

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	75,087	76,860	73,027	79,112	73,051	77,610	88,786	98,483
Land in farms acres	26,937,721	26,775,100	27,310,833	27,673,285	27,204,780	27,250,340	28,526,664	28,726,114
Average size of farm acres	359	348	374	350	372	351	321	292
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	2,261,778	1,321,080	913,251	736,255	773,141	539,181	402,970	538,886
Average per acre dollars	6,305	3,792	2,425	2,136	2,126	1,548	1,262	1,837
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	15,256,459	10,499,792	7,386,281	6,854,940	6,606,816	5,516,277	5,392,170	6,092,937
Average per farm dollars	203,192	136,609	102,242	86,662	90,447	71,219	60,935	61,982
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5,776	8,603	3,510	5,249	4,254	5,026	5,931	6,101
10 to 49 acres	19,801	20,592	16,162	15,120	12,604	12,191	12,971	15,183
50 to 179 acres	20,941	18,410	19,991	21,580	19,606	20,239	23,824	27,513
180 to 499 acres	13,216	13,116	15,862	18,746	18,231	21,327	26,720	31,723
500 to 999 acres	7,617	8,309	9,847	11,642	11,619	12,833	14,320	13,879
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5,267	5,520	5,896	5,447	5,414	5,115	4,407	3,606
2,000 acres or more	2,469	2,310	1,759	1,328	1,323	879	613	478
Total cropland farms	67,609	67,431	68,750	72,590	68,082	72,626	83,056	92,250
..... acres	23,752,778	23,707,699	24,171,260	24,186,942	23,920,923	24,164,457	25,102,092	24,748,112
Harvested cropland farms	53,155	54,185	56,083	65,560	62,712	69,425	79,986	89,124
..... acres	22,373,010	22,611,443	22,562,904	22,428,616	22,274,230	21,868,287	20,102,388	23,008,244
Irrigated land farms	2,644	2,388	2,031	2,072	2,021	2,061	1,635	1,182
..... acres	522,479	474,454	390,843	351,676	349,799	328,316	208,105	166,012
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	17,187,052	13,329,107	7,676,239	8,634,730	8,556,486	7,336,864	6,376,801	7,313,529
Average per farm dollars	228,895	173,421	105,115	109,146	117,130	94,535	71,822	74,262
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	14,144,740	10,876,415	5,871,542	6,602,817	6,567,164	5,251,328	4,158,936	5,092,452
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	3,042,312	2,452,692	1,804,697	2,031,913	1,989,323	2,085,535	2,217,865	2,221,076
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	25,025	26,879	20,801	16,630	12,210	9,178	10,630	11,226
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,256	4,278	4,316	5,713	5,107	5,613	6,741	7,417
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,860	4,877	5,146	6,242	5,949	6,898	8,728	8,975
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,908	5,910	7,980	9,440	9,082	11,800	14,962	15,315
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,563	5,381	7,258	8,420	8,243	10,363	13,313	14,707
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,666	6,245	8,052	9,395	9,290	11,572	14,765	17,376
\$100,000 to \$499,999	15,289	16,130	16,629	20,216	20,153	20,380	18,588	22,366
\$500,000 or more	9,520	7,160	2,845	3,056	3,017	1,806	1,059	1,085
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	64,927	65,748	64,468	67,182	61,748	65,752	75,409	83,715
Partnership	4,562	6,509	5,296	8,038	7,603	8,997	10,651	12,239
Corporation	3,716	3,433	2,584	3,158	3,043	2,361	2,135	1,866
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,882	1,170	679	734	657	500	591	663
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	31,838	28,398	33,260	32,396	31,043	33,728	38,565	42,422
Any	43,249	48,462	39,767	42,404	37,953	38,703	43,651	47,562
200 days or more	27,682	29,513	26,559	27,732	24,220	24,056	26,001	27,906
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	37,835	37,223	46,822	43,020	41,645	47,875	57,122	63,756
Other	37,252	39,637	26,205	36,092	31,406	29,735	31,664	34,727
Average age of principal operator years	57.8	56.2	55.1	53.2	53.4	51.7	50.4	49.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	13,459,269	9,045,080	6,223,876	5,680,557	5,542,904	5,088,894	4,557,450	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	689,855	588,949	411,546	354,351	334,161	434,193	460,761	447,023
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,246,112	705,155	528,144	583,150	567,098	531,978	451,832	477,619
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	2,405,662	1,480,395	731,424	726,810	714,914	645,280	564,393	712,705
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	736,736	562,346	280,056	315,472	309,146	322,542	299,486	480,860
Hired farm labor \$1,000	594,616	483,699	421,803	353,685	344,362	300,090	275,128	225,820
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	565,142	498,091	476,340	435,036	424,977	431,344	448,150	660,391
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	1,094,846	731,968	559,165	558,393	548,362	439,672	336,428	344,575
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	16,550	18,397	19,928	25,825	24,452	27,405	33,305	41,028
..... number	1,127,630	1,231,105	1,359,010	1,512,898	1,437,697	1,601,261	1,885,444	2,315,397
Beef cows farms	12,646	14,753	14,766	18,665	17,682	19,392	23,087	28,163
..... number	343,972	429,111	422,694	474,009	453,127	447,201	511,188	622,002
Milk cows farms	1,149	1,217	1,658	2,259	2,238	3,050	4,304	5,812
..... number	98,849	99,677	114,101	127,526	127,702	151,503	186,371	206,827
Cattle and calves sold farms	14,160	16,046	17,699	24,709	23,622	26,419	32,798	38,996
..... number	835,912	894,593	917,251	1,007,769	949,478	1,130,433	1,407,670	1,532,199
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	2,045	2,864	3,929	7,385	7,168	13,433	17,084	21,646
..... number	4,630,796	4,298,716	4,094,706	4,677,231	4,679,166	5,641,115	5,642,991	5,988,994
Hogs and pigs sold farms	2,019	3,063	4,313	7,641	7,447	14,142	17,837	22,814
..... number	13,121,384	13,196,581	11,178,721	9,390,266	9,374,726	10,330,124	9,879,960	9,531,614

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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	3,725	2,801	1,672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	4,327,311	5,285,583	3,290,313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	398	260	239	127	115	123	296	349
number	302,571	325,036	82,974	365,769	363,353	60,004	435,555	138,331
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	36,655	38,260	41,032	49,416	48,443	55,685	66,600	73,372
acres	12,263,259	13,096,231	10,742,787	10,780,900	10,710,072	10,770,985	9,162,711	11,383,178
bushels	1,253,283,049	2,248,664,947	1,418,566,127	1,372,414,201	1,363,015,453	1,532,681,088	1,168,644,485	1,425,129,317
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	2,867	2,296	3,271	3,872	3,774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	171,562	75,247	109,847	122,477	119,116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,795,527	1,351,823	1,638,995	1,948,803	1,892,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	6,999	9,416	8,592	14,973	14,822	17,061	21,356	28,080
acres	645,829	891,567	581,084	984,815	983,556	1,075,805	954,990	1,452,686
bushels	40,543,253	47,291,213	27,923,042	54,005,189	53,954,013	54,096,203	48,850,664	62,046,957
Winter wheat for grain farms	6,999	9,407	8,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	645,829	891,399	581,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	40,543,253	47,282,936	27,923,042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	-	12	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	168	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	8,277	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	949	1,006	2,109	3,709	3,588	5,635	8,540	8,940
acres	19,769	24,265	39,258	70,947	69,009	108,363	157,374	176,568
bushels	1,540,579	1,500,658	2,839,874	5,029,761	4,887,273	6,704,097	10,312,797	10,268,768
Barley for grain farms	64	46	59	117	117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,518	738	1,852	2,209	2,219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	79,199	43,029	111,960	120,948	122,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain farms	283	731	664	1,139	1,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	26,494	76,601	56,921	77,636	76,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,642,406	5,960,150	4,510,917	6,441,270	6,392,482	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	84	58	106	119	116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,271	1,169	3,308	2,752	2,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	55,375	13,502	33,155	29,410	28,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	34,725	33,945	41,571	47,938	47,008	52,339	61,547	66,595
acres	8,933,457	8,293,711	10,505,989	9,872,252	9,825,475	8,932,399	8,768,833	8,997,737
bushels	371,337,854	353,741,105	438,990,297	417,919,609	415,716,620	373,563,650	329,323,117	335,976,354
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	1	-	-	9	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	238	228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	(D)	-	-	3,573	3,413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco farms	14	13	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	827	268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	788,448	1,656,819	513,940	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	17,947	19,865	20,691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	514,024	593,186	729,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice farms	1,358,993	1,770,834	2,234,607	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1	3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	11	46	87	56	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	500	3,217	1,580	(D)	1,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	442,008	4,356,557	1,549,546	(D)	2,156,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
acres	1,370	1,377	1,107	1,314	1,262	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	71,946	71,371	70,430	67,925	66,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	330	253	84	89	87	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	7,021	6,244	6,825	4,358	4,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	43	21	36	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	20	19	40	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	926	871	830	852	734	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,743	6,032	8,168	9,067	8,645	(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.