

**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	79,280	87,595	91,536	76,818	75,076	79,711	90,565	86,910
Land in farms ..... acres	10,969,798	11,681,533	11,986,258	11,122,363	11,169,086	11,731,386	12,474,931	12,680,809
Average size of farm ..... acres	138	133	131	145	149	147	138	146
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	467,420	325,783	245,186	261,209	186,171	146,126	139,141	125,238
Average per acre ..... dollars	3,378	2,405	1,859	1,808	1,245	1,001	1,014	856
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	4,668,199	3,844,998	2,875,913	2,547,208	1,906,868	1,803,541	1,870,910	1,561,026
Average per farm ..... dollars	58,882	45,263	31,425	33,158	25,520	22,700	20,713	17,997
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	5,814	6,066	7,923	5,919	7,336	7,306	9,481	7,611
10 to 49 acres .....	29,396	32,116	31,254	24,401	22,173	23,209	26,965	23,141
50 to 179 acres .....	29,588	34,272	35,829	30,719	29,572	32,266	35,998	37,057
180 to 499 acres .....	10,847	11,357	12,644	11,924	11,873	12,697	13,757	14,806
500 to 999 acres .....	2,287	2,446	2,550	2,544	2,707	2,906	3,065	3,037
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	892	896	969	945	1,062	984	995	993
2,000 acres or more .....	456	442	367	366	353	343	304	265
Total cropland ..... farms	61,274	74,086	79,858	69,393	69,297	73,703	84,774	82,450
..... acres	6,047,348	6,992,992	7,451,482	7,069,470	7,086,879	7,185,903	7,602,106	7,786,086
Harvested cropland ..... farms	48,292	56,316	62,999	56,016	58,527	63,754	74,518	73,823
..... acres	4,226,440	4,365,360	4,233,018	4,064,058	3,817,720	3,854,302	4,548,895	4,409,331
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,453	2,592	1,985	1,768	1,544	1,899	1,141	1,254
..... acres	81,405	61,217	47,010	45,581	36,974	37,776	17,745	13,163
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	2,617,394	2,199,814	2,263,035	2,178,389	1,933,506	1,617,636	1,683,852	1,395,535
Average per farm ..... dollars	33,015	25,113	24,723	28,358	25,754	20,294	18,593	16,057
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	1,147,786	1,072,548	1,173,774	1,143,674	969,439	701,828	848,819	658,403
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	1,469,608	1,127,266	1,089,261	1,034,714	964,067	915,807	835,033	737,132
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	38,522	42,741	36,808	27,201	21,446	27,451	29,211	26,650
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	9,539	12,859	16,847	14,578	14,365	16,106	19,026	19,438
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	11,217	12,311	15,548	13,751	14,918	14,398	16,859	16,900
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	9,488	10,012	11,975	11,217	13,088	11,446	13,458	13,079
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	4,712	3,691	4,096	3,987	4,641	4,127	5,129	5,094
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2,001	2,133	2,277	2,176	2,681	2,719	3,358	3,137
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	2,586	3,046	3,209	3,138	3,448	3,168	3,261	2,427
\$500,000 or more .....	1,215	802	776	770	489	296	238	145
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	72,675	82,866	83,403	69,585	66,992	71,976	80,881	77,317
Partnership .....	5,568	3,996	7,031	6,275	7,234	6,947	8,910	8,868
Corporation .....	865	452	769	681	556	496	511	590
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	172	281	333	277	294	292	263	135
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	26,299	36,807	28,565	25,230	25,395	26,744	27,751	28,951
Any .....	52,981	50,788	58,314	47,484	44,536	48,882	54,964	53,627
200 days or more .....	32,834	38,771	44,358	35,678	33,366	36,187	39,278	38,586
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	30,849	44,100	30,635	27,680	29,878	30,745	36,802	36,209
Other .....	48,431	43,495	60,901	49,138	45,198	48,966	53,763	50,701
Average age of principal operator ..... years	57.8	56.0	54.8	55.4	54.6	53.8	52.3	52.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	2,620,841	1,996,798	1,785,713	1,641,727	1,492,457	1,282,885	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	213,700	175,145	165,461	148,848	153,877	142,988	127,847	126,405
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	547,993	386,790	353,956	312,849	266,443	237,592	228,199	209,886
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	301,586	171,689	168,679	160,025	148,377	119,418	124,921	107,441
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	160,637	93,416	92,683	85,428	83,727	72,838	107,387	66,198
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	214,487	173,255	166,163	159,187	138,434	117,140	109,251	81,407
Interest expense ..... \$1,000	158,689	147,275	126,260	113,698	110,900	115,019	161,398	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	126,529	101,619	99,379	94,026	79,851	57,923	57,848	40,824
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	46,719	50,471	58,623	51,089	50,592	52,965	60,924	56,962
..... number	2,122,018	2,233,988	2,213,719	2,145,405	2,162,660	2,008,570	2,242,905	2,056,341
Beef cows ..... farms	42,344	44,249	49,979	44,235	43,333	43,616	48,768	46,237
..... number	1,179,102	1,093,059	1,058,870	1,039,583	988,550	894,348	914,784	896,058
Milk cows ..... farms	1,230	1,427	2,215	2,096	3,295	4,781	8,098	9,662
..... number	61,131	84,017	110,022	111,985	152,067	180,390	217,234	204,084
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	38,961	42,017	55,611	49,234	47,955	51,558	56,117	55,515
..... number	1,095,372	1,126,131	1,178,979	1,126,232	1,043,627	1,077,665	1,043,430	1,200,619
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	1,566	1,491	2,532	2,043	4,912	8,465	12,963	19,535
..... number	138,207	230,532	342,805	321,806	604,613	774,530	866,226	1,016,050
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	1,160	1,130	1,909	1,579	4,522	7,874	11,268	17,584
..... number	470,213	635,014	756,354	714,999	1,293,654	1,484,049	1,512,090	1,698,418
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	5,176	3,551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	1,713,388	1,160,590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	670	792	651	548	489	509	498	583
..... number	206,132,684	181,420,343	137,801,700	120,830,210	98,516,358	75,974,462	53,916,803	51,590,460

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
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<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>								
Corn for grain .....	4,653 farms	4,249	6,308	5,854	9,143	13,715	18,711	21,871
	acres	780,608	593,564	590,024	575,878	605,287	553,943	615,553
	bushels	83,636,352	64,081,209	59,605,812	58,459,483	67,755,811	47,899,079	42,165,218
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	884 farms	1,126	1,288	1,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	52,565	66,010	69,309	68,482	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	577,940	928,810	965,115	958,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....	1,358 farms	1,780	2,518	2,360	3,011	4,579	8,357	3,885
	acres	254,944	279,978	311,764	305,175	276,243	324,984	720,123
	bushels	10,445,442	13,061,055	13,744,203	13,482,402	12,175,250	12,749,682	25,038,992
Winter wheat for grain .....	1,358 farms	1,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	254,944	279,978	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	10,445,442	13,061,055	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	78 farms	113	147	133	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,679	2,135	1,684	1,581	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	83,840	131,167	80,167	74,403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain .....	18 farms	12	28	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	997	1,221	942	918	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	45,265	69,530	49,272	47,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	72 farms	139	118	113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	10,107	19,389	10,074	9,958	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	831,540	1,554,244	610,539	604,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	48 farms	52	13	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,533	1,427	590	590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	8,961	17,656	6,730	6,730	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	2,967 farms	3,974	5,411	4,926	5,232	7,797	14,359	15,433
	acres	976,011	1,088,889	1,192,312	1,156,282	915,223	1,184,778	2,104,123
	bushels	18,552,793	33,646,638	39,021,072	37,976,452	30,313,156	27,367,017	55,353,433
Cotton, all .....	779 farms	920	1,271	1,156	2,137	2,545	1,850	2,308
	acres	504,057	533,755	496,843	472,165	598,838	411,100	241,998
	bales	581,236	813,853	662,888	629,487	793,302	566,890	306,159
Tobacco .....	1,610 farms	8,206	15,608	14,995	22,953	25,052	36,515	33,938
	acres	20,109	35,960	60,414	59,427	75,621	51,578	82,390
	pounds	38,652,986	73,563,865	108,175,585	106,785,282	139,367,463	85,715,814	155,161,237
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	42,280 farms	46,957	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,784,808	1,917,323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry	2,732,930	4,011,467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice .....	6 farms	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	2,317	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt	240,029	34,550	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	8 farms	-	11	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	23	-	(D)	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds	20,500	-	(D)	57,400	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts .....	19 farms	23	20	17	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	23	23	26	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds	14,610	23,828	20,782	16,982	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> .....	1,543 farms	1,501	1,326	1,162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	34,013	39,502	35,451	34,609	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	398 farms	192	437	376	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	304	423	706	611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	57 farms	64	90	78	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	167	279	457	424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards .....	786 farms	688	1,293	1,043	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	2,866	3,288	5,298	4,427	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

<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.