

**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	11,069	9,422	9,443	9,232	8,716	9,205	8,861	8,040
Land in farms .....acres	30,169,526	34,402,726	34,302,475	34,088,692	32,876,071	33,595,135	33,500,453	33,627,257
Average size of farm .....acres	2,726	3,651	3,633	3,692	3,772	3,650	3,781	4,182
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	1,397,691	1,080,945	803,958	808,346	601,437	533,284	732,875	598,623
Average per acre .....dollars	513	290	224	222	159	147	193	142
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	1,077,635	672,815	580,762	564,454	468,114	418,833	464,030	367,348
Average per farm .....dollars	97,356	74,757	61,541	61,161	53,862	45,709	52,379	45,804
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	652	477	421	405	449	795	662	439
10 to 49 acres .....	2,004	1,536	1,207	1,157	994	989	928	521
50 to 179 acres .....	2,461	1,748	1,631	1,568	1,356	1,356	1,315	1,178
180 to 499 acres .....	1,712	1,465	1,492	1,441	1,513	1,536	1,549	1,509
500 to 999 acres .....	1,107	961	1,098	1,069	1,079	1,091	1,031	1,024
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	859	819	973	965	880	954	945	994
2,000 acres or more .....	2,274	2,416	2,621	2,627	2,445	2,484	2,431	2,375
Total cropland .....farms	6,838	7,017	7,204	7,122	6,756	7,237	7,214	6,907
.....acres	2,576,017	2,989,804	3,033,875	2,967,899	2,842,020	2,838,627	2,741,423	2,711,410
Harvested cropland .....farms	5,573	5,003	6,198	6,124	5,735	6,389	6,473	6,444
.....acres	1,536,240	1,298,709	1,801,314	1,743,631	1,532,732	1,717,027	1,813,830	1,780,333
Irrigated land .....farms	5,793	5,191	5,384	5,306	5,076	5,221	5,284	4,995
.....acres	1,550,723	1,541,688	1,749,908	1,719,463	1,464,585	1,517,891	1,564,576	1,661,558
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	1,157,535	863,887	904,576	898,527	824,205	676,721	606,327	530,308
Average per farm .....dollars	104,575	91,688	95,793	97,327	94,562	73,517	68,426	65,959
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	213,808	137,776	181,026	173,216	153,862	124,693	128,106	89,110
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	943,728	726,111	723,549	725,311	670,343	552,028	478,221	441,198
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	3,920	2,895	1,859	1,709	1,531	1,987	1,641	1,085
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	918	575	800	784	722	766	822	714
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	947	935	990	959	946	977	982	931
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,261	1,224	1,457	1,470	1,385	1,497	1,531	1,549
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	922	988	1,271	1,238	1,092	1,241	1,334	1,346
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	975	998	1,172	1,172	1,185	1,154	1,182	1,223
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	1,731	1,510	1,625	1,634	1,639	1,399	1,190	1,027
\$500,000 or more .....	395	297	269	266	216	184	138	114
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual .....	8,784	7,566	7,349	7,157	6,781	7,284	6,976	6,344
Partnership .....	1,024	928	972	963	976	937	907	829
Corporation .....	1,019	746	937	929	840	858	826	759
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	242	182	185	183	119	126	152	108
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	3,849	4,167	3,984	3,956	3,935	3,932	3,793	3,870
Any .....	7,220	5,255	4,891	4,722	4,891	4,674	4,271	3,809
200 days or more .....	4,371	3,476	2,903	2,771	2,435	2,640	2,500	2,037
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	5,445	5,760	5,628	5,583	5,612	5,953	5,805	5,270
Other .....	5,624	3,662	3,815	3,649	3,104	3,252	3,056	2,770
Average age of principal operator ..... years	57.1	54.1	54.3	54.4	53.4	52.0	50.8	50.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	970,138	828,003	700,613	690,403	675,225	536,980	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text) .....\$1,000	215,888	199,126	182,278	180,847	212,437	145,511	144,233	141,566
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	150,962	137,943	110,849	110,332	89,381	60,555	65,166	53,145
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>4,5</sup> .....\$1,000	31,959	22,555	25,606	24,614	21,444	17,878	17,752	15,996
Gasoline, fuels, and oils .....\$1,000	66,227	36,091	39,190	38,405	36,536	32,490	44,050	25,009
Hired farm labor <sup>6</sup> .....\$1,000	97,820	81,799	59,241	58,236	57,677	50,342	40,613	32,271
Interest expense .....\$1,000	68,386	63,529	59,202	58,139	53,470	54,696	86,792	(NA)
Chemicals <sup>4</sup> .....\$1,000	11,630	10,532	11,968	11,648	9,491	9,118	6,311	4,779
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	5,625	5,282	6,476	6,370	5,839	5,990	6,428	5,933
.....number	1,311,799	1,297,042	1,660,900	1,690,264	1,424,002	1,412,901	1,509,913	1,477,080
Beef cows .....farms	4,870	4,590	5,582	5,526	5,114	5,082	5,310	5,001
.....number	732,141	732,546	847,520	862,639	746,789	689,166	718,771	681,770
Milk cows .....farms	122	265	353	337	523	788	1,273	1,442
.....number	6,644	4,214	6,298	6,254	7,596	9,287	13,315	12,511
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	4,880	4,997	6,356	6,295	5,866	5,965	6,269	5,950
.....number	1,036,661	1,127,826	1,122,270	1,130,839	1,014,982	956,523	981,010	1,025,123
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	272	184	307	296	379	474	567	689
.....number	107,180	114,047	91,107	91,135	39,128	28,437	30,375	29,812
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	368	247	255	246	342	407	480	589
.....number	330,377	356,435	227,762	227,835	60,335	54,255	57,700	54,650
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	776	574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	16,238	14,567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	41	44	17	17	8	37	40	25
.....number	1,890	2,227	914	914	382	9,491	2,135	2,153

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<b>Selected crops harvested:</b>								
Corn for grain .....	344	265	442	442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	54,567	34,095	50,242	49,717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,858,369	3,788,534	6,319,193	6,261,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	265	314	330	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....	32,146	38,782	29,295	28,747	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	646,760	705,759	563,972	554,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	347	315	659	656	670	924	1,095	1,158
Wheat for grain, all .....	127,051	129,979	221,599	221,041	211,312	252,784	355,938	289,495
bushels	2,978,072	2,213,032	6,537,732	6,520,663	5,264,505	7,207,742	9,169,664	6,641,767
farms	314	294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	120,970	127,643	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,809,154	2,148,529	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	37	25	155	154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,081	2,336	15,027	14,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	168,918	64,503	488,518	487,188	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	154	197	501	490	620	795	1,017	1,258
acres	8,040	13,544	36,698	33,973	31,757	41,987	47,012	57,714
bushels	382,864	640,707	1,881,837	1,770,424	1,723,289	1,893,335	2,286,662	2,591,369
farms	342	364	732	721	857	1,190	1,311	1,591
acres	52,457	62,834	96,953	93,095	104,167	127,366	136,748	144,801
bushels	4,485,775	4,568,059	7,576,660	7,251,158	8,178,366	8,654,469	8,791,442	8,524,659
Sorghum for grain .....	-	1	15	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	2,472	2,357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	157,251	153,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	10	5	14	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	450	338	1,499	1,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	7,514	5,530	29,430	29,430	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas .....	193	227	324	317	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	24,197	30,151	29,968	29,326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	566,459	612,503	646,901	630,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	5,276	4,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,192,019	938,695	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,426,555	1,572,870	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	21	14	9	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	4,668	3,313	(D)	1,382	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,292,514	1,531,650	(D)	1,423,920	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	139	181	360	356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	30,782	36,105	65,318	63,732	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	675,601	683,010	1,321,689	1,285,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	46	18	24	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> .....	952	128	93	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	20	11	16	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	843	711	754	704	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	25	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	73	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(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.