28,248,938	29,350,049	28,432,159	29,350,586	16,465,394	20,764,229	14,669,977
Winter wheat for grain .....	farms 6,217	6,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 520,601	430,193	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 33,481,512	28,080,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain .....	farms 55	116	133	119	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,552	3,590	4,948	4,574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 102,396	168,213	226,566	211,185	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	farms 2,181	2,756	4,042	3,707	5,436	11,392	16,627	17,875
	acres 55,046	63,485	81,540	77,588	113,359	259,445	398,618	395,419
	bushels 2,972,519	3,994,940	4,854,346	4,624,435	6,650,151	14,634,547	24,770,648	22,618,711
Barley for grain .....	farms 376	400	649	619	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 12,953	11,620	19,549	18,893	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 642,216	576,461	1,069,485	1,032,383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 26	22	18	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 658	559	541	485	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 41,825	21,255	22,334	18,786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 126	158	118	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,635	2,595	2,623	2,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 32,419	20,068	25,317	24,900	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms 10,461	11,683	13,574	12,561	13,175	12,734	14,905	13,914
	acres 1,715,427	2,055,424	1,768,996	1,694,872	1,332,114	1,023,599	1,122,617	888,449
	bushels 67,515,728	78,197,248	64,787,800	62,242,411	41,633,625	36,267,622	34,307,197	21,174,856
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	farms 1,183	1,587	2,243	2,172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 195,419	259,026	307,589	302,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 3,207,689	4,862,193	4,992,441	4,878,076	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 21,853	22,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,160,467	1,212,603	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry 2,966,956	3,557,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 67	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,888	2,275	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 7,206,293	3,381,523	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	farms 737	989	1,164	1,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 150,054	180,054	160,145	163,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 3,532,941	3,324,568	3,003,671	3,055,112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms 2,878	2,519	2,682	2,498	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 174,685	137,887	133,254	128,349	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	farms 600	395	351	328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 42,267	45,840	46,105	44,931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 22	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 27	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards .....	farms 2,712	2,601	3,262	2,863	3,531	3,791	4,280	4,722
	acres 115,284	118,166	148,296	139,607	162,183	161,567	165,238	169,413

<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.