

**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	47,740	47,463	44,081	45,808	34,799	35,204	36,556	36,352
Land in farms ..... acres	9,548,342	9,231,570	10,414,877	10,659,777	10,454,217	10,766,077	11,194,090	12,814,216
Average size of farm ..... acres	200	195	236	233	300	306	306	353
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	1,040,259	1,096,718	665,376	540,572	662,538	619,265	543,830	552,586
Average per acre ..... dollars	5,201	5,639	2,836	2,344	2,241	2,037	1,790	1,576
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... \$1,000	2,904,423	2,591,541	1,723,447	1,613,796	1,421,654	1,414,554	1,243,530	1,084,678
Average per acre ..... dollars	60,845	54,604	39,884	35,239	40,869	40,898	34,799	30,895
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	11,742	12,184	10,267	10,622	7,394	7,664	7,300	6,790
10 to 49 acres .....	21,013	20,680	18,360	18,680	12,750	12,692	13,346	12,981
50 to 179 acres .....	8,764	8,543	8,776	9,804	7,932	7,738	8,379	8,711
180 to 499 acres .....	3,528	3,461	3,684	3,785	3,687	4,011	4,255	4,409
500 to 999 acres .....	1,259	1,225	1,330	1,324	1,390	1,451	1,598	1,660
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	661	653	822	749	802	776	789	828
2,000 acres or more .....	773	717	842	844	844	872	889	973
Total cropland .....								
farms	24,544	26,555	27,348	30,792	27,141	28,702	29,386	30,565
acres	2,744,064	2,953,340	3,715,257	3,610,304	3,639,850	3,841,505	3,790,599	4,093,583
Harvested cropland .....								
farms	21,011	20,486	20,495	23,520	21,017	22,556	22,677	24,396
acres	2,184,485	2,112,129	2,313,537	2,434,379	2,435,702	2,400,704	2,240,831	2,643,147
Irrigated land .....								
farms	11,744	12,868	13,456	14,573	12,673	13,500	11,981	10,550
acres	1,493,320	1,552,118	1,815,174	1,873,823	1,862,404	1,782,680	1,622,750	1,585,080
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....								
\$1,000	7,701,532	7,785,228	6,242,272	6,137,802	6,004,554	5,266,033	4,351,383	3,522,103
Average per farm ..... dollars	161,322	164,027	141,609	133,990	172,550	149,586	119,033	96,889
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....								
\$1,000	5,969,399	6,256,228	5,041,433	4,853,417	4,817,261	4,197,420	3,317,823	2,518,959
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....								
\$1,000	1,732,133	1,529,000	1,200,839	1,284,385	1,187,292	1,068,613	1,033,560	1,003,144
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	21,263	21,529	19,114	19,006	11,530	11,790	12,551	12,287
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,980	4,839	4,544	5,607	4,405	4,318	4,868	4,824
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,125	4,668	4,285	5,131	4,122	4,151	4,470	4,449
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	5,686	5,404	5,240	5,286	4,572	4,674	4,765	4,797
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	2,998	3,355	3,305	3,049	2,805	2,901	2,833	2,934
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2,464	2,435	2,486	2,349	2,188	2,262	2,273	2,354
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	3,199	3,166	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,443	3,341	3,399
\$500,000 or more .....	2,025	2,067	1,868	1,985	1,928	1,665	1,455	1,270
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	38,140	39,792	37,119	37,138	27,173	27,243	28,943	29,556
Partnership .....	2,576	2,417	2,429	3,212	2,716	3,233	3,289	3,195
Corporation .....	6,155	4,693	4,076	4,989	4,516	4,325	3,961	3,255
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	869	561	457	469	394	403	363	346
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	19,233	16,063	22,094	17,389	14,054	14,150	13,494	12,617
Any .....	28,507	31,400	21,987	25,383	18,337	18,791	21,196	21,034
200 days or more .....	17,335	18,743	16,103	18,497	13,152	13,330	15,349	15,536
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	22,902	20,904	22,998	19,207	15,782	16,557	15,821	15,610
Other .....	24,838	26,559	21,083	26,601	19,017	18,647	20,735	20,742
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	59.8	58.4	57.0	56.3	56.5	55.3	53.7	52.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....								
\$1,000	6,484,515	5,762,883	4,734,590	4,553,217	4,384,423	4,082,659	3,200,405	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....								
\$1,000	163,843	175,186	147,080	160,467	145,770	131,497	148,405	165,018
\$1,000	750,800	547,947	410,603	501,971	446,861	382,945	336,690	349,630
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> .....								
\$1,000	546,306	439,145	289,115	352,800	347,559	283,424	209,617	217,332
\$1,000	325,053	266,387	146,528	138,244	131,636	128,168	104,591	135,063
\$1,000	1,276,025	1,208,631	1,157,569	944,561	925,607	937,571	721,540	480,444
\$1,000	225,460	203,987	163,345	247,091	237,536	219,234	191,913	198,515
\$1,000	564,650	376,699	321,442	355,836	350,556	320,675	227,063	165,343
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....								
farms	21,255	21,011	19,182	23,007	15,849	15,522	17,321	17,822
number	1,675,323	1,711,011	1,738,874	1,858,255	1,808,900	1,783,968	1,879,124	2,178,552
Beef cows .....	18,433	16,694	15,717	18,945	13,600	13,423	14,672	14,839
number	982,790	942,419	982,404	1,012,814	1,003,072	962,527	995,250	1,098,152
Milk cows .....	425	422	923	952	666	877	1,073	1,385
farms	123,220	119,856	144,843	160,818	159,614	171,675	176,993	194,550
number								
Cattle and calves sold .....	13,971	14,146	14,149	19,974	14,600	14,127	16,071	16,075
number	860,429	843,641	847,869	895,794	869,219	897,455	1,025,178	1,108,300
Hogs and pigs inventory .....								
farms	1,642	1,906	1,471	2,352	1,431	1,926	2,487	3,602
number	14,915	19,937	33,479	62,967	50,309	114,899	156,137	203,231
farms	1,104	1,326	1,090	1,467	971	1,551	2,103	3,105
number	19,006	25,398	50,533	114,147	96,512	200,375	266,652	328,150

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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