

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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

All farms	2012	2007	Not adjusted for coverage				
			2002	1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	7,000	7,521	5,398	5,473	5,336	4,870	4,595
Land in farms acres	1,129,317	1,121,329	1,300,499	1,439,071	1,588,843	1,721,521	1,957,501
Average size of farm acres	161	149	241	263	298	353	426
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars	1,461,342	1,146,213	842,875	632,281	722,189	603,435	778,471
Average per acre dollars	9,058	7,688	3,507	2,405	2,425	1,707	1,826
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	307,994	304,997	186,163	211,775	283,699	199,280	190,230
Average per farm dollars	43,999	40,666	35,568	38,709	53,207	41,208	41,735
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	4,412	4,813	3,440	3,456	3,410	2,855	2,743
10 to 49 acres	1,752	1,972	1,309	1,417	1,342	1,401	1,261
50 to 179 acres	480	423	335	318	313	341	320
180 to 499 acres	172	154	146	139	133	128	126
500 to 999 acres	57	44	61	43	34	31	33
1,000 to 1,999 acres	48	50	41	33	31	36	33
2,000 acres or more	79	65	66	67	73	78	79
Total cropland farms	5,551	6,281	4,755	4,882	4,735	4,170	3,836
..... acres	174,042	177,626	211,120	292,107	293,371	327,396	346,113
Harvested cropland farms	5,293	6,044	4,522	4,594	4,472	3,837	3,538
..... acres	99,031	103,120	109,461	100,094	136,431	152,719	155,960
Irrigated land farms	2,498	2,810	2,231	2,241	2,220	1,827	1,544
..... acres	81,813	58,635	69,194	76,971	134,338	148,884	145,982
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	661,347	513,626	533,423	496,935	552,054	609,741	558,608
Average per farm dollars	94,478	68,292	98,819	90,798	103,458	125,203	121,569
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	538,873	429,916	445,356	401,411	453,410	498,317	456,069
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	122,474	83,711	88,067	95,524	98,644	111,424	102,539
Farms by value of sales ² :							
Less than \$2,500	2,130	2,932	1,407	1,638	1,790	1,402	1,454
\$2,500 to \$4,999	902	1,012	714	743	754	674	706
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,058	996	916	797	715	745	653
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,397	1,143	1,056	989	863	911	788
\$25,000 to \$49,999	684	557	506	535	484	476	397
\$50,000 to \$99,999	323	353	314	323	291	287	237
\$100,000 to \$499,999	358	380	352	334	326	278	266
\$500,000 or more	148	148	133	114	113	97	87
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):							
Family or individual	5,685	6,363	4,629	4,583	4,425	4,035	3,852
Partnership	446	437	225	328	379	404	351
Corporation	637	617	472	497	456	370	352
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	232	104	72	65	76	61	40
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :							
None	2,223	1,903	2,786	2,148	1,961	1,723	1,633
Any	4,777	5,618	2,612	2,827	2,864	2,728	2,534
200 days or more	2,598	2,827	1,661	1,566	1,487	1,476	1,371
Principal operator by primary occupation:							
Farming	3,642	3,861	3,125	3,052	2,926	2,816	2,565
Other	3,358	3,660	2,273	2,421	2,410	2,054	2,030
Average age of principal operator years	60.4	58.6	56.5	55.0	53.8	53.0	52.7
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	659,262	486,648	450,946	398,567	466,826	495,759	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :							
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	3,880	3,343	6,025	6,471	7,856	15,230	17,581
Feed purchased \$1,000	43,811	24,678	27,997	35,749	37,060	42,629	41,548
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	46,584	29,807	17,791	25,653	30,574	30,717	33,477
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	33,157	24,443	14,458	16,335	18,110	17,197	19,864
Hired farm labor \$1,000	269,907	178,496	177,692	150,682	178,788	193,230	146,277
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	13,208	14,838	8,633	13,964	14,051	22,930	17,771
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	32,993	17,238	16,134	17,187	20,396	18,233	16,417
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,314	1,142	748	829	874	1,003	1,040
..... number	133,957	151,479	154,308	181,732	191,230	211,045	241,969
Beef cows farms	1,173	853	578	625	655	724	784
..... number	(D)	86,000	83,277	93,711	87,620	83,427	90,523
Milk cows farms	12	15	27	44	57	73	88
..... number	(D)	2,296	6,465	8,389	10,816	11,836	12,767
Cattle and calves sold farms	711	713	550	660	699	807	817
..... number	56,159	70,567	60,739	66,726	82,788	101,315	91,675
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	231	225	204	248	253	372	371
..... number	11,441	14,933	23,364	29,440	28,570	47,564	49,029
Hogs and pigs sold farms	131	148	158	190	200	307	319
..... number	12,529	20,569	33,231	38,066	47,831	69,019	66,875

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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