

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	77,857	81,033	79,631	87,991	74,126	77,669	83,217	82,463
Land in farms acres	25,569,001	25,364,695	27,589,027	28,795,834	27,698,779	28,978,997	30,598,178	32,156,894
Average size of farm acres	328	313	346	327	374	373	368	390
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	2,061,792	2,005,768	1,206,822	839,126	941,170	820,063	583,668	746,577
Average per acre dollars	6,278	6,408	3,526	2,643	2,605	2,213	1,575	1,918
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	9,709,545	8,761,575	6,325,990	5,463,053	5,155,473	4,363,190	4,081,738	3,873,341
Average per farm dollars	124,720	108,145	81,933	62,129	69,590	56,485	49,223	47,361
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	24,637	25,278	21,827	27,151	20,662	21,485	22,697	22,951
10 to 49 acres	25,811	28,080	27,307	28,613	24,250	26,089	28,498	28,203
50 to 179 acres	13,056	12,939	14,356	14,874	13,288	13,883	15,017	14,873
180 to 499 acres	6,649	7,014	7,741	8,055	7,270	7,512	8,028	7,636
500 to 999 acres	3,230	3,267	3,604	3,912	3,572	3,702	3,804	3,635
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2,040	2,194	2,374	2,683	2,439	2,411	2,544	2,435
2,000 acres or more	2,434	2,261	2,422	2,703	2,645	2,587	2,629	2,730
Total cropland farms	57,731	61,215	61,810	70,231	62,269	64,417	68,266	67,916
..... acres	9,591,783	9,464,647	10,994,161	11,062,811	10,803,804	10,479,268	10,894,503	11,257,374
Harvested cropland farms	53,372	53,000	54,115	62,031	55,590	56,785	59,259	59,048
..... acres	8,007,461	7,633,173	8,466,321	8,676,242	8,543,159	7,760,773	7,676,287	8,764,808
Irrigated land farms	53,546	53,400	55,596	63,226	55,920	56,546	58,868	58,389
..... acres	7,861,964	8,016,159	8,709,353	8,886,693	8,712,893	7,571,313	7,596,091	8,460,508
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	42,627,472	33,885,064	25,737,173	23,280,110	23,032,259	17,051,912	13,922,234	12,491,442
Average per farm dollars	547,510	418,164	323,205	264,574	310,718	219,546	167,300	151,479
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	30,366,898	22,903,021	19,152,722	17,201,736	17,033,714	11,747,474	9,269,389	8,158,494
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	12,260,574	10,982,043	6,584,451	6,078,374	5,998,545	5,304,438	4,652,845	4,332,948
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	19,986	23,965	23,362	28,871	19,473	22,692	23,187	25,513
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5,736	6,548	6,038	7,470	6,516	7,160	8,661	8,871
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7,718	7,208	7,262	7,560	6,498	7,417	8,512	8,515
\$10,000 to \$24,999	10,137	10,481	9,455	9,685	8,621	9,324	11,028	10,178
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,043	7,578	7,131	7,360	6,747	6,899	7,863	7,218
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,679	6,212	6,798	6,909	6,544	6,360	6,895	6,423
\$100,000 to \$499,999	11,039	10,461	11,426	12,159	11,823	11,143	11,430	10,675
\$500,000 or more	9,519	8,580	8,159	7,977	7,904	6,674	5,641	4,990
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	59,732	64,001	64,442	69,154	56,755	60,187	64,928	65,482
Partnership	8,984	9,552	8,953	11,836	10,813	11,350	12,127	11,360
Corporation	6,361	5,750	5,070	5,504	5,252	5,067	5,367	4,849
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	2,780	1,730	1,166	1,497	1,306	1,065	795	772
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	31,311	26,322	40,223	35,359	31,588	32,118	32,051	29,641
Any	46,546	54,711	39,408	47,362	37,919	41,278	47,085	47,387
200 days or more	27,947	30,510	26,037	30,644	24,012	26,681	30,948	31,587
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	42,469	40,910	49,132	43,783	39,267	40,215	41,906	40,633
Other	35,388	40,123	30,499	44,208	34,859	37,454	41,311	41,830
Average age of principal operator years	60.1	58.4	56.8	55.7	56.5	55.2	53.6	51.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	35,455,667	26,962,641	20,527,198	17,085,533	16,817,253	13,804,983	10,917,593	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	1,254,286	1,264,818	949,697	774,047	759,223	935,152	776,540	855,311
Feed purchased \$1,000	6,069,374	4,274,263	2,494,806	2,616,926	2,588,982	2,108,719	1,707,608	1,721,393
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,806,062	1,314,175	834,536	757,065	746,325	568,772	427,924	427,823
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	1,552,328	1,124,340	610,228	500,700	488,226	414,984	332,166	449,759
Hired farm labor \$1,000	5,877,973	5,015,513	4,317,078	3,435,777	3,392,577	2,922,390	2,385,242	1,819,323
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	1,217,781	1,099,536	930,722	978,929	958,431	738,910	697,449	938,913
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	2,190,674	1,369,132	1,102,974	970,316	957,006	694,549	544,779	468,604
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	16,764	16,638	17,379	21,522	17,335	19,097	22,119	26,579
..... number	5,370,531	5,498,025	5,234,177	5,121,933	4,968,679	4,702,114	4,570,667	4,612,967
Beef cows farms	10,925	11,827	12,497	15,172	12,158	13,105	14,966	17,199
..... number	583,594	662,423	735,045	959,772	890,805	862,971	906,006	952,164
Milk cows farms	1,931	2,165	2,793	2,922	2,650	3,124	3,631	4,638
..... number	1,815,655	1,840,730	1,644,692	1,406,884	1,403,217	1,249,038	1,070,366	946,201
Cattle and calves sold farms	12,594	12,681	12,897	19,134	16,007	17,205	20,486	22,947
..... number	3,671,078	3,553,530	3,157,013	3,191,996	3,107,562	2,993,538	3,097,084	3,338,619
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,437	1,389	1,521	2,351	1,593	2,221	2,699	4,800
..... number	111,893	153,983	163,465	221,174	212,088	258,130	150,931	184,577
Hogs and pigs sold farms	1,163	1,267	1,513	1,638	1,193	1,761	2,297	3,769
..... number	290,488	296,378	308,769	396,891	373,352	481,270	303,406	281,733

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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