

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| All farms | 2007 | 2002 | 1997 | Not adjusted for coverage | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | 1997 | 1992 | 1987 | 1982 | 1978 |
| Farms number | 25,867 | 24,541 | 25,807 | 20,189 | 20,242 | 20,517 | 24,929 | 26,706 |
| Land in farms acres | 4,889,339 | 4,845,923 | 4,974,138 | 4,593,452 | 4,472,569 | 4,758,631 | 5,589,799 | 6,045,719 |
| Average size of farm acres | 189 | 197 | 193 | 228 | 221 | 232 | 224 | 226 |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm dollars | 540,200 | 410,897 | 293,342 | 324,834 | 251,583 | 201,169 | 208,524 | 171,558 |
| Average per acre dollars | 2,858 | 2,067 | 1,552 | 1,482 | 1,137 | 871 | 946 | 758 |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000 | 1,680,701 | 1,208,945 | 1,055,358 | 902,193 | 667,725 | 639,734 | 761,038 | 692,409 |
| Average per farm dollars | 64,977 | 53,108 | 40,896 | 44,687 | 33,077 | 31,252 | 30,576 | 26,002 |
| Farms by size: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 9 acres | 1,970 | 1,706 | 1,843 | 1,224 | 1,302 | 1,337 | 1,471 | 1,499 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 8,959 | 8,536 | 8,124 | 5,712 | 5,495 | 5,437 | 6,956 | 6,906 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 9,033 | 8,504 | 9,637 | 7,502 | 7,591 | 7,742 | 9,421 | 10,551 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 3,981 | 3,749 | 4,043 | 3,611 | 3,699 | 3,762 | 4,490 | 5,045 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 1,059 | 1,107 | 1,254 | 1,225 | 1,263 | 1,303 | 1,560 | 1,638 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 553 | 626 | 629 | 638 | 642 | 673 | 708 | 743 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 312 | 313 | 277 | 277 | 250 | 263 | 323 | 324 |
| Total cropland farms | 18,534 | 19,450 | 21,181 | 17,514 | 18,037 | 18,578 | 23,166 | 25,427 |
| acres | 2,151,219 | 2,270,084 | 2,603,915 | 2,462,818 | 2,588,525 | 2,686,117 | 3,179,278 | 3,375,565 |
| Harvested cropland farms | 12,962 | 13,321 | 15,972 | 13,426 | 14,587 | 15,556 | 20,144 | 22,875 |
| acres | 1,551,670 | 1,374,617 | 1,732,870 | 1,654,535 | 1,590,794 | 1,589,636 | 2,474,025 | 2,524,147 |
| Irrigated land farms | 2,030 | 1,918 | 1,435 | 1,248 | 1,219 | 1,216 | 946 | 770 |
| acres | 132,439 | 95,642 | 88,898 | 86,477 | 75,681 | 80,689 | 81,326 | 32,031 |
| Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000 | 2,352,681 | 1,489,750 | 1,679,193 | 1,588,173 | 1,066,079 | 878,683 | 968,554 | 854,974 |
| Average per farm dollars | 90,953 | 60,705 | 65,067 | 78,665 | 52,667 | 42,827 | 38,853 | 32,014 |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000 | 798,490 | 593,245 | 821,107 | 791,104 | 562,036 | 451,285 | 601,018 | 543,171 |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000 | 1,554,190 | 896,505 | 858,086 | 797,069 | 504,043 | 427,398 | 367,536 | 311,804 |
| Farms by value of sales ² : | | | | | | | | |
| Less than \$2,500 | 14,336 | 14,496 | 11,602 | 8,155 | 7,341 | 7,419 | 9,288 | 8,910 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 2,609 | 2,543 | 3,940 | 3,060 | 3,317 | 3,516 | 3,756 | 4,342 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 2,875 | 2,204 | 3,335 | 2,714 | 2,897 | 2,900 | 3,308 | 3,857 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 2,289 | 2,117 | 2,603 | 2,274 | 2,428 | 2,547 | 3,101 | 3,685 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 1,289 | 921 | 1,137 | 1,003 | 1,301 | 1,276 | 1,621 | 2,154 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 664 | 600 | 776 | 703 | 937 | 954 | 1,511 | 1,696 |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999 | 844 | 970 | 1,515 | 1,432 | 1,554 | 1,592 | 2,044 | 1,862 |
| \$500,000 or more | 961 | 690 | 899 | 848 | 467 | 313 | 287 | 182 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | | | | | | |
| Family or individual | 22,989 | 22,755 | 23,328 | 18,078 | 17,933 | 18,337 | 22,297 | 23,673 |
| Partnership | 1,827 | 1,050 | 1,576 | 1,337 | 1,621 | 1,583 | 2,078 | 2,487 |
| Corporation | 845 | 556 | 746 | 649 | 547 | 488 | 417 | 453 |
| Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc | 206 | 180 | 157 | 125 | 141 | 109 | 137 | 93 |
| Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ : | | | | | | | | |
| None | 9,066 | 10,917 | 9,041 | 7,443 | 7,573 | 7,335 | 8,390 | 9,769 |
| Any | 16,801 | 13,624 | 15,355 | 11,615 | 11,271 | 11,791 | 14,172 | 15,596 |
| 200 days or more | 10,239 | 10,075 | 11,320 | 8,472 | 8,326 | 8,549 | 10,118 | 10,866 |
| Principal operator by primary occupation: | | | | | | | | |
| Farming | 9,739 | 11,377 | 9,484 | 7,959 | 8,866 | 8,983 | 11,299 | 12,477 |
| Other | 16,128 | 13,164 | 16,323 | 12,230 | 11,376 | 11,534 | 13,630 | 14,229 |
| Average age of principal operator years | 58.5 | 56.9 | 55.9 | 56.3 | 55.5 | 54.5 | 52.6 | 51.9 |
| Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000 | 2,012,179 | 1,313,233 | 1,361,270 | 1,233,736 | 897,923 | 736,918 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Selected farm production expenses ¹ : | | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000 | 170,676 | 97,058 | 98,683 | 88,949 | 66,195 | 62,818 | 53,566 | 46,966 |
| Feed purchased \$1,000 | 761,414 | 369,275 | 453,846 | 410,005 | 199,673 | 170,086 | 141,310 | 129,971 |
| Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000 | 143,408 | 86,434 | 99,913 | 92,169 | 83,614 | 68,222 | 97,736 | 94,953 |
| Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000 | 102,948 | 59,334 | 65,681 | 59,101 | 54,384 | 41,808 | 73,992 | 50,757 |
| Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000 | 173,196 | 158,993 | 140,709 | 129,512 | 111,836 | 92,317 | 79,734 | 79,173 |
| Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000 | 58,971 | 55,104 | 52,833 | 47,350 | 40,773 | 42,815 | 74,196 | (NA) |
| Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000 | 73,930 | 62,783 | 82,265 | 76,319 | 57,191 | 42,545 | 59,103 | 48,546 |
| Livestock and poultry: | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory farms | 8,835 | 10,000 | 12,600 | 9,902 | 10,026 | 10,227 | 12,133 | 11,683 |
| number | 400,996 | 432,265 | 479,758 | 453,631 | 451,719 | 428,491 | 507,279 | 474,050 |
| Beef cows farms | 8,177 | 8,730 | 10,867 | 8,671 | 8,998 | 8,903 | 10,278 | 9,978 |
| number | 230,419 | 218,650 | 242,808 | 229,048 | 222,566 | 205,344 | 226,482 | 219,696 |
| Milk cows farms | 106 | 326 | 498 | 394 | 540 | 697 | 1,219 | 1,485 |
| number | 17,830 | 20,182 | 25,240 | 24,766 | 31,923 | 40,113 | 47,559 | 45,544 |
| Cattle and calves sold farms | 6,782 | 7,139 | 11,610 | 9,287 | 9,337 | 9,635 | 10,583 | 10,628 |
| number | 187,787 | 179,594 | 234,940 | 216,812 | 200,396 | 218,766 | 213,608 | 245,161 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory farms | 812 | 900 | 1,420 | 1,226 | 2,237 | 3,249 | 4,709 | 7,210 |
| number | 293,793 | 291,743 | 311,650 | 304,793 | 327,572 | 352,413 | 399,810 | 478,660 |
| Hogs and pigs sold farms | 700 | 736 | 1,183 | 1,031 | 2,048 | 3,031 | 3,965 | 6,341 |
| number | 1,091,982 | 1,065,420 | 754,048 | 711,109 | 637,592 | 619,986 | 646,956 | 690,956 |
| Layers inventory (see text) farms | 1,756 | 1,107 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number | 4,714,337 | 5,583,892 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms | 453 | 426 | 447 | 366 | 292 | 227 | 210 | 216 |
| number | 236,209,584 | 181,792,956 | 183,717,630 | 158,678,646 | 106,171,059 | 60,295,197 | 41,578,104 | 30,821,889 |

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Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years - Con.

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| All farms | 2007 | 2002 | 1997 | Not adjusted for coverage | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | 1997 | 1992 | 1987 | 1982 | 1978 |
| Selected crops harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 2,601 | 2,243 | 4,083 | 3,531 | 4,346 | 6,292 | 7,942 | 11,240 |
| farms | 372,558 | 240,085 | 314,566 | 300,934 | 311,947 | 309,791 | 384,966 | 523,326 |
| bushels | 35,122,617 | 11,147,604 | 29,125,176 | 28,107,576 | 27,192,657 | 22,143,190 | 31,085,287 | 29,268,243 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 121 | 140 | 248 | 226 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 13,392 | 13,890 | 20,471 | 20,124 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 184,659 | 147,218 | 285,840 | 280,856 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons | 726 | 967 | 2,384 | 2,138 | 2,237 | 3,097 | 4,478 | 1,216 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 136,766 | 155,776 | 318,466 | 306,935 | 240,634 | 213,374 | 426,528 | 53,730 |
| bushels | 3,986,026 | 5,710,029 | 14,994,429 | 14,500,101 | 10,470,395 | 7,558,179 | 14,810,264 | 1,745,494 |
| farms | 726 | 967 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 136,766 | 155,776 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | 3,986,026 | 5,710,029 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Oats for grain | 344 | 579 | 706 | 625 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 13,279 | 21,202 | 18,236 | 17,281 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 559,906 | 975,883 | 1,006,683 | 961,509 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | 29 | 36 | 76 | 67 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 747 | 1,790 | 3,129 | 2,976 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 44,457 | 87,645 | 183,964 | 172,365 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | 91 | 60 | 102 | 89 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sorghum for grain | 5,996 | 3,467 | 4,039 | 3,955 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 210,854 | 100,221 | 172,874 | 171,073 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| bushels | 25 | 56 | 16 | 16 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 1,898 | 3,885 | 1,053 | 1,053 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons | 13,596 | 26,447 | 12,926 | 12,926 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Soybeans for beans | 1,920 | 1,741 | 3,468 | 3,044 | 4,015 | 5,220 | 10,552 | 12,811 |
| farms | 442,461 | 350,272 | 529,238 | 507,687 | 532,909 | 597,258 | 1,385,643 | 1,404,636 |
| acres | 7,833,696 | 5,897,022 | 11,991,017 | 11,554,522 | 11,521,171 | 12,872,219 | 29,039,562 | 29,082,744 |
| bushels | 458 | 497 | 949 | 894 | 861 | 744 | 417 | 488 |
| farms | 158,296 | 208,420 | 290,281 | 285,858 | 191,690 | 116,424 | 95,392 | 100,793 |
| acres | 159,213 | 134,886 | 404,212 | 397,545 | 223,658 | 102,078 | 147,897 | 114,401 |
| bales | 260 | 873 | 1,403 | 1,275 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tobacco | 20,084 | 30,241 | 56,512 | 54,660 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 44,660,005 | 57,551,827 | 129,155,994 | 125,220,334 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | | | | | | | | |
| pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) | 7,830 | 7,985 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 340,951 | 342,207 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 591,501 | 684,149 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| tons, dry | 39 | 83 | 12 | 11 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sunflower seed, all | 764 | 516 | (D) | 212 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 249,094 | 111,550 | (D) | 197,950 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 327 | 178 | 161 | 146 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| pounds | 56,332 | 10,344 | 10,114 | 10,097 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 178,352,360 | 24,466,790 | 28,308,874 | 28,250,921 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) | 1,520 | 1,046 | 1,213 | 1,040 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 28,275 | 30,362 | 30,894 | 28,774 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 226 | 77 | 75 | 60 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Potatoes | 154 | 305 | 369 | 355 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 107 | 119 | 134 | 112 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 497 | 847 | 816 | 753 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sweet potatoes | 1,125 | 1,297 | 1,046 | 885 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| farms | 22,185 | 24,389 | 25,953 | 24,775 | (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.