

**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	75,861	77,797	78,737	68,591	70,711	79,277	86,934	89,131
Land in farms ..... acres	13,956,563	14,583,435	14,738,028	14,103,085	14,247,969	14,997,381	15,404,054	15,788,833
Average size of farm ..... acres	184	187	187	206	201	189	177	177
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	649,130	509,307	384,631	414,773	291,766	227,341	267,899	263,585
Average per acre ..... dollars	3,528	2,732	2,068	2,039	1,456	1,199	1,504	1,484
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	6,702,352	5,139,223	4,177,654	3,952,140	3,460,637	3,159,112	3,419,931	2,969,949
Average per farm ..... dollars	88,352	68,119	53,070	57,624	48,982	39,979	39,415	33,375
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	7,767	7,471	7,023	5,271	5,417	6,007	6,223	5,022
10 to 49 acres .....	24,361	23,261	20,069	15,811	15,295	16,688	18,769	16,762
50 to 179 acres .....	25,809	27,427	30,291	26,658	27,868	32,074	35,951	39,203
180 to 499 acres .....	11,190	12,615	14,478	14,018	15,283	17,718	19,468	22,066
500 to 999 acres .....	4,020	4,309	4,569	4,587	4,793	5,072	5,098	4,960
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2,062	2,107	1,846	1,792	1,719	1,485	1,261	1,008
2,000 acres or more .....	652	607	461	454	336	233	164	110
Total cropland ..... farms	64,775	69,620	71,293	63,669	66,353	74,376	82,069	85,585
..... acres	10,832,772	11,424,499	11,673,050	11,340,967	11,528,727	11,920,433	11,824,451	12,081,308
Harvested cropland ..... farms	54,790	58,577	63,686	58,048	62,535	70,577	78,363	82,515
..... acres	9,991,007	10,041,416	10,070,813	9,900,570	9,790,327	9,297,596	10,396,323	10,213,858
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,402	2,623	1,967	1,778	1,755	1,562	1,152	1,103
..... acres	37,959	40,685	35,073	33,997	29,479	32,472	27,688	24,970
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	7,070,212	4,263,549	4,744,521	4,684,277	3,914,040	3,434,064	3,387,461	2,860,034
Average per farm ..... dollars	93,200	54,804	60,258	68,293	55,353	43,317	38,966	32,088
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	4,109,722	2,304,895	2,871,092	2,827,924	2,195,985	1,750,783	1,863,940	1,601,374
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	2,960,490	1,958,654	1,873,429	1,856,353	1,718,055	1,683,281	1,523,522	1,258,660
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	27,556	28,918	23,104	15,967	13,930	17,263	19,057	17,439
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	7,357	9,022	9,292	8,105	8,997	10,489	11,414	12,521
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	7,793	8,718	9,407	8,645	9,827	11,664	12,732	13,761
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	9,045	10,643	12,205	11,444	13,193	14,689	16,016	17,700
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	6,501	6,331	7,789	7,538	8,311	8,953	10,095	11,789
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	5,565	5,297	6,256	6,150	6,779	7,678	8,788	9,410
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	8,957	7,672	9,269	9,359	8,779	7,971	8,331	6,202
\$500,000 or more .....	3,087	1,196	1,415	1,383	895	570	464	251
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	66,382	70,890	69,123	59,716	60,936	68,547	74,910	76,962
Partnership .....	5,737	4,549	6,986	6,471	6,690	8,757	10,030	10,668
Corporation .....	2,956	1,843	2,169	2,006	1,772	1,690	1,654	1,217
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	786	515	459	398	313	283	340	284
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	24,974	30,999	26,168	24,166	26,226	28,490	30,127	32,173
Any .....	50,887	46,798	48,661	40,955	40,575	46,025	50,847	53,488
200 days or more .....	33,448	34,638	35,888	29,742	29,330	32,749	35,412	37,737
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	32,676	43,488	33,210	31,022	34,604	39,569	43,174	44,283
Other .....	43,185	34,309	45,527	37,569	36,107	39,708	43,760	44,848
Average age of principal operator ..... years	55.7	53.8	52.5	53.1	52.0	51.1	49.8	49.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	5,459,960	3,925,358	3,707,688	3,608,839	3,119,014	2,730,026	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	538,127	269,910	275,990	267,858	287,297	285,542	244,491	227,726
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	959,439	648,768	717,475	713,397	545,008	422,319	392,540	280,456
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	655,238	325,128	351,580	345,896	305,407	276,272	357,480	266,212
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	319,466	168,692	185,807	180,186	176,670	150,404	229,853	138,918
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	411,941	362,702	323,689	314,865	259,501	218,106	166,229	137,949
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	296,918	266,004	250,159	238,538	216,492	239,733	(NA)	353,605
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	254,732	193,596	228,782	224,526	189,954	152,953	139,930	89,870
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	26,105	28,672	32,157	28,244	29,874	35,123	42,240	43,127
..... number	1,272,402	1,240,612	1,337,137	1,282,546	1,362,489	1,469,662	1,619,488	1,658,588
Beef cows ..... farms	17,398	16,104	19,696	17,060	16,885	19,417	23,304	23,852
..... number	293,757	260,702	316,494	293,570	272,920	284,646	316,523	338,403
Milk cows ..... farms	3,650	4,754	5,714	5,425	6,980	9,144	11,377	12,698
..... number	271,938	261,759	260,686	262,834	295,677	347,305	368,601	363,863
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	21,438	22,938	29,107	26,278	27,852	33,250	38,030	40,904
..... number	793,955	728,224	746,886	711,149	772,063	899,517	872,813	1,024,436
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	3,718	4,286	6,637	5,952	9,392	11,421	13,769	17,537
..... number	1,831,084	1,422,966	1,687,708	1,700,491	1,957,945	2,059,174	2,076,768	2,126,166
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	4,505	4,976	6,499	5,938	9,640	11,752	13,805	17,683
..... number	5,881,107	4,609,153	3,525,835	3,531,228	3,936,095	3,810,492	3,574,397	3,353,261
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	5,255	4,419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	27,070,109	30,759,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	791	968	603	496	532	525	754	671
..... number	49,656,074	28,764,494	42,240,562	41,135,469	25,257,739	8,967,735	11,627,475	14,723,956

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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 .....	24,436	23,898	32,740	31,517	37,341	45,702	52,659	54,963
farms	3,606,246	2,869,951	3,414,017	3,378,205	3,486,744	3,107,822	3,862,625	3,455,555
acres	526,601,789	254,817,899	434,305,912	429,619,833	467,163,760	355,339,490	417,724,837	350,988,774
bushels	3,928	5,503	5,706	5,526	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	182,935	255,359	176,746	177,045	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,191,893	2,617,895	2,708,715	2,710,560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	11,485	14,340	19,134	18,747	24,054	26,086	32,648	31,663
Wheat for grain, all .....	732,106	796,085	1,003,596	994,276	1,089,529	838,496	1,151,219	943,133
bushels	42,997,358	46,929,358	55,644,968	55,105,157	54,020,364	42,452,489	47,417,971	36,576,855
farms	11,485	14,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	732,106	796,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	42,997,358	46,929,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,800	3,865	6,186	5,728	8,048	13,494	18,280	19,507
acres	46,348	55,151	85,361	81,168	115,727	206,970	304,190	302,390
bushels	2,883,967	3,254,377	5,668,829	5,393,500	7,901,758	13,781,107	20,554,883	18,325,795
Barley for grain .....	210	489	604	553	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,994	5,745	7,228	6,882	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	159,965	312,127	407,518	388,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	16	21	29	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,203	996	568	538	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	50,854	62,303	41,145	40,105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	122	110	145	137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,718	1,861	2,449	2,337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	33,003	15,564	23,523	22,647	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	23,892	26,327	29,365	28,554	31,635	36,570	39,065	44,190
farms	4,236,337	4,718,690	4,155,440	4,115,575	3,776,952	3,713,340	3,633,196	3,846,614
acres	191,559,567	149,809,069	174,584,429	172,972,596	145,432,936	132,974,160	124,408,037	121,071,160
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	1	44	71	65	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	3,988	3,013	2,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	118,072	40,752	38,851	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	475	1,845	2,821	2,811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	3,499	5,764	11,284	11,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,811,760	10,108,789	21,182,275	21,629,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	31,440	33,939	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,156,523	1,271,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,807,279	3,085,746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	4	31	42	32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	102	849	(D)	705	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	143,800	868,377	(D)	737,936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	21	34	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	-	1,530	1,854	1,824	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	32,380	33,202	32,282	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	2,873	2,323	2,566	2,177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	47,014	45,542	48,537	45,591	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	631	314	333	281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	2,943	4,865	5,245	5,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	33	46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	12	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	1,462	1,654	1,709	1,395	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	10,367	13,144	15,546	14,078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres								

<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.