

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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

All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	762	686	609	548	512	574	570
Land in farms acres	833,861	881,585	900,715	881,045	923,037	1,026,732	1,323,953
Average size of farm acres	1,094	1,285	1,479	1,608	1,803	1,789	2,323
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars	681,479	502,342	543,213	486,827	486,550	553,000	463,849
Average per acre dollars	623	391	367	303	270	309	200
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	66,633	54,082	41,853	28,993	22,423	22,290	18,562,436
Average per farm dollars	87,445	78,837	71,790	53,003	43,795	38,901	32,912
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	247	165	127	96	76	96	91
10 to 49 acres	181	164	129	98	93	113	115
50 to 179 acres	145	156	162	171	160	172	184
180 to 499 acres	103	111	93	93	85	97	88
500 to 999 acres	37	38	41	33	41	24	23
1,000 to 1,999 acres	25	24	29	26	19	24	13
2,000 acres or more	24	28	28	31	38	48	56
Total cropland farms	561	512	479	434	419	454	460
Harvested cropland acres	84,114	86,238	98,131	94,810	84,061	66,305	54,311
Irrigated land farms	495	424	393	381	352	397	395
..... acres	31,315	30,772	31,824	34,227	22,699	28,949	25,694
..... farms	230	184	150	114	93	74	46
..... acres	2,451	3,730	2,742	2,667	1,566	1,826	667
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	58,925	57,019	46,143	24,650	15,351	17,972	11,399
Average per farm dollars	77,329	83,119	75,768	44,982	29,982	31,309	19,999
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	24,857	24,749	20,543	15,968	11,228	10,768	6,010
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	34,068	32,271	25,600	8,682	4,123	7,204	5,389
Farms by value of sales ² :							
Less than \$2,500	238	231	207	187	211	242	267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	95	81	59	75	75	92	110
\$5,000 to \$9,999	107	91	96	66	67	73	85
\$10,000 to \$24,999	140	91	89	99	70	65	46
\$25,000 to \$49,999	55	68	53	44	30	38	25
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	47	34	30	25	25	11
\$100,000 to \$499,999	66	58	56	41	31	34	23
\$500,000 or more	21	19	15	6	3	5	3
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):							
Family or individual	614	550	497	458	430	478	489
Partnership	46	42	30	43	40	52	42
Corporation	56	52	36	36	30	29	29
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	46	42	46	11	12	15	10
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :							
None	322	223	272	182	178	173	132
Any	440	463	337	314	308	369	397
200 days or more	232	219	172	145	145	182	200
Principal operator by primary occupation:							
Farming	412	365	370	306	273	248	231
Other	350	321	239	242	239	326	339
Average age of principal operator years	57.1	56.2	55.2	53.3	51.3	48.9	45.8
Total farm production expenses ⁴ \$1,000	55,918	50,547	39,123	21,821	16,308	15,774	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :							
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	569	303	569	1,291	254	386	507
Feed purchased \$1,000	6,386	5,096	4,078	2,532	1,586	2,978	2,293
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased \$1,000	3,240	2,334	1,535	1,549	1,225	1,413	1,118
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	5,091	3,786	2,125	1,728	1,224	1,140	1,113
Hired farm labor ⁶ \$1,000	18,647	16,463	13,427	5,064	3,928	2,647	1,925
Interest expense \$1,000	1,771	2,655	2,892	1,143	869	1,275	1,466
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	367	282	187	219	110	166	45
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms	134	130	113	120	132	170	207
..... number	10,667	14,823	12,609	11,111	8,002	9,433	8,729
Beef cows farms	98	98	86	84	97	112	129
..... (D)	(D)	6,468	5,408	3,694	3,224	3,199	2,994
Milk cows farms	28	28	31	30	34	50	64
..... (D)	(D)	577	1,253	1,101	715	1,713	963
Cattle and calves sold farms	71	75	83	92	115	134	151
..... number	1,000	1,026	1,356	2,847	1,672	2,538	1,640
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	37	43	48	53	45	45	88
..... number	1,009	757	1,201	2,112	2,135	573	3,741
Hogs and pigs sold farms	42	50	47	33	40	37	70
..... number	2,042	2,053	2,002	2,532	2,800	1,100	6,244

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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