

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 | 1,219 | 858 | 994 | 735 | 649 | 701 | 728 | 674 |
| Land in farms acres | 67,819 | 61,223 | 65,083 | 55,256 | 49,601 | 58,685 | 62,466 | 66,233 |
| Average size of farm acres | 56 | 71 | 65 | 75 | 76 | 84 | 86 | 98 |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm dollars | 936,229 | 658,290 | 401,259 | 442,402 | 481,783 | 420,279 | 237,141 | 236,436 |
| Average per acre dollars | 16,828 | 9,225 | 6,128 | 5,885 | 6,304 | 4,748 | 2,760 | 2,335 |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000 | 79,457 | 47,926 | 34,283 | 28,517 | 24,479 | 25,178 | 18,824 | 14,643 |
| Average per farm dollars | 65,343 | 57,882 | 34,490 | 38,799 | 37,718 | 35,918 | 25,893 | 21,726 |
| Farms by size: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 9 acres | 353 | 208 | 258 | 181 | 128 | 131 | 113 | 120 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 484 | 305 | 369 | 257 | 237 | 250 | 273 | 206 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 308 | 271 | 286 | 221 | 215 | 241 | 251 | 252 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 67 | 63 | 66 | 61 | 57 | 66 | 82 | 82 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 5 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | - | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total cropland farms | 926 | 688 | 867 | 661 | 591 | 597 | 655 | 624 |
| acres | 24,457 | 23,506 | 29,750 | 25,611 | 24,411 | 26,121 | 28,180 | 32,418 |
| Harvested cropland farms | 823 | 628 | 778 | 606 | 517 | 523 | 576 | 560 |
| acres | 19,325 | 17,820 | 21,537 | 19,019 | 18,136 | 18,498 | 21,252 | 23,704 |
| Irrigated land farms | 313 | 264 | 211 | 180 | 132 | 105 | 84 | 78 |
| acres | 4,306 | 3,963 | 3,333 | 3,265 | 2,979 | 3,494 | 2,224 | 2,801 |
| Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000 | 65,908 | 55,546 | 51,133 | 48,200 | 39,512 | 37,786 | 30,376 | 25,757 |
| Average per farm dollars | 54,067 | 64,740 | 51,442 | 65,578 | 60,882 | 53,903 | 41,726 | 38,216 |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000 | 55,602 | 47,138 | 41,472 | 39,423 | 27,431 | 26,685 | 18,139 | 15,211 |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000 | 10,306 | 8,408 | 9,661 | 8,777 | 12,082 | 11,100 | 12,237 | 10,546 |
| Farms by value of sales ² : | | | | | | | | |
| Less than \$2,500 | 487 | 287 | 363 | 210 | 175 | 290 | 271 | 206 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 140 | 110 | 123 | 91 | 115 | 79 | 95 | 112 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 147 | 98 | 111 | 91 | 85 | 82 | 91 | 65 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 179 | 130 | 135 | 109 | 99 | 79 | 92 | 96 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 93 | 65 | 82 | 73 | 49 | 41 | 52 | 74 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 56 | 56 | 76 | 64 | 49 | 55 | 58 | 66 |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999 | 88 | 84 | 85 | 78 | 57 | 58 | 55 | 43 |
| \$500,000 or more | 29 | 28 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 9 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | | | | | | |
| Family or individual | 918 | 699 | 789 | 573 | 529 | 567 | 620 | 571 |
| Partnership | 110 | 52 | 66 | 54 | 42 | 45 | 52 | 54 |
| Corporation | 176 | 90 | 127 | 98 | 73 | 80 | 51 | 44 |
| Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc | 15 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ : | | | | | | | | |
| None | 396 | 392 | 416 | 328 | 293 | 265 | 271 | 318 |
| Any | 823 | 466 | 547 | 381 | 323 | 395 | 413 | 334 |
| 200 days or more | 500 | 324 | 382 | 260 | 202 | 262 | 299 | 240 |
| Principal operator by primary occupation: | | | | | | | | |
| Farming | 621 | 442 | 467 | 370 | 333 | 345 | 346 | 373 |
| Other | 598 | 416 | 527 | 365 | 316 | 356 | 382 | 301 |
| Average age of principal operator years | 56.3 | 54.3 | 54.0 | 54.1 | 53.4 | 52.7 | 52.4 | 52.3 |
| Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000 | 65,062 | 48,029 | 38,759 | 35,350 | 32,436 | 29,736 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Selected farm production expenses ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000 | 748 | 730 | 975 | 848 | 1,130 | 1,146 | 1,271 | 1,198 |
| Feed purchased \$1,000 | 5,171 | 3,121 | 3,275 | 2,924 | 4,320 | 3,684 | 5,347 | 4,941 |
| Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000 | 3,175 | 1,853 | 1,613 | 1,528 | 1,332 | 1,335 | 1,125 | 1,094 |
| Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000 | 3,950 | 1,823 | 1,820 | 1,642 | 1,487 | 1,390 | 1,819 | 1,328 |
| Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000 | 16,165 | 13,508 | 11,258 | 10,755 | 9,076 | 9,536 | 5,559 | 4,462 |
| Interest expense \$1,000 | 3,159 | 1,455 | 2,003 | 1,744 | 1,473 | 1,298 | 1,569 | (NA) |
| Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000 | 1,441 | 1,047 | 857 | 824 | 904 | 778 | 647 | 580 |
| Livestock and poultry: | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory farms | 276 | 225 | 300 | 200 | 208 | 253 | 340 | 294 |
| number | 5,085 | 5,308 | 6,524 | 5,749 | 6,057 | 6,930 | 8,997 | 9,431 |
| Beef cows farms | 227 | 163 | 193 | 129 | 133 | 156 | 192 | 139 |
| number | 1,800 | 1,481 | 1,342 | 1,062 | 967 | 1,133 | 1,251 | 1,123 |
| Milk cows farms | 39 | 43 | 60 | 45 | 55 | 70 | 123 | 135 |
| number | 1,325 | 1,828 | 2,355 | 2,239 | 2,565 | 2,975 | 3,872 | 4,677 |
| Cattle and calves sold farms | 148 | 118 | 207 | 158 | 162 | 206 | 260 | 247 |
| number | 1,629 | 1,479 | 2,586 | 2,315 | 2,509 | 3,259 | 3,544 | 4,669 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory farms | 103 | 64 | 89 | 60 | 48 | 59 | 73 | 89 |
| number | 2,316 | 2,381 | 3,763 | 2,764 | 5,488 | 4,719 | 3,030 | 6,141 |
| Hogs and pigs sold farms | 81 | 51 | 60 | 45 | 41 | 49 | 45 | 54 |
| number | 4,526 | 3,041 | 7,578 | 4,951 | 6,011 | 4,990 | 3,269 | 7,106 |
| Layers inventory (see text) farms | 154 | 138 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number | 45,825 | 38,223 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms | 12 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| number | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | 58,714 | (D) | (D) |

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| All farms | 2007 | 2002 | 1997 | Not adjusted for coverage | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | | | | 1997 | 1992 | 1987 | 1982 | 1978 | |
| Selected crops harvested: | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 4 | 5 | 11 | 9 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 41 | 41 | 48 | 45 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 3,207 | 3,616 | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | 39 | 54 | 58 | 53 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 1,653 | 2,356 | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 32,886 | 38,923 | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Oats for grain | (D) | 44 | 28 | 28 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | (D) | 1,798 | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | - | - | 2 | 2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sorghum for grain | - | - | 2 | 2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sorghum for silage or greenchop | - | - | 2 | 2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons | - | - | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Soybeans for beans | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | - | (D) | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | - | (D) | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | - | (D) | (D) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) | 351 | 251 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 9,304 | 7,417 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 19,042 | 15,900 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons, dry | | | | | | | | | |
| Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ | 203 | 141 | 134 | 126 | 126 | 99 | 120 | 135 | |
| farms | 2,418 | 1,961 | 1,966 | 1,907 | 1,868 | 1,947 | 1,908 | 2,208 | |
| acres | 30 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 21 | 35 | |
| bushels | 542 | 525 | 797 | 788 | 1,310 | 1,410 | 2,879 | 3,535 | |
| Sweet potatoes | 5 | 1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | |
| farms | 1 | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | |
| acres | 100 | 72 | 61 | 54 | 72 | 83 | 79 | 62 | |
| bushels | 580 | 464 | 417 | 389 | 664 | 856 | 827 | 702 | |

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.