

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
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Farms number	20,005	15,637	7,294	8,507	6,135	6,773	7,669	7,334
Land in farms acres	26,249,195	26,117,899	26,586,577	27,169,627	26,866,722	35,037,618	36,287,794	37,752,534
Average size of farm acres	1,312	1,670	3,645	3,194	4,379	5,173	4,732	5,148
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	844,065	1,249,929	1,456,759	1,293,804	1,689,258	1,621,530	1,317,765	1,496,334
Average per acre dollars	643	748	398	407	388	316	279	289
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,254,469	1,036,453	615,767	502,281	434,252	402,290	425,285	407,289
Average per farm dollars	63,624	66,291	88,651	59,057	70,817	59,607	55,702	56,069
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	11,911	9,873	2,331	2,484	1,444	1,678	2,158	1,966
10 to 49 acres	4,082	2,657	1,900	1,885	1,303	1,418	1,510	1,609
50 to 179 acres	1,517	1,221	1,114	1,356	1,008	1,048	1,133	1,051
180 to 499 acres	882	626	664	912	717	741	910	839
500 to 999 acres	513	436	447	703	581	613	678	600
1,000 to 1,999 acres	429	309	337	478	413	428	436	446
2,000 acres or more	671	515	501	689	669	847	844	823
Total cropland farms	8,144	7,475	4,440	4,510	3,711	4,356	4,840	4,948
..... acres	1,150,811	1,205,425	1,261,894	1,354,820	1,277,169	1,344,091	1,453,852	1,480,103
Harvested cropland farms	5,587	4,993	3,139	3,302	2,765	3,323	3,646	3,838
..... acres	890,130	832,406	887,966	1,026,359	969,602	911,355	865,817	1,047,213
Irrigated land farms	5,839	5,094	4,172	4,233	3,426	3,965	4,241	4,437
..... acres	880,613	876,158	931,735	1,075,336	1,013,902	956,454	913,841	1,097,825
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	3,732,113	3,234,552	2,395,447	1,970,801	1,903,408	1,515,384	1,628,544	1,526,915
Average per farm dollars	186,559	206,852	328,413	231,668	310,254	223,739	212,354	208,197
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	2,076,568	1,913,014	1,587,775	1,275,987	1,222,891	899,242	896,681	806,847
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,655,545	1,321,538	807,672	694,814	680,517	616,141	731,863	720,068
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	12,616	9,632	3,445	3,467	1,918	2,241	2,494	2,506
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,820	1,721	647	862	655	695	820	858
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,501	1,377	598	817	620	648	775	752
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,503	1,063	675	963	765	779	757	723
\$25,000 to \$49,999	672	433	430	571	496	485	583	463
\$50,000 to \$99,999	442	358	307	390	333	462	533	451
\$100,000 to \$499,999	818	502	552	750	698	907	1,152	972
\$500,000 or more	633	551	640	687	650	556	555	529
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	17,247	13,721	5,695	6,126	4,178	4,779	5,356	5,438
Partnership	1,345	962	841	1,256	1,033	1,091	1,369	1,019
Corporation	1,045	729	593	812	679	631	724	674
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	368	225	165	313	245	272	220	203
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	9,186	6,646	3,579	3,245	2,495	2,732	2,830	2,569
Any	10,819	8,991	3,715	4,727	3,223	3,583	4,423	4,244
200 days or more	6,299	4,910	2,579	3,159	2,068	2,382	2,997	2,947
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	13,219	9,553	4,296	4,103	3,250	3,613	3,782	3,501
Other	6,786	6,084	2,998	4,404	2,885	3,160	3,887	3,833
Average age of principal operator years	61.1	58.5	54.9	55.1	55.6	54.3	51.5	50.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	3,258,922	2,782,786	1,825,328	1,538,293	1,479,713	1,239,020	1,301,666	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	166,502	315,343	171,369	153,174	149,969	161,937	244,484	250,356
Feed purchased \$1,000	795,229	617,035	307,212	267,323	263,765	195,198	208,527	237,766
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	221,706	165,318	81,131	79,304	76,286	57,842	51,672	60,308
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	189,338	146,118	67,183	56,876	53,250	46,774	44,554	62,705
Hired farm labor \$1,000	459,771	380,491	343,422	264,525	255,124	190,442	207,689	156,401
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	78,184	65,119	58,562	67,436	63,768	51,921	74,553	100,153
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	133,675	133,265	70,845	71,492	69,184	73,166	60,366	60,000
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	6,029	7,716	2,838	3,721	2,881	3,064	3,521	3,792
..... number	911,334	1,000,038	841,277	866,786	822,273	928,783	1,110,912	1,139,377
Beef cows farms	4,851	5,246	2,090	2,728	2,164	2,288	2,497	2,523
..... number	197,901	197,060	170,865	289,208	263,878	292,848	334,851	313,040
Milk cows farms	239	182	274	299	247	305	476	730
..... number	193,621	183,744	154,764	123,595	123,371	88,582	86,280	81,811
Cattle and calves sold farms	3,364	4,078	2,030	3,252	2,639	2,777	3,302	3,346
..... number	676,935	672,947	673,305	712,930	688,560	744,147	1,009,492	1,020,088
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	509	378	208	376	206	281	331	543
..... (D)		(D)	(D)	143,287	141,112	83,262	135,414	160,816
Hogs and pigs sold farms	354	284	168	214	125	181	242	379
..... (D)		(D)	(D)	203,839	200,790	150,140	237,623	261,054

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) farms	2,456	1,885	582	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	91	29	59	33	20	15	23	38
number	39,310	456	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	80	58	92	150	140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	29,480	22,654	27,838	41,644	40,091	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	5,910,931	4,083,974	5,127,857	6,746,362	6,498,484	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	133	116	137	146	137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	36,620	33,941	31,922	17,413	16,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,012,718	891,902	803,358	466,938	454,276	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	225	201	232	318	304	310	443	539
acres	102,581	85,567	100,078	104,699	103,121	80,533	97,407	133,681
bushels	9,500,997	8,715,906	9,600,854	9,255,555	9,114,709	6,823,397	7,991,708	11,891,456
Winter wheat for grain farms	20	18	30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	4,044	6,486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	329,497	353,709	557,027	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	209	188	208	280	272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	98,072	81,523	93,592	93,382	92,412	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	9,159,769	8,362,197	9,043,827	8,296,718	8,208,026	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	4	-	-	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	11,731	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	32	18	43	22	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,708	1,090	2,226	2,076	2,076	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	183,262	87,980	206,912	201,342	201,342	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain farms	177	113	164	330	315	165	168	290
acres	44,662	31,129	39,199	69,047	66,215	19,984	14,654	35,502
bushels	5,005,919	3,396,006	4,269,681	6,981,231	6,660,644	1,952,678	1,365,067	3,328,880
Sorghum for grain farms	50	79	28	73	70	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10,412	19,703	6,025	14,110	13,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,157,662	1,696,731	430,648	1,063,450	1,048,125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	62	68	38	16	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16,226	20,969	8,327	2,098	2,098	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	369,636	396,620	173,833	38,407	38,407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	149	46	28	32	30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	13,009	5,849	4,837	3,877	3,836	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	244,530	102,603	88,798	64,628	63,843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all farms	388	301	409	677	643	887	1,199	1,177
acres	197,455	171,300	222,722	339,936	331,699	428,637	381,733	518,488
bales	585,658	513,758	626,649	860,262	837,643	895,992	1,005,493	1,155,883
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	1,390	1,176	1,088	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	324,562	309,018	289,334	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts farms	2,288,772	2,215,580	2,087,130	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	1	2	4	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	(D)	(D)	499	499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms	-	(D)	(D)	1,175,960	1,175,960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,945	2,565	274	366	302	360	328	339
Potatoes farms	130,345	137,574	134,394	134,834	131,204	118,125	98,138	69,864
acres	56	123	22	29	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	3,389	3,972	7,679	6,630	6,372	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6	1	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	1	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,136	1,527	1,504	1,137	843	1,162	1,141	1,199
	46,182	37,200	63,180	73,603	67,459	68,465	74,921	74,568

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.
² Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.
³ Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.
⁴ Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.
⁵ Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.
⁶ Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.
⁷ Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.