

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	61,773	65,531	64,414	65,476	61,593	63,278	68,579	73,315
Land in farms acres	46,137,295	46,345,827	47,227,944	46,650,618	46,089,268	46,672,188	46,628,519	47,052,213
Average size of farm acres	747	707	733	712	748	738	680	642
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,218,662	644,039	505,999	417,704	430,533	343,312	278,047	384,197
Average per acre dollars	1,632	911	687	586	577	463	413	601
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	9,682,116	7,487,669	5,983,765	4,742,477	4,560,051	3,713,712	3,447,663	3,830,616
Average per farm dollars	156,740	114,261	95,124	72,488	74,047	58,812	50,411	52,304
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,975	2,123	1,578	2,647	2,223	2,632	3,689	3,547
10 to 49 acres	9,776	10,041	9,611	8,438	6,970	6,023	6,222	6,837
50 to 179 acres	17,927	18,992	17,300	17,075	15,118	14,221	15,510	16,720
180 to 499 acres	12,578	14,108	13,632	14,136	13,928	15,218	16,705	18,693
500 to 999 acres	7,208	7,932	8,641	9,468	9,687	10,817	12,093	13,600
1,000 to 1,999 acres	6,098	6,238	7,371	7,765	7,895	8,809	9,304	9,428
2,000 acres or more	6,211	6,097	6,281	5,947	5,772	5,558	5,056	4,490
Total cropland farms	52,285	55,272	56,703	56,967	54,145	56,389	61,615	66,481
..... acres	28,503,265	28,216,064	29,542,022	31,064,605	30,020,580	31,119,250	31,385,090	30,598,859
Harvested cropland farms	41,927	43,553	44,073	50,176	48,280	52,348	57,822	62,860
..... acres	21,043,596	19,886,655	18,976,719	20,989,979	19,839,087	18,794,787	17,729,394	20,186,974
Irrigated land farms	6,205	5,957	5,915	6,109	6,135	6,543	7,352	7,257
..... acres	2,881,292	2,762,748	2,678,277	2,695,816	2,707,489	2,680,343	2,463,073	2,675,167
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	18,460,564	14,413,182	8,746,244	9,312,865	9,207,130	8,315,965	6,476,669	6,190,861
Average per farm dollars	298,845	219,944	135,782	142,233	149,483	131,420	94,441	84,442
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	6,983,993	4,887,212	2,418,447	3,352,243	3,221,766	2,270,577	1,693,609	2,143,047
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	11,476,571	9,525,971	6,327,797	5,960,622	5,985,364	6,045,388	4,783,060	4,047,815
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	18,459	22,731	20,444	13,350	10,968	8,387	9,502	9,637
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,658	3,863	4,594	5,368	5,068	5,618	6,919	6,565
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,035	5,198	6,102	7,283	6,767	7,808	9,430	9,183
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7,047	7,844	9,256	10,856	10,293	12,132	14,070	15,130
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,147	6,097	6,717	7,674	7,757	9,387	10,282	11,827
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,662	5,609	6,282	7,497	7,304	8,277	8,997	10,459
\$100,000 to \$499,999	10,585	10,174	9,205	11,437	11,433	10,174	8,422	9,584
\$500,000 or more	5,180	4,015	1,814	2,011	2,003	1,495	957	895
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	53,387	55,706	57,238	56,736	53,196	54,952	60,202	64,313
Partnership	3,860	5,549	4,062	5,444	5,196	5,686	5,889	6,702
Corporation	2,835	2,774	2,242	2,624	2,576	2,222	2,100	1,876
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,691	1,502	872	672	625	418	388	424
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	24,010	24,419	30,423	26,691	25,892	27,788	29,462	30,524
Any	37,763	41,112	33,991	34,771	31,891	30,776	34,654	35,521
200 days or more	26,213	26,753	24,293	23,861	21,507	19,757	21,677	21,306
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	29,857	30,873	40,645	35,821	34,979	39,324	42,607	47,293
Other	31,916	34,658	23,769	29,655	26,614	23,954	25,972	26,022
Average age of principal operator years	58.2	57.7	56.0	54.3	54.4	53.2	52.0	50.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	16,726,876	12,364,531	8,443,180	7,381,093	7,290,703	6,920,528	5,516,518	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	5,440,898	5,192,954	3,554,091	2,689,819	2,687,621	3,193,374	2,426,149	1,900,272
Feed purchased \$1,000	4,207,051	2,237,287	1,410,837	1,507,130	1,506,407	1,146,620	887,270	920,415
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,179,717	840,338	413,519	391,113	373,353	280,102	216,166	254,590
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	710,412	574,447	309,599	303,541	294,353	284,197	243,568	358,860
Hired farm labor \$1,000	531,492	412,164	332,498	313,715	306,410	239,629	226,075	153,404
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	428,576	408,926	409,944	359,114	351,690	318,599	314,163	467,054
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	703,310	358,384	200,234	227,901	224,156	161,750	125,003	94,957
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	27,568	30,017	32,525	37,518	36,244	37,889	40,785	47,008
..... number	5,922,187	6,669,163	6,321,138	6,437,839	6,506,089	6,066,493	5,539,292	5,800,138
Beef cows farms	25,272	25,776	27,616	30,218	29,446	30,308	31,475	36,497
..... number	1,270,538	1,516,374	1,539,636	1,424,975	1,466,429	1,434,017	1,354,649	1,523,697
Milk cows farms	858	776	1,042	1,481	1,466	2,165	3,093	4,631
..... number	131,688	115,634	113,388	80,495	82,080	85,132	96,675	123,009
Cattle and calves sold farms	24,361	27,565	29,589	37,044	36,207	37,893	41,498	47,032
..... number	7,466,400	8,738,281	8,044,209	8,233,339	8,271,113	7,699,746	7,310,338	6,519,159
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,010	1,454	1,648	3,005	2,831	5,684	6,768	9,241
..... number	1,886,197	1,885,252	1,520,996	1,574,839	1,585,224	1,584,048	1,516,878	1,708,770
Hogs and pigs sold farms	992	1,542	1,939	3,012	2,873	6,089	7,090	9,778
..... number	5,015,465	4,712,308	3,512,384	3,162,975	3,184,437	2,992,913	2,759,676	3,036,205

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