

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	2,451	2,546	2,391	2,671	2,460	2,633	2,966	3,338
Land in farms acres	508,652	510,253	540,080	589,107	579,545	589,189	608,245	655,465
Average size of farm acres	208	200	226	221	236	224	205	196
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,694,584	2,073,605	980,323	576,420	609,974	514,156	369,751	364,843
Average per acre dollars	8,166	10,347	4,054	2,687	2,660	2,246	1,765	1,829
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	395,981	304,801	271,874	195,342	187,259	177,139	158,043	153,587
Average per farm dollars	161,559	119,718	113,755	73,162	76,183	67,843	53,447	46,012
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	452	651	456	460	399	421	514	503
10 to 49 acres	933	802	794	880	772	797	867	905
50 to 179 acres	543	568	562	677	638	725	788	1,012
180 to 499 acres	283	280	316	359	359	398	481	591
500 to 999 acres	92	99	122	156	155	161	188	211
1,000 to 1,999 acres	90	99	89	93	91	89	100	90
2,000 acres or more	58	47	52	46	46	42	28	26
Total cropland farms	1,658	1,989	1,826	2,093	1,981	2,162	2,397	2,843
..... acres	439,157	432,773	457,201	491,489	486,981	495,156	501,290	521,104
Harvested cropland farms	1,448	1,615	1,548	1,901	1,810	1,956	2,172	2,700
..... acres	421,321	409,468	433,105	469,920	466,555	470,348	441,502	499,986
Irrigated land farms	533	560	439	430	415	352	384	323
..... acres	127,272	104,562	97,167	75,024	72,635	61,774	60,812	44,168
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	1,274,014	1,083,035	618,853	767,254	690,794	559,766	443,575	370,562
Average per farm dollars	519,794	425,387	258,826	287,253	280,811	212,596	149,553	111,013
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	429,039	210,635	150,404	176,356	174,845	142,963	96,118	110,276
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	844,975	872,400	468,449	590,898	515,949	416,802	347,456	260,286
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	585	683	607	459	375	392	540	548
\$2,500 to \$4,999	137	201	141	195	173	213	270	304
\$5,000 to \$9,999	145	159	133	208	195	252	297	306
\$10,000 to \$24,999	240	272	159	278	262	301	280	479
\$25,000 to \$49,999	188	127	147	198	200	202	214	333
\$50,000 to \$99,999	135	115	180	178	177	182	257	346
\$100,000 to \$499,999	278	281	694	634	623	818	952	904
\$500,000 or more	743	708	330	521	455	273	156	118
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	1,917	2,006	2,015	2,176	1,995	2,226	2,553	2,830
Partnership	161	210	136	216	207	213	216	302
Corporation	317	282	212	254	236	181	181	190
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	56	48	28	25	22	13	16	16
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	1,366	1,126	1,296	1,235	1,149	1,153	1,263	1,367
Any	1,085	1,420	1,095	1,209	1,097	1,287	1,426	1,629
200 days or more	756	918	690	821	744	849	955	1,129
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	1,565	1,504	1,659	1,601	1,497	1,578	1,774	1,956
Other	886	1,042	732	1,070	963	1,055	1,192	1,382
Average age of principal operator years	58.4	55.4	54.8	53.4	54.0	52.7	51.5	50.6
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	981,803	823,103	471,674	686,028	620,297	448,199	377,102	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	94,265	102,328	55,182	70,407	63,980	64,080	53,522	37,202
Feed purchased \$1,000	503,159	416,368	207,528	415,739	363,258	189,867	187,183	140,508
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	52,806	35,665	23,780	20,606	20,537	19,838	15,802	19,993
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	30,861	20,685	21,131	12,974	12,659	10,367	8,787	13,435
Hired farm labor \$1,000	50,307	36,460	31,579	30,819	30,207	23,911	22,788	17,893
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	18,464	14,590	14,025	19,115	17,866	16,664	14,872	16,948
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	32,280	23,147	15,174	16,447	16,274	15,272	11,197	10,868
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	431	399	371	484	434	411	461	660
..... number	18,225	20,994	22,027	28,119	27,968	28,838	31,191	33,360
Beef cows farms	296	253	230	251	224	204	216	311
..... number	3,833	3,668	3,537	3,658	3,685	2,856	2,187	5,129
Milk cows farms	77	83	96	144	132	137	169	248
..... number	4,512	6,526	8,948	9,312	9,241	8,659	9,354	9,956
Cattle and calves sold farms	293	307	276	404	370	337	376	521
..... number	10,481	11,219	8,212	18,311	18,179	22,655	26,934	26,224
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	59	77	84	147	132	205	301	421
..... number	5,891	8,955	11,775	33,642	33,355	58,913	49,714	54,411
Hogs and pigs sold farms	60	84	86	125	115	195	310	413
..... number	23,422	49,898	68,934	60,553	60,245	118,100	109,600	101,972

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	204	164	58	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	672	845	820	893	805	870	1,001	922
number	211,576,121	246,098,878	255,873,656	260,745,019	223,298,115	223,328,864	210,492,139	170,418,428
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	752	843	769	999	985	1,029	1,076	1,363
acres	178,032	185,407	161,421	157,128	157,011	154,240	130,234	150,676
bushels	23,812,299	18,346,034	13,368,438	15,731,070	15,670,883	18,142,044	9,876,539	14,880,293
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	62	73	91	130	124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,962	6,353	9,700	9,176	9,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	85,140	67,825	128,220	112,879	112,724	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	510	340	371	657	652	599	630	783
acres	79,658	54,546	53,497	75,707	75,265	61,754	43,573	56,867
bushels	5,888,816	3,635,755	3,604,610	4,996,880	4,987,739	3,324,145	1,827,869	2,234,788
Winter wheat for grain farms	510	340	371	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	79,658	54,546	53,497	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	5,888,816	3,635,755	3,604,610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	6	9	17	47	47	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	83	142	244	565	576	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	6,383	(D)	16,350	29,022	29,392	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain farms	199	137	162	243	242	323	360	471
acres	33,455	20,106	22,169	32,278	32,311	37,520	32,642	33,951
bushels	2,810,964	1,588,749	1,760,481	2,699,633	2,700,574	2,605,621	1,897,161	1,912,955
Sorghum for grain farms	15	10	12	91	85	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	592	327	455	4,880	4,633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	45,374	17,927	19,793	307,749	286,741	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	2	1	7	6	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	78	144	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	(D)	452	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	734	817	859	1,151	1,125	1,324	1,515	1,991
acres	167,672	155,548	184,596	224,770	222,785	231,872	219,941	264,971
bushels	7,066,569	3,990,694	4,717,471	6,638,933	6,560,094	6,948,357	4,143,975	6,373,519
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	565	430	493	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	15,294	14,211	18,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	41,433	37,989	53,740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	1	3	3	2	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms								
acres	222	233	236	286	270	271	317	367
Potatoes farms	40,684	40,088	39,208	46,484	45,491	42,380	43,036	40,421
acres	23	21	11	22	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	1,363	2,402	3,897	4,668	4,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7	10	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	20	10	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	21	32	25	31	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	450	524	672	1,200	1,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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.