

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	20,930	15,170	17,876	14,094	14,279	14,249	13,484	12,311
Land in farms acres	43,238,049	44,810,083	46,177,267	45,787,108	46,849,244	46,018,005	47,096,085	47,934,714
Average size of farm acres	2,066	2,954	2,583	3,249	3,281	3,230	3,493	3,894
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	696,081	698,908	542,530	625,307	645,677	582,012	618,708	538,888
Average per acre dollars	337	234	208	195	194	180	178	139
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,160,713	799,643	727,581	619,915	525,911	468,262	430,983	355,406
Average per farm dollars	55,457	58,262	40,733	44,047	36,992	33,093	32,053	28,982
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	6,471	3,586	3,886	2,594	2,600	2,421	1,979	1,326
10 to 49 acres	4,405	3,195	3,477	2,618	2,611	2,710	2,591	2,117
50 to 179 acres	3,072	2,317	2,875	2,163	2,142	2,164	2,127	1,937
180 to 499 acres	2,141	1,706	2,222	1,721	1,748	1,846	1,801	1,809
500 to 999 acres	1,286	1,006	1,508	1,232	1,260	1,341	1,254	1,328
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,092	927	1,285	1,111	1,161	1,126	1,171	1,174
2,000 acres or more	2,463	2,433	2,623	2,655	2,757	2,641	2,561	2,620
Total cropland farms	13,191	10,855	11,234	9,435	9,447	9,429	9,196	8,597
..... acres	2,334,018	2,575,107	2,307,719	2,179,428	2,252,970	2,279,119	2,234,468	2,257,159
Harvested cropland farms	9,311	7,204	8,200	7,008	7,213	7,269	7,395	7,016
..... acres	1,009,683	856,166	1,118,176	1,079,953	1,060,345	989,214	1,297,305	1,208,928
Irrigated land farms	10,167	8,282	8,953	7,444	7,331	7,022	6,918	6,554
..... acres	830,048	844,799	851,735	804,616	738,272	718,449	807,206	890,610
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	2,175,080	1,700,030	1,664,133	1,617,708	1,258,883	1,060,112	850,562	792,228
Average per farm dollars	103,922	112,065	93,093	114,780	88,163	74,399	63,079	64,351
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	553,140	397,257	496,240	462,178	375,571	261,488	232,230	187,879
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,621,940	1,302,773	1,167,893	1,155,530	883,312	798,624	618,332	604,348
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	10,496	7,512	7,979	5,097	4,868	5,104	4,851	3,566
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,520	1,408	2,059	1,811	1,840	1,802	1,816	1,689
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,252	1,443	1,971	1,710	1,738	1,700	1,552	1,615
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,064	1,586	1,981	1,755	1,852	1,828	1,743	1,809
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,065	893	1,142	1,099	1,208	1,234	1,143	1,237
\$50,000 to \$99,999	844	740	924	896	969	966	902	1,006
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,135	1,122	1,316	1,241	1,379	1,304	1,188	1,133
\$500,000 or more	554	466	504	485	425	311	226	187
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	18,185	13,455	15,194	11,783	11,959	11,929	11,440	10,360
Partnership	1,456	885	1,338	1,158	1,276	1,362	1,202	1,286
Corporation	839	631	991	848	794	753	617	512
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	450	199	353	305	250	205	225	153
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	7,481	6,998	6,956	5,752	5,708	5,265	4,462	5,040
Any	13,449	8,172	9,906	7,506	7,590	8,137	7,809	6,783
200 days or more	7,230	5,551	6,327	4,592	4,673	4,937	4,752	4,230
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	10,040	8,482	8,368	7,197	7,540	7,243	6,896	6,047
Other	10,890	6,688	9,508	6,897	6,739	7,006	6,588	6,264
Average age of principal operator years	59.6	56.4	55.9	56.5	55.3	53.7	51.9	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	1,904,465	1,500,021	1,256,455	1,204,227	1,049,010	892,641	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	187,501	217,212	227,417	221,246	257,230	268,175	227,193	230,005
Feed purchased \$1,000	697,004	486,979	337,980	334,541	221,787	163,870	143,887	135,420
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	57,807	32,645	37,391	34,563	29,236	20,913	18,245	17,049
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	112,281	51,544	53,171	49,544	49,222	41,585	50,808	37,494
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	218,193	182,380	146,740	140,862	115,633	98,309	61,178	51,754
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	86,921	82,017	84,361	78,791	69,101	68,124	76,151	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	29,835	19,735	19,289	18,085	15,096	13,079	8,462	8,264
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	9,508	6,845	9,992	8,677	8,964	8,926	9,189	8,365
..... number	1,525,976	1,590,769	1,704,463	1,676,171	1,589,978	1,445,062	1,535,348	1,536,455
Beef cows farms	8,208	5,571	7,774	6,894	7,248	6,939	7,269	6,540
..... number	530,173	516,104	594,607	581,812	631,738	572,828	597,132	568,537
Milk cows farms	272	377	620	523	650	848	1,357	1,410
..... number	326,400	315,130	216,038	215,844	110,422	58,606	53,877	37,309
Cattle and calves sold farms	7,021	5,622	8,920	8,094	8,426	8,517	8,404	8,102
..... number	952,841	1,064,524	1,329,677	1,308,236	1,181,980	1,298,570	1,149,750	1,403,193
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	395	346	547	346	496	592	914	1,053
..... number	1,972	3,489	8,276	6,114	20,233	44,248	39,485	59,554
Hogs and pigs sold farms	351	306	375	246	326	373	560	726
..... number	3,792	5,114	11,260	7,997	43,633	89,200	84,958	133,110
Layers inventory (see text) farms	1,571	1,229	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	24	43	17	11	20	19	38	13
..... number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,026	(D)	2,484	709

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	122	130	328	316	398	434	479	514
farms	53,851	48,096	80,646	80,122	72,348	37,540	57,161	68,396
acres	9,626,854	8,508,723	13,872,808	13,795,021	11,773,777	5,300,378	6,901,030	6,423,473
bushels	285	343	303	275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	79,141	93,381	48,324	46,730	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,937,769	2,200,352	1,068,220	1,029,234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	535	415	711	711	892	1,229	1,459	1,211
tons	302,958	161,341	261,700	264,190	341,016	309,184	480,418	334,825
Wheat for grain, all	8,236,505	4,212,138	8,533,027	8,605,057	10,433,609	8,820,030	10,026,475	5,482,576
bushels	520	415	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	300,539	161,341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	8,098,467	4,212,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain	13	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	-	(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	45	39	93	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	985	3,467	3,326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16,467	58,669	150,525	152,307	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	10	9	30	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	824	357	3,988	3,852	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	80,299	40,639	248,815	240,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	217	218	504	496	568	776	1,023	1,288
Sorghum for grain	73,048	67,226	188,057	188,615	180,421	156,979	259,294	269,537
bushels	2,806,719	2,131,743	7,053,490	7,059,484	8,144,520	8,680,130	9,645,858	9,397,134
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	97	104	117	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	18,833	13,842	15,519	14,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	297,382	233,241	237,166	218,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1	2	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	(D)	(D)	157	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	4,253	4,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	178	38	76	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	7,760	8,377	11,095	10,998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	173,070	144,639	186,522	184,559	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	199	277	508	459	459	697	669	1,015
Cotton, all	42,207	53,045	73,659	67,996	53,393	79,135	77,912	122,401
farms	97,206	98,377	122,763	113,281	74,954	113,013	88,282	118,536
acres	Forage-land used for all hay and							
bales	haylage, grass silage, and greenchop							
(see text)	5,583	4,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	365,843	335,872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,565,071	1,306,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	2	3	9	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,846,230	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	-	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	29	57	74	71	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	10,305	15,299	16,541	16,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	31,988,642	45,062,549	43,321,698	42,372,773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	Vegetables harvested for sale							
pounds	1,743	457	684	526	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(see text)	36,933	33,297	44,292	38,375	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	142	28	46	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,675	6,186	9,401	9,385	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	2	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,783	2,824	2,345	1,744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	43,859	43,182	37,023	33,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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.