

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	36,180	37,054	31,369	30,197	28,268	27,152	27,284	27,111
Land in farms acres	31,886,676	31,604,911	31,093,336	32,349,832	32,634,221	33,983,029	34,048,433	33,537,998
Average size of farm acres	881	853	991	1,071	1,154	1,252	1,248	1,237
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,128,277	892,170	757,613	671,446	707,165	536,510	458,906	562,479
Average per acre dollars	1,280	1,046	756	629	618	426	369	454
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,953,022	3,680,884	2,585,783	2,079,906	2,019,029	1,485,320	1,347,073	1,390,665
Average per farm dollars	110,134	99,344	87,871	68,937	71,417	54,868	49,534	51,457
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,251	4,276	2,813	3,046	2,502	2,424	2,725	2,677
10 to 49 acres	10,008	9,359	7,475	6,253	5,516	4,867	4,352	4,278
50 to 179 acres	8,187	8,476	6,956	6,253	5,748	5,371	5,111	5,162
180 to 499 acres	4,939	5,501	5,015	5,065	4,833	4,594	4,862	4,896
500 to 999 acres	2,930	3,185	2,998	3,105	3,030	3,188	3,355	3,337
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2,263	2,521	2,492	2,699	2,731	2,740	2,918	2,914
2,000 acres or more	3,602	3,736	3,620	3,776	3,908	3,968	3,961	3,847
Total cropland farms	24,009	24,938	22,240	22,772	22,357	21,882	22,334	22,421
..... acres	10,649,747	11,483,936	11,530,700	10,787,080	10,509,384	10,933,484	10,988,853	10,552,383
Harvested cropland farms	17,379	17,899	14,655	18,532	18,406	18,573	19,446	20,061
..... acres	5,182,628	5,888,926	4,346,955	6,099,357	5,896,984	5,532,964	5,522,216	6,036,679
Irrigated land farms	15,547	15,774	13,623	15,747	15,470	15,193	14,913	15,232
..... acres	2,516,785	2,867,957	2,590,654	3,374,233	3,430,129	3,169,839	3,013,773	3,200,942
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	7,780,874	6,061,134	4,525,196	4,553,732	4,534,213	4,115,552	3,143,131	2,940,897
Average per farm dollars	215,060	163,576	144,257	150,801	160,401	151,575	115,201	108,476
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	2,434,583	1,981,399	1,216,278	1,350,817	1,326,944	1,036,174	781,934	847,323
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	5,346,292	4,079,735	3,308,918	3,202,915	3,207,269	3,079,378	2,361,197	2,093,574
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	16,597	17,566	13,016	9,003	7,328	6,365	6,607	6,259
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,889	3,002	2,979	2,902	2,849	2,637	2,582	2,733
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,065	3,122	2,967	3,392	3,220	3,005	3,008	3,042
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,525	3,600	3,778	4,472	4,427	4,249	4,245	4,143
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,368	2,383	2,520	3,066	3,060	3,135	3,316	3,334
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,103	2,283	2,179	2,608	2,620	2,866	3,117	3,177
\$100,000 to \$499,999	3,808	3,595	2,931	3,747	3,774	3,986	3,721	3,694
\$500,000 or more	1,825	1,503	999	1,007	990	909	688	681
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	29,367	30,164	27,280	25,023	23,281	22,359	22,586	22,589
Partnership	3,228	3,762	2,109	2,892	2,789	2,890	2,994	2,938
Corporation	2,522	2,342	1,629	1,960	1,886	1,649	1,469	1,356
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,063	786	351	322	312	254	235	228
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	13,721	11,079	13,568	11,290	10,933	11,472	11,315	10,694
Any	22,459	25,975	17,801	16,930	15,459	13,914	14,202	14,050
200 days or more	13,722	14,712	12,081	10,751	9,615	8,353	8,311	8,396
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	17,962	14,958	18,331	15,797	15,399	16,181	16,504	16,336
Other	18,218	22,096	13,038	14,400	12,869	10,971	10,780	10,775
Average age of principal operator years	58.9	57.0	54.5	53.5	53.8	52.9	51.8	50.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	6,910,512	5,431,280	4,412,593	3,750,700	3,725,343	3,569,175	2,700,407	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	1,885,482	1,778,706	1,662,797	1,272,964	1,271,336	1,576,251	1,084,325	987,614
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,972,993	1,221,367	866,170	862,564	861,580	643,202	464,149	497,587
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	311,338	201,343	115,405	126,077	124,307	93,985	72,666	77,644
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	288,559	252,730	123,357	123,726	121,592	115,815	99,575	134,797
Hired farm labor \$1,000	471,562	390,625	367,016	267,941	263,603	209,675	172,070	129,180
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	228,119	229,425	199,300	182,829	179,469	165,509	174,717	267,692
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	182,467	102,032	64,906	76,178	74,701	57,644	45,925	32,960
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	13,970	14,685	13,311	15,957	15,592	14,797	14,637	16,127
..... number	2,630,082	2,745,253	2,656,351	3,262,093	3,307,301	3,086,717	2,946,334	2,944,702
Beef cows farms	11,267	11,627	10,801	12,369	12,243	11,596	11,132	11,950
..... number	683,291	735,014	720,400	890,540	918,891	900,347	830,216	847,010
Milk cows farms	517	449	616	820	814	1,162	1,714	2,735
..... number	130,736	126,944	98,587	79,304	79,617	81,825	76,285	76,279
Cattle and calves sold farms	11,570	11,963	11,877	15,324	15,124	14,439	14,569	15,288
..... number	3,211,467	3,148,677	3,625,015	3,729,024	3,751,788	3,569,739	3,476,740	3,272,288
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,001	1,171	989	1,335	1,225	1,643	1,685	2,518
..... number	727,301	882,695	783,467	791,529	787,440	464,479	258,725	333,370
Hogs and pigs sold farms	956	1,230	1,158	1,119	1,035	1,558	1,620	2,315
..... number	2,784,645	2,376,709	2,933,721	1,462,187	1,452,164	878,515	460,359	605,517

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