

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	86,565	83,300	84,028	74,214	66,937	70,228	72,523	72,237
Land in farms acres	35,087,269	33,661,826	34,069,201	33,218,677	32,143,030	31,541,977	32,369,206	33,737,292
Average size of farm acres	405	404	405	448	480	449	446	467
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	468,809	285,730	257,665	271,996	235,359	215,024	311,642	235,858
Average per acre dollars	1,157	699	628	610	496	480	699	503
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	5,508,048	3,350,879	3,015,448	2,741,400	2,134,331	2,063,371	2,323,995	1,718,075
Average per farm dollars	63,642	42,155	35,893	36,936	31,943	29,465	32,109	23,850
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,802	3,091	3,354	2,505	2,832	3,666	3,244	2,749
10 to 49 acres	18,700	17,072	16,132	12,673	9,614	10,134	10,651	7,894
50 to 179 acres	29,719	28,776	28,842	24,681	21,099	22,331	23,558	23,643
180 to 499 acres	19,140	19,357	19,749	18,288	17,234	18,006	18,670	20,352
500 to 999 acres	7,484	7,668	8,149	8,155	8,202	8,405	8,850	10,038
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4,165	4,119	4,795	4,973	5,133	5,132	5,124	5,181
2,000 acres or more	3,555	3,217	3,007	2,939	2,823	2,554	2,426	2,380
Total cropland farms	59,040	61,779	64,133	58,741	53,197	55,783	57,562	59,471
..... acres	13,007,625	14,843,357	15,478,091	14,843,823	14,520,063	14,443,459	14,213,548	14,365,738
Harvested cropland farms	46,224	43,930	48,060	44,786	42,015	43,522	45,825	48,168
..... acres	7,650,080	7,705,860	8,964,248	8,462,079	8,272,889	7,319,193	8,961,353	8,585,011
Irrigated land farms	3,026	2,942	2,860	2,710	2,581	3,029	3,069	3,770
..... acres	534,768	517,553	509,109	506,459	512,487	478,437	492,077	601,723
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	5,806,061	4,456,404	4,253,753	4,146,351	3,562,646	2,714,892	2,530,061	2,330,408
Average per farm dollars	67,072	53,498	50,623	55,870	53,224	38,658	34,886	32,261
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,187,625	819,078	951,705	907,865	778,813	610,050	827,694	617,737
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	4,618,436	3,637,326	3,302,048	3,238,485	2,783,832	2,104,842	1,702,366	1,712,670
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	34,669	29,927	26,997	20,476	15,902	18,501	20,261	16,150
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9,059	9,925	12,992	11,713	10,189	11,073	11,282	12,354
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10,731	12,452	13,384	12,341	11,208	11,999	11,490	12,887
\$10,000 to \$24,999	13,494	12,833	13,382	12,869	12,543	12,805	12,348	14,199
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,886	7,373	6,388	6,234	6,493	6,300	6,845	7,798
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,563	4,340	4,458	4,285	4,609	4,479	5,217	5,116
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,326	5,256	5,371	5,252	5,260	4,606	4,678	3,426
\$500,000 or more	1,837	1,194	1,056	1,044	733	465	360	260
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	77,412	78,197	76,373	67,226	60,304	64,099	65,745	65,551
Partnership	5,905	3,392	5,437	4,963	4,985	4,711	5,541	5,795
Corporation	1,769	1,116	1,520	1,416	1,196	1,049	886	675
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,479	595	698	609	452	369	351	216
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	29,750	34,931	28,567	26,047	25,434	25,405	22,354	25,383
Any	56,815	48,369	50,681	43,859	36,697	40,839	43,879	43,819
200 days or more	37,167	36,671	37,145	31,803	25,827	28,495	30,961	30,245
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	36,052	46,053	35,653	33,060	33,279	33,052	32,847	32,053
Other	50,513	37,247	48,375	41,154	33,658	37,176	39,676	40,184
Average age of principal operator years	57.6	56.0	54.8	55.1	55.0	53.6	51.9	51.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	5,223,365	4,069,112	3,784,514	3,576,456	3,117,869	2,359,468	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	1,463,556	1,244,354	1,138,481	1,100,066	1,103,395	745,844	626,108	679,962
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,307,568	917,560	967,014	900,546	628,412	439,530	396,650	417,136
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	286,976	168,328	175,692	163,334	140,995	102,292	116,377	113,512
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	316,477	173,813	167,206	156,445	146,709	128,203	181,287	111,338
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	255,062	237,162	191,754	183,170	144,750	124,732	98,335	80,082
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	287,123	243,623	239,768	224,537	195,857	189,200	263,323	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	90,112	60,663	70,673	65,621	57,080	54,052	31,075	33,421
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	55,105	59,155	63,439	58,023	52,241	53,544	58,236	58,604
..... number	5,391,337	5,324,240	5,378,950	5,321,161	4,736,594	4,537,774	4,673,900	4,940,392
Beef cows farms	47,059	50,465	53,502	49,284	44,115	44,130	49,090	49,510
..... number	2,063,613	2,050,866	1,947,902	1,931,805	1,728,273	1,630,425	1,830,253	1,870,791
Milk cows farms	981	1,828	2,118	1,921	2,297	2,828	4,504	5,425
..... number	66,023	86,270	88,351	87,647	90,312	90,499	108,021	101,843
Cattle and calves sold farms	45,512	51,414	60,973	56,600	51,240	53,577	57,030	60,077
..... number	3,895,053	4,218,687	4,383,068	4,346,420	3,953,960	3,630,285	3,374,886	4,164,215
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	2,702	2,491	3,575	3,002	3,415	3,710	4,225	6,984
..... number	2,398,372	2,246,926	1,697,850	1,689,700	260,682	187,351	212,510	307,527
Hogs and pigs sold farms	2,274	2,256	2,417	2,082	2,776	3,090	3,665	6,240
..... number	9,010,682	7,264,319	3,979,738	3,943,563	500,299	346,686	355,782	480,881
Layers inventory (see text) farms	5,235	4,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	3,323,802	4,200,104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	636	871	751	632	529	556	462	407
..... number	242,228,335	231,877,714	197,077,480	169,292,948	138,607,293	89,704,380	49,399,727	39,514,824

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	913 farms	740	714	706	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	270,838 acres	182,777	151,007	150,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	38,603,555 bushels	23,642,448	20,964,252	20,917,282	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	185 farms	189	216	211	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	30,163 acres	29,204	23,519	23,361	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	567,496 tons	548,478	393,674	391,670	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	8,744 farms	9,611	14,881	13,935	16,716	18,644	22,999	22,589
	3,421,098 acres	3,592,828	5,298,901	4,825,074	5,197,545	4,276,344	5,972,135	5,039,915
	89,968,524 bushels	102,044,001	155,472,171	141,302,977	138,121,986	113,464,955	171,665,099	124,604,327
Winter wheat for grain	8,744 farms	9,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	3,421,098 acres	3,592,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	89,968,524 bushels	102,044,001	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	172 farms	334	693	676	1,006	1,114	2,264	2,654
	14,816 acres	16,326	30,377	30,391	37,838	40,105	82,169	88,925
	462,865 bushels	608,263	1,160,755	1,159,885	1,278,578	1,277,283	3,111,780	2,964,658
Barley for grain	42 farms	58	53	52	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	5,038 acres	2,343	2,817	2,809	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	207,751 bushels	98,417	113,448	113,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	966 farms	1,264	2,650	2,557	2,076	2,961	3,337	4,676
	219,883 acres	262,032	427,925	417,872	281,244	339,368	468,269	516,245
	11,682,402 bushels	11,166,761	19,346,930	18,863,920	13,933,273	15,114,650	18,714,432	17,993,503
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	164 farms	190	275	277	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	13,661 acres	13,345	19,829	20,060	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	68,537 tons	135,882	225,499	227,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	813 farms	1,167	1,975	1,921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	180,878 acres	246,962	325,539	323,082	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	4,559,245 bushels	6,218,396	9,544,400	9,498,068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	7 farms	3	5	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	150 acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	2,792 cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	420 farms	581	823	849	1,726	2,913	2,848	4,279
	164,273 acres	172,228	172,340	176,962	296,484	360,299	414,312	548,619
	279,871 bales	210,027	185,799	190,186	212,041	306,388	235,262	336,710
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	39,449 farms	36,898	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	3,231,691 acres	3,084,888	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	6,718,879 tons, dry	5,802,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	3 farms	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	(D) acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	(D) cwt	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	20 farms	23	8	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	3,626 acres	4,711	(D)	348	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	6,574,767 pounds	8,000,456	(D)	297,467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	148 farms	418	667	662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	16,319 acres	53,390	67,620	68,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	55,039,635 pounds	144,450,348	161,610,559	163,572,035	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	834 farms	582	684	629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	18,013 acres	18,565	19,646	19,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	215 farms	67	38	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	307 acres	434	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	29 farms	12	9	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	13 acres	21	11	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards	4,036 farms	3,279	3,072	2,733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	143,892 acres	88,088	88,735	86,272	(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.