

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	47,383	47,606	49,366	41,095	42,222	44,799	51,859	49,936
Land in farms acres	8,103,925	8,624,829	8,753,625	8,228,226	8,297,011	8,676,336	9,436,854	9,459,429
Average size of farm acres	171	181	177	200	197	194	182	189
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	720,538	490,064	356,425	384,979	320,488	232,374	205,034	171,658
Average per acre dollars	4,213	2,675	1,975	1,920	1,636	1,198	1,125	900
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,120,923	2,005,079	1,927,837	1,718,392	1,388,837	1,350,875	1,396,216	1,060,091
Average per farm dollars	65,870	43,303	39,063	41,835	33,090	30,249	26,976	21,282
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,530	3,027	3,860	2,864	3,357	3,408	4,158	3,891
10 to 49 acres	15,177	14,082	13,908	10,283	10,361	10,753	12,762	10,836
50 to 179 acres	17,589	18,315	19,138	15,938	16,293	17,530	20,489	20,393
180 to 499 acres	7,777	8,613	8,730	8,293	8,422	9,252	10,393	10,737
500 to 999 acres	1,985	2,183	2,465	2,469	2,517	2,624	2,837	2,909
1,000 to 1,999 acres	960	1,023	937	923	987	968	956	917
2,000 acres or more	365	363	328	325	285	264	264	253
Total cropland farms	35,954	41,047	43,124	37,177	38,779	41,491	48,550	47,652
..... acres	3,274,137	4,194,158	4,525,365	4,322,425	4,311,840	4,363,106	4,559,543	4,508,938
Harvested cropland farms	30,563	33,791	36,326	32,124	34,255	37,332	44,259	44,643
..... acres	2,544,997	2,623,776	2,600,860	2,520,961	2,449,013	2,406,976	2,779,282	2,599,660
Irrigated land farms	2,347	3,331	2,509	2,337	2,312	3,054	1,839	2,416
..... acres	82,187	98,913	86,388	84,926	61,759	78,681	42,824	42,030
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	2,906,188	2,360,911	2,394,779	2,343,518	2,055,958	1,588,770	1,606,915	1,261,255
Average per farm dollars	61,334	49,593	48,511	57,027	48,694	35,464	30,986	25,257
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	858,301	718,219	794,010	780,099	696,489	465,379	629,303	503,579
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	2,047,887	1,642,692	1,600,769	1,563,418	1,359,469	1,123,391	977,612	757,676
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	20,191	18,424	16,355	10,999	10,546	13,622	15,842	14,432
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5,391	6,669	8,018	6,754	7,161	7,995	9,509	9,398
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6,191	6,946	8,170	7,203	7,687	7,580	8,558	8,595
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6,597	6,737	7,444	7,011	7,402	6,895	7,753	8,053
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,399	3,060	3,160	3,042	3,266	3,028	3,660	3,847
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,886	1,849	2,057	1,965	1,946	2,102	2,617	2,729
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,347	2,845	3,066	3,035	3,439	3,110	3,541	2,657
\$500,000 or more	1,381	1,076	1,096	1,086	775	467	349	186
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	41,173	42,851	43,445	35,824	36,866	39,344	45,731	43,964
Partnership	3,625	2,757	3,866	3,425	3,786	4,004	4,765	4,855
Corporation	2,269	1,723	1,787	1,620	1,327	1,173	1,023	895
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	316	275	268	226	243	278	340	222
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	16,385	21,530	17,351	15,297	15,878	16,275	17,984	18,711
Any	30,998	26,076	29,047	23,215	23,465	25,826	29,561	28,719
200 days or more	19,236	18,747	20,961	16,433	16,795	18,291	20,648	19,508
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	20,294	25,500	20,479	18,410	19,571	20,617	24,090	24,425
Other	27,089	22,106	28,887	22,685	22,651	24,182	27,769	25,511
Average age of principal operator years	58.2	56.7	55.8	56.4	55.6	54.5	53.3	52.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,711,537	2,045,598	2,064,754	1,924,690	1,699,051	1,334,393	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) \$1,000	323,214	277,272	230,527	208,871	230,888	169,333	161,849	131,379
Feed purchased \$1,000	727,195	507,692	690,144	649,741	461,703	360,422	295,721	238,693
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ^{4,5} \$1,000	189,325	114,943	119,804	113,688	108,844	92,982	116,005	93,963
Gasoline, fuels, and oils \$1,000	156,818	84,041	85,685	79,765	79,225	64,261	98,762	60,344
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	293,996	242,131	205,151	192,798	188,671	145,364	126,893	103,504
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	123,286	90,843	93,671	85,752	85,120	83,237	105,832	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴ \$1,000	76,060	67,506	73,198	69,655	64,381	51,382	50,270	35,570
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	25,957	27,733	31,862	26,547	27,638	28,325	33,114	30,642
..... number	1,566,217	1,622,767	1,702,675	1,639,058	1,653,191	1,510,920	1,672,006	1,455,042
Beef cows farms	21,907	23,030	25,273	21,753	22,519	22,228	25,556	23,163
..... number	695,061	680,610	695,774	688,541	674,068	581,298	617,787	545,240
Milk cows farms	1,154	1,580	1,887	1,671	2,369	3,372	5,577	7,005
..... number	98,917	114,724	124,762	121,823	140,033	157,128	173,418	167,777
Cattle and calves sold farms	21,884	23,970	30,761	26,350	26,917	28,222	31,287	29,692
..... number	880,607	931,879	958,985	906,897	855,634	859,708	814,465	783,226
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,240	855	1,533	1,170	2,085	3,711	7,239	10,168
..... number	371,176	409,284	389,752	385,755	412,736	345,058	474,393	537,412
Hogs and pigs sold farms	964	834	1,007	823	1,596	3,016	5,282	7,768
..... number	965,117	847,002	717,263	710,320	715,452	642,863	804,740	912,766
Layers inventory (see text) farms	3,464	1,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	3,208,912	3,222,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	672	855	696	671	640	567	559	561
..... number	249,184,367	266,103,921	259,406,650	258,684,455	201,697,436	142,971,809	120,078,522	85,628,152

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage					
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Selected crops harvested:									
Corn for grain	farms	3,063	3,123	4,646	4,395	6,169	8,162	15,288	17,564
	acres	401,070	335,692	322,456	318,208	361,326	341,412	611,032	612,215
	bushels	34,811,582	22,656,691	29,903,600	29,480,704	40,633,506	20,941,850	58,283,179	50,865,163
Corn for silage or greenchop	farms	2,013	2,305	2,716	2,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	126,295	139,420	145,166	143,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	1,717,974	1,637,114	1,929,828	1,901,978	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	farms	1,348	1,793	2,969	2,888	3,670	4,339	6,594	5,051
	acres	200,342	174,887	259,597	257,063	241,042	188,428	296,840	123,985
	bushels	12,345,217	10,213,252	15,689,579	15,504,394	12,598,036	8,065,684	10,873,751	4,427,658
Winter wheat for grain	farms	1,348	1,793	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	200,342	174,887	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	12,345,217	10,213,252	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms	230	364	400	373	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	4,893	5,529	5,311	5,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	286,954	317,353	286,668	283,852	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms	530	781	874	854	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	27,833	43,955	52,033	51,096	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	2,008,416	3,178,359	3,910,873	3,842,722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms	43	88	185	174	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,497	2,221	7,262	7,150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	63,521	95,489	472,157	465,311	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms	87	108	31	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	2,573	2,788	964	964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	17,516	24,286	10,107	10,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms	2,104	2,576	3,229	3,135	3,709	4,586	7,247	6,925
	acres	490,396	467,210	492,257	487,001	507,878	459,924	612,399	474,287
	bushels	12,624,547	11,025,598	11,562,591	11,406,611	15,742,573	10,421,715	17,698,179	13,015,028
Cotton, all	farms	196	318	451	441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	59,243	92,809	99,597	98,244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bales	101,745	93,523	138,473	137,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	farms	895	4,184	6,067	5,870	8,444	9,750	13,485	14,835
	acres	20,881	30,308	53,770	54,035	55,419	45,121	64,005	70,928
	pounds	43,338,678	64,751,252	115,057,009	115,735,107	113,240,049	80,582,854	122,488,095	131,522,222
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms	25,986	27,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,305,624	1,377,442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry	2,464,783	2,534,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms	24	14	11	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	137	190	(D)	71	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds	79,944	29,122	(D)	76,475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms	180	482	718	702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	21,631	57,373	75,271	74,867	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds	52,797,144	125,121,968	191,071,141	190,590,588	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	farms	1,616	1,195	1,115	1,008	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	27,887	24,377	25,964	25,479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms	596	302	405	358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	5,408	5,774	5,974	5,925	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms	83	133	113	103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	330	456	582	606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards	farms	1,277	1,281	1,311	1,080	1,387	1,463	1,714	1,808
	acres	19,713	26,354	28,806	27,650	32,963	34,027	36,274	38,452

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.