

**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	5,977	4,916	4,191	4,905	3,687	3,427	3,580	3,754
Land in farms ..... acres	436,539	405,616	357,154	406,222	359,313	358,743	398,400	444,242
Average size of farm ..... acres	73	83	85	83	97	105	111	118
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	809,375	1,045,133	840,302	516,347	571,074	624,135	467,677	316,317
Average per acre ..... dollars	11,082	12,667	9,491	6,270	5,949	5,959	4,171	2,655
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	352,391	315,000	214,739	182,266	151,760	124,989	132,445	127,424
Average per farm ..... dollars	58,958	64,090	51,214	37,167	41,194	36,557	36,996	33,925
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	1,768	1,232	984	1,065	744	606	560	594
10 to 49 acres .....	2,403	1,894	1,625	1,835	1,273	1,172	1,176	1,164
50 to 179 acres .....	1,317	1,287	1,077	1,447	1,129	1,082	1,176	1,223
180 to 499 acres .....	379	400	387	453	436	455	546	632
500 to 999 acres .....	67	63	91	75	75	86	95	111
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	29	30	23	26	26	19	24	28
2,000 acres or more .....	14	10	4	4	4	7	3	2
Total cropland ..... farms	4,011	3,884	3,395	4,242	3,289	3,058	3,163	3,326
acres	151,144	163,686	170,673	200,586	181,043	192,756	210,012	224,986
Harvested cropland ..... farms	3,781	3,517	3,000	3,848	3,032	2,789	2,876	3,062
acres	126,835	136,833	131,248	153,446	140,513	143,782	153,715	171,229
Irrigated land ..... farms	1,011	789	801	809	674	524	430	367
acres	9,272	9,901	10,139	7,689	7,366	5,893	7,245	6,695
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	550,620	551,553	470,637	434,970	421,648	336,983	357,702	285,324
Average per farm ..... dollars	92,123	112,195	112,297	88,679	114,361	98,332	99,917	76,005
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	389,137	401,372	327,527	274,048	263,799	183,300	164,664	102,058
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	161,482	150,181	143,110	160,922	157,850	153,683	193,039	183,266
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	2,652	1,933	1,900	1,910	1,165	1,120	1,166	1,236
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	820	719	523	741	555	442	482	486
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	709	561	398	623	500	476	445	437
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	743	652	502	590	511	480	436	432
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	352	329	241	298	271	249	275	287
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	243	231	188	246	221	214	247	314
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	297	313	309	380	349	345	423	467
\$500,000 or more .....	161	178	130	117	115	101	106	90
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	4,663	3,967	3,436	4,040	2,996	2,778	2,923	3,119
Partnership .....	612	485	341	435	344	326	355	360
Corporation .....	523	389	338	386	311	289	276	251
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	179	75	76	44	36	34	26	24
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	2,101	1,561	1,919	1,936	1,565	1,492	1,418	1,459
Any .....	3,876	3,355	2,272	2,756	1,953	1,751	1,940	2,032
200 days or more .....	2,536	2,093	1,619	1,884	1,310	1,098	1,304	1,432
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	2,766	2,273	2,077	2,228	1,824	1,828	1,842	1,957
Other .....	3,211	2,643	2,114	2,677	1,863	1,599	1,738	1,797
Average age of principal operator ..... years	58.7	57.6	55.4	55.0	55.5	55.0	53.5	52.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	586,466	469,319	397,687	348,883	330,902	282,694	255,212	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	6,536	7,164	8,644	9,317	8,740	9,381	16,647	24,973
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	66,754	55,295	42,832	59,852	58,691	55,796	54,207	66,821
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	22,350	15,142	14,211	13,196	12,743	11,236	7,333	7,547
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	37,338	29,508	13,064	11,684	10,638	9,985	9,300	14,569
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	177,047	141,360	127,084	101,344	96,925	77,980	65,657	44,278
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	20,412	16,913	9,036	12,153	11,289	10,443	11,616	12,018
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	15,783	7,711	6,681	5,142	4,819	4,506	4,815	3,377
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	1,452	1,210	1,131	1,669	1,227	1,345	1,596	1,896
number	48,278	50,213	54,247	68,351	65,645	78,044	89,306	110,029
Beef cows ..... farms	1,003	754	737	995	721	770	887	947
number	8,080	5,982	6,180	7,772	6,887	6,878	7,146	6,746
Milk cows ..... farms	242	269	310	438	370	486	630	880
number	17,740	20,685	23,203	28,481	28,017	34,552	41,691	51,795
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	774	805	715	1,208	983	1,103	1,335	1,592
number	14,691	17,348	17,823	26,430	25,237	31,200	41,093	47,487
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	318	244	157	298	210	293	254	379
number	4,737	3,645	3,232	6,139	4,521	5,588	5,429	6,915
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	335	251	176	212	160	201	195	265
number	13,912	6,818	7,079	12,196	9,408	8,232	8,776	9,202

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years (continued)**

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

All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	1,062	822	590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	193	72	50	37	30	42	40	40
number	265,099	420,789	264,866	481,079	342,656	943,569	850,969	539,656
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	92	61	40	91	75	81	115	150
acres	6,548	3,563	3,010	5,588	5,460	5,357	3,953	6,017
bushels	806,003	424,350	361,647	612,648	605,666	630,547	335,317	628,384
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	212	253	303	425	403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	21,436	24,174	27,892	32,639	32,219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	429,697	480,472	506,094	618,725	610,198	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	13	3	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	55	52	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	8,556	2,300	3,250	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	13	3	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	55	52	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	8,556	2,300	3,250	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	4	2	6	7	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	141	(D)	67	129	129	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	6,361	(D)	3,313	5,784	5,784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	3	5	2	4	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	77	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	8	6	1	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	320	294	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	7,898	13,365	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	8	3	6	4	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	8	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	232	90	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco ..... farms	51	76	80	82	74	43	53	78
acres	2,180	3,128	1,925	2,557	2,529	1,456	1,875	2,198
pounds	3,841,978	5,293,517	3,287,837	4,172,200	4,115,845	2,310,666	2,831,167	3,148,241
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms								
acres	1,872	2,060	1,649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	69,013	81,269	73,757	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	148,845	176,786	170,199	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5	-	8	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	25	-	11	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ..... farms	31,250	-	4,150	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	935	735	582	677	620	579	451	511
Potatoes ..... farms	9,293	10,514	10,691	10,270	10,008	9,994	8,608	8,244
acres	289	133	60	61	58	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	(D)	100	71	150	151	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	11	3	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ..... farms	3	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	365	338	300	288	253	332	308	331
acres	3,335	3,672	3,478	3,542	3,546	4,481	5,122	5,361

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