

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
Farmsnumber	16,700	15,282	15,810	14,181	13,520	14,066	13,984	12,764
Land in farmsacres	11,094,700	11,731,228	12,008,137	12,024,661	9,624,463	9,989,073	9,772,942	10,470,564
Average size of farmacres	664	768	760	848	712	710	699	820
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	829,816	586,310	456,494	486,235	347,982	302,838	389,678	320,234
Average per acredollars	1,249	756	600	575	491	425	560	391
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	1,257,461	875,958	771,080	725,177	526,636	499,126	472,803	370,829
Average per farmdollars	75,365	62,600	48,784	51,148	39,126	35,685	33,985	29,176
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,194	3,673	3,243	2,590	2,262	2,365	2,358	1,424
10 to 49 acres	5,127	4,695	4,599	3,978	3,735	3,835	3,938	3,218
50 to 179 acres	3,354	2,937	3,540	3,245	3,176	3,437	3,345	3,486
180 to 499 acres	1,824	1,832	2,132	2,042	2,057	2,137	2,135	2,290
500 to 999 acres	895	856	953	945	927	941	896	941
1,000 to 1,999 acres	571	586	631	646	582	598	572	607
2,000 acres or more	735	703	712	735	781	753	740	798
Total croplandfarms	12,398	12,652	13,153	12,227	11,700	12,233	12,349	11,779
.....acres	1,837,904	2,067,437	2,078,213	2,069,751	2,093,779	2,028,537	1,920,459	2,006,845
Harvested croplandfarms	10,259	9,661	11,042	10,393	10,173	10,752	11,078	10,951
.....acres	964,702	961,037	1,113,756	1,107,928	1,043,347	1,076,886	1,118,486	1,163,141
Irrigated landfarms	12,492	11,587	12,230	11,291	10,901	11,143	11,174	10,822
.....acres	1,134,144	1,091,011	1,218,474	1,212,201	1,142,514	1,161,207	1,082,328	1,168,621
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	1,415,678	1,115,898	888,579	877,295	725,159	617,882	555,428	465,380
Average per farmdollars	84,771	73,020	56,204	61,864	53,636	43,927	39,719	36,460
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	372,396	257,797	255,336	247,443	181,380	130,441	130,233	101,550
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	1,043,281	858,101	633,243	629,852	543,779	487,442	425,195	363,831
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	7,059	7,292	5,390	4,226	3,979	4,380	4,299	3,187
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,857	1,455	2,045	1,867	1,751	1,894	1,924	1,968
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,951	1,399	2,043	1,904	1,845	1,854	1,990	1,900
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,994	1,733	2,347	2,270	2,217	2,272	2,151	2,215
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,363	1,028	1,395	1,328	1,241	1,272	1,279	1,372
\$50,000 to \$99,999	860	788	934	949	987	1,005	1,000	1,024
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,185	1,207	1,333	1,317	1,275	1,218	1,162	874
\$500,000 or more	431	380	323	320	225	171	127	87
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	13,614	13,108	12,955	11,503	11,030	11,660	11,605	10,625
Partnership	1,645	1,315	1,652	1,545	1,616	1,619	1,514	1,374
Corporation	1,014	630	870	828	665	599	551	473
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	427	229	333	305	209	188	314	292
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	4,969	5,894	5,174	4,842	4,550	4,566	4,072	4,293
Any	11,731	9,388	9,968	8,726	8,142	8,688	8,925	7,942
200 days or more	7,188	7,158	7,024	6,066	5,614	5,834	6,218	5,288
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	6,340	7,447	6,280	5,987	6,269	6,350	6,155	6,041
Other	10,360	7,835	9,530	8,194	7,251	7,716	7,829	6,723
Average age of principal operator years	57.4	55.2	55.1	55.4	54.8	53.7	52.0	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	1,215,579	933,114	717,675	699,532	602,812	494,641	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text)\$1,000	132,323	158,687	83,669	82,463	103,978	84,657	80,313	74,543
Feed purchased\$1,000	389,568	244,175	201,875	198,854	135,079	101,717	108,719	102,272
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5}\$1,000	34,635	23,771	23,524	22,174	17,412	13,229	10,327	11,893
Gasoline, fuels, and oils\$1,000	82,302	42,227	38,834	37,590	34,722	29,726	35,676	22,427
Hired farm labor ⁶\$1,000	147,213	114,694	81,573	79,611	72,014	51,365	42,066	34,946
Interest expense\$1,000	58,768	48,332	52,344	50,664	42,771	47,504	59,617	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴\$1,000	14,033	11,110	9,824	9,374	8,569	8,604	5,302	4,624
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	7,581	6,688	8,636	7,986	7,530	7,854	8,757	8,114
.....number	843,474	876,951	906,956	916,090	860,830	855,338	855,997	804,935
Beef cowsfarms	5,589	5,055	6,108	5,749	5,306	5,430	5,773	5,483
.....number	364,744	349,309	377,048	383,790	356,971	346,462	320,470	315,625
Milk cowsfarms	450	680	919	891	1,082	1,447	2,325	2,480
.....number	85,262	90,904	92,391	92,953	80,369	76,610	90,108	78,520
Cattle and calves soldfarms	6,257	5,617	8,076	7,598	7,212	7,520	7,836	7,608
.....number	519,155	636,098	524,086	524,128	506,739	499,464	458,467	467,458
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	611	518	565	511	727	748	1,061	1,356
.....number	760,035	670,047	293,170	292,472	43,017	33,643	38,748	46,929
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	630	480	425	379	575	575	746	1,020
.....number	2,050,082	1,886,880	333,703	330,515	61,407	48,290	50,369	61,212
Layers inventory (see text)farms	1,310	1,089	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	3,584,791	3,426,388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	39	67	21	19	21	23	43	29
.....number	1,165	2,898	(D)	(D)	5,091	7,793	4,357	2,483

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	331	231	392	377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	21,367	14,999	17,924	17,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,249,594	2,134,158	2,642,441	2,533,052	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	573	713	858	855	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop	45,375	46,442	38,380	38,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	969,548	958,300	837,579	840,576	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	602	568	1,184	1,148	1,274	1,711	1,703	2,054
Wheat for grain, all	137,404	112,714	183,231	182,372	177,360	191,384	237,229	254,279
acres	5,771,071	3,847,763	7,968,490	7,832,313	6,295,501	7,149,004	6,662,449	6,672,767
bushels	546	492	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	129,946	102,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,386,467	3,437,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	86	127	282	278	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	7,458	10,469	18,826	18,779	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	384,604	409,768	919,432	910,295	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	266	210	487	481	681	789	1,054	1,152
Oats for grain	4,833	3,788	9,178	9,208	11,923	11,107	13,312	14,270
acres	367,230	302,019	638,172	643,121	669,910	699,305	784,230	762,236
bushels	487	706	1,976	1,929	2,345	3,139	3,863	4,281
farms	22,124	33,330	95,447	94,072	104,213	126,345	150,908	145,346
acres	1,833,678	2,172,458	7,539,950	7,422,580	7,879,596	9,506,857	10,949,532	9,059,083
bushels	2	7	14	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	574	952	945	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	40,599	65,848	65,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	7	22	32	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	404	858	1,203	1,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,408	9,500	15,087	15,143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	16	10	22	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	1,627	277	5,201	5,201	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	6,994	4,410	43,568	43,568	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)							
cwt	8,930	8,606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	690,946	717,984	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,569,087	2,392,884	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	12	5	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	5,332	503	(D)	42	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,460,696	124,290	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)							
pounds	583	323	326	294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	5,920	4,792	7,383	6,695	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	113	92	106	98	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	464	749	3,258	3,247	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	805	593	714	631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	8,058	8,254	10,883	10,162	(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.