

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	29,524	27,870	27,632	24,279	22,821	24,568	23,570	23,565
Land in farms acres	61,388,462	59,612,403	58,445,339	58,607,778	59,642,536	60,203,993	60,539,209	61,690,919
Average size of farm acres	2,079	2,139	2,115	2,414	2,613	2,451	2,568	2,618
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,611,155	835,250	650,281	699,069	594,881	505,526	677,995	512,791
Average per acre dollars	775	386	309	294	227	205	259	195
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,053,603	2,085,701	2,028,280	1,895,934	1,516,085	1,488,238	1,567,780	1,245,732
Average per farm dollars	103,494	83,976	73,526	78,157	66,472	60,754	66,632	52,956
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,917	1,484	1,195	898	1,209	1,940	1,551	1,255
10 to 49 acres	5,462	5,005	4,673	3,570	2,804	2,745	1,889	1,889
50 to 179 acres	4,971	4,497	4,414	3,575	3,061	3,019	3,080	2,987
180 to 499 acres	4,464	3,964	4,032	3,372	2,964	3,315	3,097	3,420
500 to 999 acres	2,919	2,770	3,067	2,675	2,521	2,737	2,640	2,928
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2,935	3,034	3,382	3,127	3,040	3,460	3,345	4,011
2,000 acres or more	6,856	7,116	6,869	7,062	7,222	7,352	7,184	7,075
Total cropland farms	21,809	21,854	22,803	20,669	19,442	21,064	20,717	21,437
..... acres	18,241,710	18,315,514	18,238,158	17,629,001	17,494,553	17,829,766	16,452,331	16,232,608
Harvested cropland farms	16,441	16,543	19,254	17,854	17,100	19,267	19,279	20,313
..... acres	9,163,867	8,742,111	9,792,216	9,399,718	8,199,296	9,128,013	9,365,775	8,741,043
Irrigated land farms	10,457	10,150	10,098	9,059	8,883	9,520	9,226	9,384
..... acres	2,013,167	1,976,111	2,101,548	1,994,484	1,978,167	1,996,882	2,023,003	2,069,531
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	2,803,062	1,882,114	1,921,771	1,870,732	1,730,237	1,547,286	1,547,160	1,177,454
Average per farm dollars	94,942	67,532	69,549	77,051	75,818	62,980	65,641	49,966
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,273,721	733,324	952,468	903,822	691,860	639,202	759,171	488,486
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,529,340	1,148,791	969,303	966,910	1,038,377	908,084	787,989	688,968
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	11,977	10,117	7,129	4,996	4,073	4,320	3,914	2,842
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,784	1,776	2,314	2,024	1,764	2,006	1,795	1,991
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,934	2,162	2,559	2,308	2,131	2,374	2,295	2,538
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,770	3,043	3,666	3,415	3,413	3,912	3,703	4,573
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,215	2,718	3,066	2,839	3,051	3,695	3,592	4,757
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,464	3,027	3,425	3,340	3,528	4,064	3,928	4,024
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,247	4,507	4,988	4,878	4,492	3,945	3,981	2,567
\$500,000 or more	1,133	520	485	479	369	252	263	160
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	22,625	22,448	21,674	18,751	17,723	19,506	18,842	19,042
Partnership	2,839	2,192	2,250	2,065	2,046	2,147	2,099	2,305
Corporation	3,509	2,730	3,317	3,121	2,798	2,656	2,336	2,012
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	551	500	391	342	254	259	293	206
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	11,746	13,824	12,216	11,320	11,176	12,162	10,964	12,114
Any	17,778	14,046	13,578	11,280	9,838	10,764	10,108	10,079
200 days or more	10,150	8,900	7,920	6,322	5,261	5,607	5,272	5,016
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	14,957	17,710	16,855	15,703	16,006	17,405	16,898	16,855
Other	14,567	10,160	10,777	8,576	6,815	7,163	6,672	6,710
Average age of principal operator years	57.8	55.4	53.7	54.0	52.9	51.4	50.5	50.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,399,635	1,862,305	1,567,648	1,512,749	1,399,200	1,288,299	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	291,561	207,332	155,882	153,915	191,132	191,557	165,312	155,273
Feed purchased \$1,000	219,242	192,619	154,992	153,271	142,789	119,817	110,919	108,728
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	225,315	115,112	129,979	123,302	85,281	79,449	79,823	64,950
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	221,523	118,897	119,167	115,091	108,667	100,191	136,526	77,033
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	164,119	139,334	113,562	109,424	107,632	102,470	84,462	70,884
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	185,028	187,994	155,616	149,306	146,474	157,891	207,237	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	120,522	81,365	78,492	74,449	57,078	64,461	43,347	27,945
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	12,341	12,951	15,072	14,216	13,813	14,866	15,822	15,887
..... number	2,589,679	2,396,764	2,595,611	2,618,319	2,645,916	2,591,391	2,918,599	2,786,829
Beef cows farms	11,162	11,821	13,550	12,902	12,366	13,073	13,942	14,139
..... number	1,522,187	1,497,915	1,544,199	1,558,921	1,506,445	1,399,949	1,528,036	1,473,507
Milk cows farms	385	624	758	721	1,092	1,732	2,594	3,183
..... number	17,458	17,952	18,008	18,052	22,409	26,879	29,447	29,306
Cattle and calves sold farms	11,526	11,793	14,795	14,055	13,628	14,718	15,325	15,853
..... number	1,842,159	1,770,727	1,646,213	1,654,014	1,677,932	1,644,768	1,778,047	1,742,652
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	483	454	708	627	1,056	1,406	1,643	2,433
..... number	181,602	172,951	181,033	177,740	222,966	200,663	195,949	211,350
Hogs and pigs sold farms	565	542	677	595	1,030	1,343	1,562	2,318
..... number	334,101	336,032	300,502	293,161	363,440	327,855	311,634	311,070
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,650	1,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	355,226	349,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	87	77	73	61	47	100	110	119
..... number	119,677	100,660	113,604	112,821	47,505	84,676	18,440	36,111

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage					
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Selected crops harvested:									
Corn for grain	297	146	186	180	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	38,002	11,642	13,773	12,925	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,147,840	1,584,039	1,671,004	1,616,456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	383	419	420	422	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	45,172	50,094	36,739	36,644	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	974,410	1,087,841	737,069	736,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	5,460	5,504	8,244	7,932	8,395	10,375	9,982	10,726	
Wheat for grain, all	5,059,916	4,876,699	5,848,865	5,602,336	4,885,520	4,703,455	5,215,965	4,799,795	
bushels	147,533,888	112,449,587	180,230,934	172,214,482	142,893,032	143,802,744	159,093,238	134,207,558	
farms	3,000	1,481	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	2,194,539	784,931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
bushels	81,551,235	21,003,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	641	862	668	631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	471,705	564,640	304,385	289,211	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
bushels	11,634,753	13,032,110	7,830,366	7,483,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	3,621	4,515	6,784	6,536	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	2,393,672	3,527,128	4,000,795	3,835,928	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
bushels	54,347,900	78,413,869	116,097,891	111,027,909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	488	697	1,255	1,251	1,590	2,345	3,118	3,473	
acres	34,633	45,515	66,348	66,331	82,492	132,308	168,097	173,074	
bushels	1,673,538	1,998,128	3,519,540	3,501,669	4,485,707	6,356,871	8,068,970	8,414,059	
farms	2,347	2,745	4,600	4,423	5,971	9,621	8,283	8,274	
acres	718,551	902,163	1,130,016	1,093,414	1,168,663	1,900,275	1,613,964	1,263,343	
bushels	29,670,161	36,076,190	57,538,649	55,236,960	47,381,536	79,606,320	72,135,565	52,228,599	
farms	-	-	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
bushels	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	2	16	13	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	(D)	823	671	671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
tons	(D)	5,577	5,062	5,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Soybeans for beans	8	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	409	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	16,084	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
bushels	105	172	100	98	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	17,151	22,770	7,757	7,528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	290,498	376,832	157,028	152,454	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
cwt									
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	12,796	12,943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	2,822,442	2,590,090	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	5,490,353	4,517,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
tons, dry	17	10	11	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	3,410	1,224	(D)	1,365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	3,787,068	852,210	(D)	1,271,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
pounds	220	282	408	415	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	47,533	56,027	58,139	59,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	1,174,370	1,123,844	1,221,138	1,243,622	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
tons									
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	313	150	140	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	11,899	699	1,029	756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	152	143	148	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	11,192	10,479	11,297	10,504	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
acres	389	386	314	261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
farms	1,491	1,740	1,416	1,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
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.