

**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	23,618	20,812	21,531	17,772	17,020	17,237	18,742	17,475
Land in farms ..... acres	3,697,606	3,584,668	3,698,204	3,455,532	3,267,188	3,372,955	3,559,051	3,529,266
Average size of farm ..... acres	157	172	172	194	192	196	190	202
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	373,435	231,999	195,213	212,832	165,088	130,802	129,390	119,153
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,385	1,315	1,123	1,090	849	682	688	583
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	917,826	496,427	494,113	432,904	326,514	299,941	301,305	239,330
Average per farm ..... dollars	38,871	26,188	22,962	24,315	19,257	17,482	16,100	13,724
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	1,207	996	1,038	727	737	643	580	512
10 to 49 acres .....	5,749	4,676	4,296	3,026	2,893	2,689	3,073	2,308
50 to 179 acres .....	10,739	9,337	10,172	8,164	7,787	8,081	8,984	8,421
180 to 499 acres .....	4,681	4,492	4,734	4,522	4,350	4,518	4,819	4,940
500 to 999 acres .....	908	956	970	1,012	948	1,004	977	991
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	265	280	248	248	242	247	247	244
2,000 acres or more .....	69	75	73	73	63	55	62	59
Total cropland ..... farms	19,446	17,821	19,479	16,509	15,891	16,246	17,763	16,780
..... acres	942,132	1,173,032	1,420,517	1,336,723	1,294,134	1,285,786	1,319,437	1,356,048
Harvested cropland ..... farms	17,494	15,827	17,658	15,086	14,531	15,056	16,446	15,890
..... acres	692,003	648,635	661,882	621,632	555,818	553,517	576,889	560,652
Irrigated land ..... farms	457	408	319	268	312	255	135	116
..... acres	2,189	1,981	3,543	3,285	2,769	3,132	945	1,236
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	591,665	482,814	459,387	447,428	364,203	270,639	242,127	193,710
Average per farm ..... dollars	25,051	23,199	21,336	25,176	21,399	15,701	12,919	11,085
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	78,308	69,693	68,964	64,907	63,081	49,249	57,203	44,832
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	513,357	413,121	390,423	382,521	301,122	221,390	184,923	148,877
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	12,433	12,054	10,439	7,819	6,927	7,977	9,677	8,566
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3,531	2,712	4,174	3,415	3,499	3,463	3,728	3,755
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2,913	2,398	3,148	2,863	2,848	2,547	2,533	2,441
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2,538	1,875	1,995	1,936	2,006	1,781	1,437	1,444
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1,033	695	699	675	688	583	539	543
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	421	383	431	431	433	400	354	350
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	490	469	450	439	509	414	397	326
\$500,000 or more .....	259	226	195	194	110	72	57	24
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	22,488	19,862	20,068	16,475	15,737	15,988	17,336	16,046
Partnership .....	856	639	1,037	918	977	971	1,134	1,216
Corporation .....	209	220	317	285	226	197	180	140
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	65	91	109	94	80	81	92	73
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	8,074	8,910	7,491	6,390	6,269	6,018	5,802	5,574
Any .....	15,544	11,902	12,966	10,489	9,594	10,083	11,743	11,273
200 days or more .....	9,948	9,107	9,482	7,554	6,985	7,278	8,347	8,171
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	9,799	10,507	8,123	7,145	7,169	7,201	7,117	6,586
Other .....	13,819	10,305	13,408	10,627	9,851	10,036	11,625	10,889
Average age of principal operator ..... years	58.1	56.3	56.2	56.7	56.4	55.6	53.8	53.2
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	545,855	408,650	404,647	380,631	308,703	231,077	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) ..... \$1,000	96,910	63,817	66,403	63,068	54,571	37,921	30,135	24,063
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	177,847	130,696	162,078	154,556	101,386	64,781	51,915	40,533
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	19,364	12,976	12,283	11,710	11,670	10,779	10,226	9,184
Gasoline, fuels, and oils ..... \$1,000	37,698	20,134	17,806	16,457	15,877	12,787	15,800	10,466
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	32,794	31,843	25,683	24,160	26,956	23,244	20,340	16,643
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	28,549	20,711	23,319	21,169	17,179	16,409	16,738	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	6,054	5,591	5,239	4,950	6,428	5,346	5,024	4,521
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	12,792	12,831	14,082	12,284	12,431	12,897	15,123	13,938
..... number	411,028	404,163	440,891	439,462	430,708	408,129	455,173	428,763
Beef cows ..... farms	10,653	10,824	11,674	10,367	10,570	10,588	12,632	11,692
..... number	203,711	200,401	204,341	202,844	197,886	182,071	198,322	191,235
Milk cows ..... farms	370	525	773	676	972	1,575	2,901	3,263
..... number	11,744	14,972	18,527	18,497	23,366	27,019	34,776	36,040
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	10,474	9,513	12,943	11,576	11,583	12,061	13,525	13,210
..... number	249,845	239,760	277,319	270,361	254,233	249,163	237,911	237,873
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	955	808	827	645	841	1,226	1,981	2,641
..... number	8,948	12,773	17,970	15,708	26,760	30,759	33,881	51,769
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	1,042	717	489	402	587	868	1,151	1,651
..... number	19,588	26,173	28,620	24,884	50,642	59,181	57,979	73,750
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	2,580	1,799	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	1,220,280	1,383,009	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	216	246	206	186	136	99	185	149
..... number	88,778,413	88,699,422	81,115,311	79,193,428	50,669,811	29,226,871	22,991,789	14,255,463

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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 .....	686	663	1,235	1,150	1,517	2,097	3,670	3,625
farms	26,618	29,123	35,872	35,499	44,564	48,953	82,176	61,181
acres	2,916,834	3,057,437	3,291,931	3,270,197	4,668,501	3,257,345	7,416,016	5,544,781
bushels	550	594	921	929	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	19,408	18,964	27,185	27,642	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	272,039	304,619	375,826	380,942	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	122	148	195	191	307	376	408	500
acres	5,960	6,408	7,630	7,620	9,058	7,339	7,141	5,358
bushels	336,553	303,924	423,176	421,453	438,877	316,337	244,165	178,288
bushels	122	148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,960	6,408	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	336,553	303,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	121	164	342	321	406	516	790	882
farms	1,494	1,515	2,818	2,720	3,677	4,605	7,594	7,305
acres	74,953	74,403	136,644	132,249	201,339	227,284	383,792	320,148
bushels	61	79	73	71	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,328	1,430	1,560	1,577	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	92,942	92,232	106,337	107,582	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	3	3	6	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	17	17	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	660	660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	23	46	57	57	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	409	727	600	603	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,539	8,227	5,458	5,471	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	115	126	164	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	13,717	16,359	13,216	13,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	480,186	621,463	487,373	482,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	-	4	17	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	-	8	29	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	58	294	181	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	68	544	789	744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	248	1,373	1,692	1,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	478,054	1,874,110	2,817,779	2,737,090	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	16,449	14,679	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	614,794	562,810	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	986,097	957,776	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	4	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	8	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,500	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres								
pounds								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> .....	726	365	401	362	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,210	1,707	1,720	1,588	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	277	182	498	416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	275	186	720	610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	613	550	662	530	558	646	775	907
farms	6,909	9,495	13,242	12,446	15,014	19,513	22,878	22,648
acres								

<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.