

**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	88,637	92,856	90,655	96,705	90,792	96,543	105,180	115,413
Land in farms ..... acres	30,622,731	30,747,550	31,729,490	32,313,119	31,166,699	31,346,565	31,638,130	32,611,964
Average size of farm ..... acres	345	331	350	334	343	325	301	283
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	2,207,220	1,122,023	707,730	559,678	566,587	394,267	283,597	471,011
Average per acre ..... dollars	6,389	3,388	2,005	1,698	1,697	1,212	947	1,684
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	18,954,910	12,694,091	8,923,379	7,694,453	7,318,851	6,647,461	5,543,375	6,731,271
	213,856	136,771	100,422	79,607	80,651	68,967	52,844	58,398
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	6,707	8,709	4,811	5,830	5,049	7,129	7,974	7,910
10 to 49 acres .....	20,665	17,824	16,278	13,329	11,580	10,345	10,981	12,322
50 to 179 acres .....	22,788	24,692	24,250	26,504	24,525	24,518	27,556	30,959
180 to 499 acres .....	18,654	22,354	24,719	29,747	28,918	33,988	39,071	46,259
500 to 999 acres .....	11,581	11,826	13,063	15,115	14,833	15,830	15,874	14,858
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	6,589	5,898	6,213	5,349	5,114	4,241	3,401	2,796
2,000 acres or more .....	1,653	1,553	1,321	831	773	492	323	309
Total cropland ..... farms	80,426	82,785	84,755	87,946	83,375	88,224	96,749	106,859
..... acres	26,256,347	26,316,332	27,153,291	27,713,041	26,821,844	27,195,676	27,290,868	27,580,749
Harvested cropland ..... farms	63,214	63,672	67,338	77,706	74,951	84,009	92,878	103,644
..... acres	24,507,219	23,799,380	23,994,343	24,008,826	23,323,249	22,826,308	20,484,178	24,137,670
Irrigated land ..... farms	1,525	1,287	976	1,006	957	1,063	851	616
..... acres	171,656	189,518	142,109	133,149	124,983	115,724	92,247	91,427
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	30,821,532	20,418,096	12,273,634	12,162,165	11,947,894	10,099,786	8,926,799	9,828,932
	347,728	219,890	135,388	125,766	131,596	104,614	84,872	85,163
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000								
	17,366,814	10,343,585	6,071,272	6,381,676	6,187,269	4,641,155	3,660,117	4,143,086
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000								
	13,454,718	10,074,511	6,202,362	5,780,489	5,760,625	5,458,631	5,266,682	5,685,846
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	25,049	26,730	23,436	16,945	13,191	7,636	8,799	8,092
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3,613	3,986	3,737	4,995	4,577	4,753	5,498	5,535
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4,328	5,100	4,902	6,060	5,878	7,030	8,252	8,230
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	6,041	6,663	9,409	10,860	10,507	13,820	17,436	17,531
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	5,775	7,514	10,038	11,797	11,448	14,852	17,752	20,458
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	7,470	9,805	11,718	14,231	13,735	17,570	20,656	25,735
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	19,805	23,580	22,651	27,758	27,523	28,595	25,157	28,128
\$500,000 or more .....	16,556	9,478	4,764	4,059	3,933	2,287	1,630	1,660
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	74,673	77,452	78,699	81,074	75,880	81,127	89,188	97,610
Partnership .....	4,986	6,990	5,792	8,688	8,231	10,028	11,088	13,213
Corporation .....	7,189	6,509	5,279	6,339	6,128	4,924	4,404	4,110
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,789	1,905	885	604	553	464	500	480
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	37,692	35,689	41,409	42,311	40,767	47,557	51,753	55,958
Any .....	50,945	57,167	49,246	49,474	45,408	42,672	46,229	48,480
200 days or more .....	33,610	35,969	33,651	31,853	28,673	25,568	25,928	25,240
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	47,949	48,637	61,935	58,124	56,256	66,885	75,279	86,041
Other .....	40,688	44,219	28,720	38,581	34,536	29,658	29,901	29,372
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	57.1	56.1	54.3	52.3	52.4	50.3	49.3	47.6
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
	23,711,880	15,443,759	10,303,448	8,677,056	8,405,838	7,744,947	6,647,645	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	3,435,345	3,290,203	1,854,227	1,283,094	1,260,448	1,490,792	1,358,161	1,536,601
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	5,377,863	3,058,988	1,922,817	1,604,170	1,585,107	1,317,636	1,101,866	1,214,715
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	2,587,059	1,344,600	665,890	665,146	636,785	578,142	467,355	562,767
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	866,990	666,373	348,189	364,116	350,799	379,607	315,061	536,937
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	697,719	492,091	409,190	327,812	316,779	259,210	282,515	222,146
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	928,806	762,070	704,077	624,048	600,284	593,994	579,338	101,556
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,152,179	618,336	464,509	546,735	521,566	424,136	309,894	331,924
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves								
inventory ..... farms	26,827	29,690	32,169	39,795	38,435	43,610	49,469	62,412
..... number	3,893,683	3,982,344	3,535,945	3,717,394	3,647,129	3,963,602	4,303,682	5,822,488
Beef cows ..... farms	19,677	20,809	23,313	28,385	27,452	29,987	32,279	41,117
..... number	885,568	904,100	987,670	1,051,178	1,029,172	1,065,744	1,123,745	1,536,397
Milk cows ..... farms	1,810	2,390	3,034	4,272	4,208	5,878	7,748	10,485
..... number	204,757	215,391	206,965	222,090	222,142	258,925	294,888	339,664
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	24,573	27,535	29,515	39,728	38,548	43,780	50,509	62,765
..... number	3,446,109	3,635,880	2,929,704	2,936,978	2,881,122	3,223,645	3,539,020	4,595,676
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	6,266	8,330	10,205	17,585	17,243	31,790	36,670	45,768
..... number	20,455,666	19,295,092	15,486,531	14,513,319	14,651,919	14,153,158	12,983,074	14,332,644
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	6,616	8,758	11,275	18,718	18,370	34,058	38,638	49,012
..... number	49,355,848	47,279,443	41,232,492	27,340,921	27,495,818	26,812,736	23,483,812	23,801,117

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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