

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	43,223	48,753	45,126	49,872	41,384	37,905	43,318	48,448
Land in farms acres	8,902,654	9,033,537	8,904,387	9,517,377	8,704,385	8,450,823	9,145,753	10,200,547
Average size of farm acres	206	185	197	191	210	223	211	211
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	547,524	424,674	335,217	282,304	298,244	220,265	168,161	171,210
Average per acre dollars	2,658	2,292	1,698	1,471	1,442	1,000	800	826
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,077,900	2,964,616	1,842,080	1,715,628	1,485,851	1,148,900	1,115,106	1,167,165
Average per farm dollars	71,211	60,810	42,705	34,420	35,914	30,354	25,831	24,151
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,919	3,374	2,571	3,003	2,141	1,902	2,602	3,043
10 to 49 acres	13,267	16,215	14,175	15,505	11,854	10,165	12,356	14,132
50 to 179 acres	16,079	17,808	16,950	19,024	16,015	14,929	16,514	18,277
180 to 499 acres	7,238	7,612	7,692	8,313	7,561	7,162	7,776	8,471
500 to 999 acres	2,230	2,235	2,237	2,428	2,277	2,244	2,469	2,786
1,000 to 1,999 acres	911	960	978	1,083	1,039	990	1,111	1,186
2,000 acres or more	579	549	523	516	497	513	490	553
Total cropland farms	26,707	31,773	34,073	39,862	34,407	32,327	37,148	41,975
..... acres	2,758,521	3,142,958	3,732,751	4,435,041	4,197,670	4,237,057	4,496,607	5,105,734
Harvested cropland farms	21,283	23,336	23,327	28,290	24,819	24,780	28,509	33,351
..... acres	2,158,026	1,994,743	1,995,139	2,179,636	2,077,139	2,104,064	2,231,623	3,265,361
Irrigated land farms	1,747	2,035	1,698	1,503	1,301	1,380	1,344	1,040
..... acres	113,008	112,819	108,783	79,647	76,871	82,015	84,054	66,020
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	5,571,173	4,415,550	3,264,949	3,198,630	3,098,989	2,369,179	1,908,303	1,704,160
Average per farm dollars	128,894	90,570	72,352	64,137	74,884	62,503	44,053	35,175
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,314,971	676,987	590,268	656,185	632,978	649,110	497,992	606,916
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	4,256,202	3,738,563	2,674,681	2,542,444	2,466,010	1,720,070	1,410,311	1,097,244
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	18,253	22,582	19,558	20,414	15,286	11,663	15,082	19,246
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,782	5,458	6,428	8,259	6,940	6,506	7,726	7,916
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,591	5,702	6,083	7,444	6,279	5,936	6,534	6,100
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,573	6,457	5,206	5,526	4,985	5,076	5,210	5,230
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,662	2,538	1,934	1,948	1,842	2,178	2,324	2,702
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,510	1,287	1,246	1,477	1,358	1,661	1,956	2,698
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,636	2,389	2,721	2,900	2,830	3,825	3,946	4,173
\$500,000 or more	3,216	2,340	1,950	1,904	1,864	1,060	540	353
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	39,417	45,014	42,359	45,640	37,697	34,257	39,553	44,009
Partnership	2,107	2,377	1,882	3,138	2,734	2,843	3,014	3,754
Corporation	1,316	1,017	658	822	735	666	570	513
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	383	345	227	272	218	139	181	172
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	16,775	17,262	20,519	16,265	13,961	13,492	14,206	14,774
Any	26,448	31,491	24,607	31,134	25,259	21,921	26,899	29,776
200 days or more	17,692	19,748	18,443	23,163	18,677	16,343	20,154	22,074
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	19,114	19,416	23,950	17,600	15,568	15,712	16,398	18,316
Other	24,109	29,337	21,176	32,272	25,816	22,193	26,920	30,132
Average age of principal operator years	59.3	57.6	56.6	54.7	54.9	54.8	53.1	51.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	4,736,277	3,922,143	2,588,600	2,773,210	2,509,917	1,930,063	1,610,833	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	751,245	701,381	505,196	368,188	341,450	294,066	290,518	203,688
Feed purchased \$1,000	2,195,586	1,611,020	927,774	1,271,085	1,140,545	731,753	570,084	467,749
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	241,072	168,838	106,697	114,890	106,011	103,080	86,491	110,580
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	179,640	163,784	93,418	89,561	80,237	76,567	64,535	95,501
Hired farm labor \$1,000	225,716	208,023	180,937	146,880	134,016	140,414	123,018	87,505
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	145,257	130,780	112,871	101,357	90,000	82,647	81,110	110,691
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	146,534	84,495	79,322	82,184	73,867	72,317	64,530	63,014
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	21,149	23,970	27,094	32,432	28,450	26,360	29,844	33,671
..... number	1,236,467	1,187,171	1,437,795	1,546,399	1,530,566	1,453,137	1,450,416	1,652,524
Beef cows farms	19,685	21,415	23,558	28,258	25,384	23,925	25,879	29,016
..... number	722,787	678,949	765,901	823,317	832,298	771,151	748,002	785,032
Milk cows farms	219	157	223	700	608	995	1,336	2,361
..... number	9,116	12,962	18,939	28,019	27,848	45,454	45,994	58,946
Cattle and calves sold farms	17,620	21,356	23,088	31,225	27,705	25,532	29,320	31,281
..... number	612,863	711,735	782,393	791,879	767,806	676,215	831,908	822,127
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	689	753	576	1,282	932	1,880	3,585	6,061
..... number	142,555	178,275	168,013	196,561	183,811	307,672	353,062	463,840
Hogs and pigs sold farms	379	547	561	999	750	1,715	3,220	5,127
..... number	446,448	733,285	713,668	398,583	380,853	571,680	648,262	785,996

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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