

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	41,959	42,186	42,150	31,318	31,998	34,074	42,415	44,104
Land in farms acres	11,456,241	11,097,543	11,436,287	10,124,822	10,188,362	10,746,190	12,421,651	13,210,879
Average size of farm acres	273	263	271	323	318	315	293	300
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	510,454	370,689	299,460	337,081	248,479	215,209	257,819	200,646
Average per acre dollars	1,870	1,381	1,075	1,052	777	697	894	673
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,086,429	2,090,779	1,947,525	1,621,991	1,294,742	1,187,399	1,485,514	1,318,947
Average per farm dollars	73,558	51,839	46,228	51,801	40,616	34,900	35,083	29,953
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,056	1,807	2,035	1,108	1,122	1,387	1,627	1,396
10 to 49 acres	10,234	10,834	9,595	5,863	5,796	6,240	8,674	7,918
50 to 179 acres	16,519	17,296	16,891	12,443	12,797	13,506	17,342	18,644
180 to 499 acres	8,623	8,052	8,757	7,356	7,606	7,789	9,031	10,042
500 to 999 acres	2,283	2,105	2,612	2,415	2,524	2,884	3,100	3,354
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,243	1,124	1,361	1,284	1,365	1,445	1,739	1,785
2,000 acres or more	1,001	968	899	849	788	823	902	965
Total cropland farms	27,349	29,021	31,273	25,289	27,625	29,785	37,476	40,373
..... acres	5,530,825	5,822,786	6,324,156	5,947,311	6,518,288	6,747,639	7,745,113	8,119,065
Harvested cropland farms	18,773	19,405	22,646	19,198	22,245	24,305	31,122	34,189
..... acres	4,223,708	4,139,341	4,519,775	4,338,710	4,404,612	4,272,651	5,799,772	5,848,897
Irrigated land farms	2,284	2,235	1,912	1,769	2,127	2,012	1,462	1,139
..... acres	1,368,661	1,175,530	1,110,145	1,076,231	882,976	636,842	430,901	308,694
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	4,876,781	3,116,295	3,485,867	3,127,383	2,336,737	1,862,903	1,918,486	1,663,830
Average per farm dollars	116,227	73,870	82,701	99,859	73,028	54,672	45,231	37,725
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,668,028	1,025,385	1,345,448	1,291,365	1,146,450	913,913	1,122,471	947,397
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	3,208,753	2,090,909	2,140,420	1,836,018	1,190,287	948,989	796,015	716,433
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	22,205	22,446	19,957	11,511	9,860	11,109	16,384	15,578
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,659	4,572	5,252	4,954	5,417	5,985	6,911	7,748
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,029	4,260	5,393	4,387	5,049	5,012	5,445	6,310
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,520	3,892	4,101	3,666	4,119	4,070	4,377	4,973
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,930	1,588	1,381	1,265	1,681	1,771	2,308	2,661
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,070	1,071	1,138	1,014	1,248	1,710	2,148	2,499
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,901	2,475	2,685	2,613	3,489	3,723	4,185	3,892
\$500,000 or more	2,645	1,882	2,243	1,908	1,135	694	635	416
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	36,353	39,035	37,524	27,452	28,263	30,326	38,255	39,516
Partnership	3,769	2,166	3,310	2,753	2,754	2,770	3,046	3,522
Corporation	1,467	705	1,028	917	850	823	886	922
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	370	280	288	196	131	155	228	144
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	15,138	19,440	14,626	11,554	12,246	12,581	14,255	15,823
Any	26,821	22,746	25,237	17,989	17,241	19,421	24,263	25,855
200 days or more	16,334	16,909	18,570	13,004	12,119	13,518	16,747	17,739
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	15,935	20,582	15,515	12,753	14,463	15,111	18,236	19,523
Other	26,024	21,604	26,635	18,565	17,535	18,963	24,179	24,581
Average age of principal operator years	58.6	57.2	55.3	55.6	55.3	53.8	52.5	51.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	4,288,729	2,767,787	2,964,295	2,458,575	1,954,337	1,465,201	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	469,684	380,748	276,886	229,688	170,363	138,882	134,197	112,632
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,468,308	804,106	1,121,605	845,628	458,354	328,167	288,860	302,415
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	263,845	127,224	126,691	114,194	124,296	90,795	114,525	99,915
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	227,904	122,546	116,569	100,997	101,058	86,016	142,899	90,845
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	213,631	184,111	186,807	169,897	168,464	142,341	137,400	129,264
Interest expense \$1,000	138,598	124,247	127,149	108,338	97,991	90,636	(NA)	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	219,911	209,634	224,350	199,962	216,262	130,399	140,183	112,975
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	17,752	21,096	25,494	19,319	21,070	22,482	29,407	30,446
..... number	987,342	1,072,806	1,195,839	1,127,442	1,152,331	1,147,219	1,488,148	1,543,877
Beef cows farms	15,910	18,511	21,779	17,151	18,855	19,008	25,227	26,659
..... number	521,517	568,608	605,388	590,402	588,920	579,312	713,119	791,234
Milk cows farms	177	627	894	688	1,216	1,643	3,082	3,929
..... number	22,560	35,114	46,332	45,540	64,510	71,834	96,224	94,891
Cattle and calves sold farms	14,535	16,494	23,948	18,912	20,282	22,087	27,466	29,677
..... number	530,495	514,514	628,147	590,771	580,526	638,685	704,606	854,318
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	683	692	1,477	662	1,270	2,237	4,081	6,389
..... number	337,244	302,190	236,184	215,936	160,917	179,063	223,274	280,950
Hogs and pigs sold farms	439	504	852	425	934	1,622	2,547	4,423
..... number	1,294,545	1,171,039	790,042	756,595	278,764	284,630	356,868	389,729
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,925	2,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	6,236,952	5,386,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	1,453	1,928	1,864	1,393	1,211	1,129	1,212	1,404
..... number	823,427,574	752,632,925	717,040,922	554,915,961	388,128,497	276,652,292	247,236,533	223,309,303

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	2,091	2,099	2,906	2,497	3,377	4,020	5,510	8,345
farms	873,618	496,219	416,724	405,393	269,080	120,361	80,914	107,669
bushels	127,841,765	58,487,848	44,879,039	43,851,007	23,869,788	9,369,093	4,757,736	4,935,672
Corn for silage or greenchop	126	168	297	271	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	11,900	14,976	24,209	24,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	152,082	219,948	285,355	284,029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,006	796	748	697	1,064	1,991	4,297	593
Wheat for grain, all	331,767	151,317	160,739	155,049	180,840	283,477	809,015	54,242
bushels	18,175,120	5,980,347	6,801,785	6,547,211	6,749,633	9,674,702	29,185,697	1,853,571
farms	1,006	796	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	331,767	151,317	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	18,175,120	5,980,347	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	44	82	59	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,345	2,699	1,743	1,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	107,161	111,430	75,529	72,842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	302	267	166	154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	116,901	70,932	25,756	25,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	9,815,654	5,418,279	1,669,826	1,648,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	9	17	26	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	4,739	455	919	1,009	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	76,923	5,441	9,702	10,922	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,589	3,034	4,169	3,851	4,644	6,475	11,131	13,018
Soybeans for beans	1,431,085	1,371,014	2,024,683	1,964,202	1,652,840	2,006,263	3,459,091	3,628,845
bushels	54,316,854	43,077,995	60,916,699	59,370,926	53,569,740	41,329,519	81,944,364	73,505,537
Cotton, all	980	1,596	1,797	1,701	3,344	4,225	3,710	4,860
farms	656,051	1,157,432	1,022,404	966,443	1,332,855	1,028,249	978,496	1,193,677
acres	1,289,270	1,944,513	1,826,423	1,714,762	2,075,048	1,654,648	1,641,939	1,338,394
bales								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	13,271	13,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	680,402	641,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,572,853	1,557,537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	341	461	529	530	748	803	714	579
Rice	185,076	233,447	235,283	234,244	270,497	195,505	240,303	215,892
farms	13,313,823	14,526,578	13,371,386	13,330,366	15,630,876	10,466,632	10,106,176	9,161,237
acres	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	85	62	91	62	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	17,781	3,831	3,995	3,003	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	58,481,805	8,821,233	10,947,611	7,616,224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	1,156	799	729	507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	31,088	11,705	9,034	7,280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	178	54	35	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	166	69	61	61	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	122	156	84	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	21,027	13,492	8,856	8,835	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	937	1,100	1,229	902	1,196	1,326	1,548	1,618
farms	15,948	15,230	17,249	13,428	17,817	17,982	18,413	18,677
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.