

**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	58,695	60,938	60,296	66,707	57,916	62,778	70,506	77,180
Land in farms ..... acres	14,720,396	14,773,184	15,058,670	15,525,154	15,111,022	15,618,831	16,170,895	16,294,268
Average size of farm ..... acres	251	242	250	233	261	249	229	211
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	1,342,826	868,699	637,645	486,171	532,663	346,199	265,446	338,549
Average per acre ..... dollars	5,354	3,583	2,567	2,097	2,064	1,395	1,158	1,610
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	8,407,178	6,302,106	4,636,855	3,909,303	3,709,854	3,474,495	3,129,398	3,464,195
Average per farm ..... dollars	143,252	103,427	80,240	58,614	64,050	55,440	44,502	45,033
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	6,607	9,720	5,436	5,741	4,183	5,141	5,444	5,648
10 to 49 acres .....	20,770	19,533	18,595	17,937	13,987	14,234	15,010	17,373
50 to 179 acres .....	16,396	15,993	18,691	22,818	19,913	21,268	24,892	27,460
180 to 499 acres .....	7,420	8,012	9,263	11,569	11,099	12,928	15,902	18,009
500 to 999 acres .....	3,562	3,774	4,494	5,194	5,268	6,000	6,670	6,567
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	2,544	2,621	2,827	2,735	2,753	2,687	2,291	1,872
2,000 acres or more .....	1,396	1,285	990	713	713	520	297	251
Total cropland ..... farms	48,851	51,283	53,725	59,496	53,256	58,117	65,529	71,836
..... acres	12,590,633	12,716,037	12,909,002	13,065,057	12,848,950	13,366,034	13,592,873	13,331,077
Harvested cropland ..... farms	41,965	41,743	44,298	51,984	47,613	54,252	61,689	68,040
..... acres	12,146,538	12,108,940	11,937,370	11,844,628	11,716,704	11,834,675	10,706,298	12,136,310
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,598	2,391	2,212	1,918	1,753	1,742	1,481	1,206
..... acres	437,445	397,113	313,130	255,917	250,050	240,898	169,703	131,987
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	11,210,818	8,271,291	4,783,158	5,323,116	5,229,977	4,633,090	4,067,684	4,226,930
Average per farm ..... dollars	191,001	135,733	79,328	79,798	90,303	73,801	57,693	54,767
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	7,530,097	5,319,019	2,992,747	3,297,312	3,246,617	2,698,335	2,127,135	2,439,409
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	3,680,721	2,952,272	1,790,411	2,025,804	1,983,359	1,934,755	1,940,549	1,787,521
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	20,283	22,470	21,620	18,568	13,022	11,189	12,433	13,717
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,859	4,971	5,169	6,617	5,710	6,848	8,072	8,731
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,204	5,686	5,760	7,398	6,579	8,053	9,515	10,161
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	5,681	6,325	7,329	9,476	8,757	10,642	12,820	13,878
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	4,101	4,531	5,112	6,529	6,057	7,296	8,682	9,671
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	4,254	4,273	4,945	5,827	5,728	6,694	8,031	9,228
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	9,020	8,655	8,505	10,290	10,079	10,750	10,126	11,016
\$500,000 or more .....	5,293	4,027	1,856	2,002	1,984	1,306	827	749
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	50,997	52,553	53,864	57,266	49,293	53,105	59,955	65,548
Partnership .....	3,376	4,614	3,463	5,803	5,235	6,721	7,469	8,905
Corporation .....	3,266	2,978	2,632	3,200	3,018	2,622	2,823	2,422
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,056	793	337	438	370	330	259	305
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	20,864	20,161	23,945	22,469	20,733	23,384	25,127	27,352
Any .....	37,831	40,777	36,351	40,651	33,959	35,397	40,682	44,050
200 days or more .....	26,731	27,231	27,064	29,612	24,216	25,237	28,153	30,319
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	25,630	25,510	33,612	28,779	26,993	31,547	36,654	40,189
Other .....	33,065	35,428	26,684	37,928	30,923	31,231	33,852	36,991
Average age of principal operator ..... years	55.8	55.0	53.7	52.3	52.8	51.6	50.5	49.1
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	9,117,075	6,280,596	4,310,513	4,120,616	4,011,772	3,645,379	3,178,679	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	508,824	511,239	307,156	294,217	282,253	328,492	328,366	300,350
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,592,005	1,092,067	660,587	834,291	818,113	657,193	576,585	522,442
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,444,469	888,112	435,657	458,618	451,832	420,849	354,501	453,678
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	457,781	344,253	171,335	198,454	192,729	205,728	171,786	275,154
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	445,331	320,902	300,988	255,577	248,070	209,089	196,231	152,061
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	375,856	316,937	294,199	283,583	272,608	290,504	306,836	426,334
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	564,224	373,897	258,403	296,398	291,799	247,300	183,674	173,999
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....	17,370	18,483	20,662	26,816	23,025	25,974	30,340	36,907
..... number	821,265	875,350	862,074	1,049,323	976,701	1,113,473	1,236,480	1,437,618
Beef cows .....	11,218	12,668	12,612	17,591	15,164	16,783	19,150	23,206
..... number	182,627	235,299	230,421	299,120	277,797	293,836	315,784	377,741
Milk cows .....	2,401	2,023	2,799	3,464	3,216	3,958	5,204	6,795
..... number	174,141	166,149	144,792	134,492	131,630	144,532	163,867	188,716
Cattle and calves sold .....	14,106	15,088	16,879	24,431	21,585	24,215	28,905	33,780
..... number	665,418	637,951	602,637	732,396	667,846	763,919	881,663	890,380
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	2,757	3,420	4,087	6,809	6,442	11,987	14,834	17,654
..... number	3,747,352	3,669,057	3,478,570	3,926,726	3,972,060	4,618,663	4,372,294	4,298,027
Hogs and pigs sold .....	2,823	3,790	4,603	6,977	6,623	12,559	15,458	18,271
..... number	10,551,241	9,523,891	8,221,628	7,587,358	7,584,642	8,760,626	8,024,713	7,279,358

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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	5,584	3,583	2,152	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	25,587,222	24,238,513	21,952,110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	674	399	385	249	204	188	311	405
number	41,579,130	37,072,109	25,385,811	10,862,185	10,391,178	21,081,124	22,306,685	12,583,016
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	22,985	24,400	24,156	32,047	30,642	37,005	45,383	50,290
acres	6,036,712	6,362,576	5,123,291	5,508,168	5,473,792	5,828,308	4,884,114	5,975,300
bushels	597,271,090	959,947,232	606,156,476	657,405,247	652,547,322	805,637,216	619,045,978	712,234,375
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	2,496	2,120	2,875	3,545	3,365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	137,801	105,937	116,939	104,618	102,464	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,775,267	1,956,429	1,747,847	1,678,342	1,639,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	4,290	5,058	5,907	10,926	10,658	12,936	18,294	23,764
acres	300,707	362,571	299,873	548,890	545,027	542,058	590,920	892,929
bushels	19,857,371	19,693,426	15,345,210	29,417,190	29,209,090	25,048,728	30,789,151	37,007,361
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	4,290	5,058	5,907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	300,707	362,571	299,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	19,857,371	19,693,426	15,345,210	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	538	568	914	1,869	1,739	2,905	4,982	6,250
acres	4,874	7,948	11,015	24,508	23,551	41,538	69,063	94,806
bushels	270,728	403,631	705,534	1,498,286	1,445,213	2,603,270	4,317,321	5,868,963
Barley for grain ..... farms	38	37	75	108	106	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	760	493	1,255	2,018	2,037	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	49,253	21,911	59,370	108,418	108,294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	64	78	94	142	141	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7,282	8,938	9,950	13,028	13,210	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	439,074	811,912	751,444	931,494	945,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	73	52	56	90	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,244	796	1,020	1,667	1,633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	11,457	6,196	6,389	15,548	14,281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	21,905	21,973	25,212	29,152	28,056	33,568	40,068	42,516
acres	5,144,179	4,783,821	5,761,363	5,041,793	5,003,186	4,729,880	4,397,253	4,397,224
bushels	218,928,307	211,074,079	235,450,361	212,463,202	210,645,005	195,049,717	169,749,051	161,462,876
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	8	1	19	16	17	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	71	(D)	1,016	1,583	1,795	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	710	(D)	29,487	29,362	32,966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco ..... farms	158	267	1,282	2,110	2,017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,348	2,174	4,034	8,902	8,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	4,194,749	4,525,089	7,411,634	18,096,537	17,275,291	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms								
acres	20,442	18,917	22,196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	510,435	546,764	625,898	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	1,198,007	1,306,246	1,611,419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5	2	30	12	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	50	(D)	307	(D)	261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> ..... farms	35,000	(D)	343,938	(D)	261,100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,376	1,363	1,139	1,379	1,125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes ..... farms	37,747	35,503	37,682	34,443	30,139	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	339	263	131	132	115	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	3,539	2,288	2,491	4,068	4,041	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	23	23	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ..... farms	10	13	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	588	546	613	703	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	3,386	3,843	5,354	6,564	5,835	(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.