

**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	24,816	25,349	25,017	25,590	22,314	22,124	24,142	24,714
Land in farms ..... acres	11,760,109	11,497,383	11,767,294	12,057,001	11,830,167	13,468,992	13,931,875	13,921,639
Average size of farm ..... acres	474	454	470	471	530	609	577	563
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	1,052,941	894,497	613,303	487,885	536,521	410,206	336,615	459,965
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,222	1,972	1,270	1,035	1,017	682	572	814
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	3,569,402	2,899,269	2,071,614	1,847,075	1,740,107	1,496,916	1,330,607	1,454,150
	143,835	114,383	91,746	72,191	77,916	67,841	55,327	59,016
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	4,861	4,891	4,871	4,320	3,092	2,785	3,021	2,953
10 to 49 acres .....	7,031	7,497	7,439	6,857	5,621	5,017	5,268	5,296
50 to 179 acres .....	5,103	5,225	4,917	5,294	4,757	5,070	5,685	6,129
180 to 499 acres .....	3,575	3,445	3,279	4,016	3,812	4,182	4,716	4,887
500 to 999 acres .....	1,728	1,808	1,873	2,243	2,199	2,270	2,446	2,562
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,308	1,214	1,346	1,604	1,582	1,524	1,697	1,568
2,000 acres or more .....	1,210	1,269	1,292	1,256	1,251	1,276	1,309	1,319
Total cropland ..... farms	18,024	18,782	18,366	20,485	18,994	19,204	21,085	22,031
..... acres	5,793,347	5,918,899	6,152,611	6,435,446	6,308,877	6,301,862	6,742,285	6,484,076
Harvested cropland ..... farms	15,104	13,975	13,444	16,388	15,494	16,023	18,270	19,596
..... acres	4,504,676	4,225,786	4,313,288	4,581,227	4,478,862	4,225,273	4,349,122	4,887,805
Irrigated land ..... farms	15,732	16,124	15,901	16,683	15,191	15,487	16,620	17,355
..... acres	3,365,292	3,299,889	3,288,522	3,543,805	3,493,542	3,260,006	3,219,192	3,450,443
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	7,801,446	5,688,765	3,908,262	3,388,296	3,345,864	2,964,216	2,269,404	2,231,605
	314,372	224,418	156,224	132,407	149,945	133,982	94,002	90,297
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000								
	3,443,012	2,324,789	1,787,172	1,816,769	1,773,699	1,492,103	1,097,255	1,160,742
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000								
	4,358,435	3,363,976	2,121,090	1,571,526	1,572,166	1,472,113	1,172,149	1,070,863
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	8,969	10,772	11,587	8,016	5,663	4,726	5,329	4,910
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	2,487	2,192	2,123	2,790	2,350	2,186	2,519	2,435
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2,367	2,281	1,998	2,636	2,362	2,433	2,627	2,635
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2,537	2,617	2,444	3,240	3,182	3,266	3,646	3,655
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1,842	1,666	1,604	2,131	2,068	2,370	2,781	3,042
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1,518	1,505	1,368	1,939	1,898	2,253	2,787	3,306
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	3,095	2,661	2,589	3,533	3,510	3,790	3,791	3,963
\$500,000 or more .....	2,001	1,655	1,304	1,305	1,281	1,100	662	664
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	20,716	21,308	22,041	21,669	18,631	18,534	20,368	20,950
Partnership .....	1,802	2,124	1,543	2,089	1,956	2,074	2,314	2,312
Corporation .....	1,792	1,533	1,218	1,523	1,459	1,287	1,207	1,175
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	506	384	215	309	268	229	253	277
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	9,473	8,170	10,348	9,537	8,856	9,297	10,101	10,044
Any .....	15,343	17,179	14,669	14,673	12,230	11,342	12,614	12,567
200 days or more .....	9,857	10,332	10,467	9,759	7,885	7,214	7,555	7,425
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	12,349	11,579	13,857	12,786	12,049	13,082	14,550	15,268
Other .....	12,467	13,770	11,160	12,804	10,265	9,042	9,592	9,446
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	57.6	56.5	54.1	52.8	53.2	52.2	51.1	49.6
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
	6,642,131	4,604,040	3,440,579	2,758,962	2,705,028	2,445,017	1,862,264	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	633,046	584,795	616,224	470,769	469,600	527,312	394,684	326,442
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,921,092	1,137,906	646,250	451,913	450,829	347,903	230,572	233,142
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	593,119	370,237	202,192	252,241	245,440	190,698	148,396	160,602
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	318,433	220,007	109,251	103,631	100,076	95,329	83,022	118,529
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	592,484	499,505	369,892	278,162	270,843	245,990	181,790	147,584
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	233,928	220,279	192,730	183,432	178,482	157,683	158,965	218,310
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	267,849	160,030	120,830	122,359	118,406	82,374	65,098	52,652
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....								
..... farms	10,957	10,621	10,902	13,317	12,063	12,527	13,481	15,980
..... number	2,397,541	2,236,147	1,989,548	1,862,639	1,908,097	1,812,720	1,772,756	1,925,419
Beef cows .....	8,336	7,365	7,902	8,966	8,405	8,393	8,604	10,201
..... farms	485,025	476,292	502,024	531,661	555,676	565,016	558,229	614,385
..... number	934	811	982	1,504	1,404	1,990	2,769	4,199
Milk cows .....	578,761	536,463	390,600	265,038	265,854	181,785	157,665	178,082
Cattle and calves sold .....								
..... farms	9,157	9,662	9,035	12,516	11,684	12,230	13,321	15,262
..... number	1,838,956	1,829,456	1,856,342	1,567,003	1,578,375	1,646,112	1,502,218	1,490,079
Hogs and pigs inventory .....								
..... farms	680	657	841	917	714	1,141	1,258	1,648
..... (D)	32,794	23,352	23,352	33,875	29,026	67,343	76,882	80,957
Hogs and pigs sold .....								
..... farms	683	728	980	729	573	940	1,113	1,355
..... number	144,932	65,618	39,482	52,023	44,626	104,723	119,188	114,391

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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	3,005	1,610	1,318	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	655,346	(D)	907,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	202	125	131	71	55	59	85	107
number	10,053	7,937	7,475	7,743	6,043	27,206	8,733	14,634
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	965	691	462	705	694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	135,010	104,570	42,209	41,369	41,162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	26,226,728	17,752,526	6,561,733	6,429,983	6,390,279	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	1,077	1,115	1,021	1,053	1,041	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	232,143	211,748	134,133	80,983	79,086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	6,320,137	5,695,090	3,490,255	2,044,572	1,991,808	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	3,145	2,850	2,736	5,381	5,199	6,106	7,706	7,870
acres	1,250,494	1,191,086	1,201,942	1,458,097	1,410,978	1,384,893	1,239,480	1,507,775
bushels	96,837,345	84,614,401	78,507,447	112,491,692	108,941,849	94,094,326	83,250,152	87,980,724
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	2,222	2,059	1,923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	738,354	729,704	675,290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	59,767,034	52,991,573	47,642,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain ..... farms	17	32	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	12,517	14,485	8,434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	767,326	1,166,722	620,629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain ..... farms	1,604	1,423	1,505	2,797	2,708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	499,623	446,897	518,218	581,392	567,369	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	36,302,985	30,456,106	30,244,525	46,213,277	45,270,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	265	298	393	547	549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	14,899	19,629	18,179	20,701	20,406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,078,637	1,178,663	1,244,462	1,500,159	1,472,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain ..... farms	2,347	2,146	2,447	4,259	4,178	5,149	7,852	9,379
acres	593,469	547,928	634,476	736,771	711,504	691,273	833,225	1,090,811
bushels	51,147,054	42,464,856	47,865,297	56,147,263	54,317,070	48,647,384	59,437,911	73,169,464
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	3	-	1	1	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	26	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,306	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	8	3	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,117	170	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	22,046	2,070	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	947	641	762	1,188	1,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	140,472	88,987	79,791	95,409	92,743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	2,878,053	1,646,970	1,665,528	2,090,601	2,036,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms								
acres	11,930	11,159	10,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	1,376,632	1,316,296	1,335,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	5,041,850	5,198,288	4,856,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3	1	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	140	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar ..... farms	7,960	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	531	507	655	926	921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	184,510	163,598	202,932	195,869	195,651	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> ..... farms	6,474,139	5,631,170	4,934,966	5,084,196	5,078,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,307	1,137	427	674	645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes ..... farms	369,480	377,062	26,010	38,695	37,783	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	794	703	818	1,435	1,402	1,616	1,792	1,892
Land in orchards ..... farms	345,217	350,905	364,229	398,498	394,977	372,028	352,670	320,019
acres	482	485	442	429	377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	6,529	7,682	7,172	10,660	9,903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

<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.