

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	77,064	85,260	86,541	91,198	82,273	90,281	92,453	101,642
Land in farms acres	13,049,347	13,993,121	13,843,706	13,940,180	13,334,234	13,665,798	14,012,700	14,179,284
Average size of farm acres	169	164	160	153	162	151	152	140
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	512,033	440,213	294,056	222,914	230,274	163,660	135,696	144,427
Average per acre dollars	3,024	2,682	1,824	1,470	1,450	1,077	896	1,049
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	5,408,946	4,910,199	3,495,669	2,972,739	2,741,593	2,244,930	2,091,558	2,233,182
Average per farm dollars	70,190	57,591	41,458	32,604	33,327	24,918	22,670	22,001
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,337	4,579	5,342	8,261	7,114	10,402	10,648	13,248
10 to 49 acres	23,776	25,235	24,758	24,285	20,754	21,911	20,707	23,654
50 to 179 acres	31,151	35,379	36,628	37,646	33,992	36,515	38,261	41,739
180 to 499 acres	13,024	15,080	14,950	16,110	15,522	16,586	17,920	18,352
500 to 999 acres	2,848	3,242	3,175	3,374	3,399	3,468	3,618	3,527
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,323	1,207	1,214	1,131	1,104	1,066	1,052	904
2,000 acres or more	605	538	474	391	388	333	247	218
Total cropland farms	61,314	72,015	80,927	85,247	77,784	86,345	88,664	98,331
..... acres	6,336,247	7,278,098	8,412,354	8,887,861	8,549,027	8,880,989	8,900,086	8,960,250
Harvested cropland farms	52,547	57,528	65,815	74,360	68,953	79,590	83,097	93,082
..... acres	5,349,545	5,057,883	4,978,994	4,853,500	4,678,622	4,417,651	4,250,284	4,835,631
Irrigated land farms	2,910	2,980	3,606	4,233	4,104	2,120	3,733	2,815
..... acres	73,573	58,730	36,751	60,027	58,490	27,647	37,693	22,707
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	5,067,334	4,824,561	3,080,080	3,158,783	3,064,460	2,663,702	2,075,571	2,376,882
Average per farm dollars	65,755	56,586	35,591	34,637	37,247	29,505	22,450	23,385
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	2,280,568	1,404,769	1,110,209	1,610,935	1,578,861	1,449,823	889,882	1,358,309
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	2,786,765	3,419,792	1,969,871	1,547,847	1,485,599	1,213,879	1,185,689	1,018,573
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	29,963	35,800	32,918	24,238	19,143	17,881	24,380	21,706
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8,655	9,787	11,778	13,756	12,566	14,745	16,421	17,829
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10,313	11,150	13,561	15,725	14,393	17,129	17,620	20,020
\$10,000 to \$24,999	11,453	12,642	13,154	17,967	17,388	20,354	18,078	21,479
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,458	6,296	6,525	8,993	8,339	9,623	7,880	10,421
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,882	3,663	3,486	4,788	4,843	5,519	4,527	6,028
\$100,000 to \$499,999	4,363	4,309	4,165	4,894	4,773	4,568	3,298	3,904
\$500,000 or more	1,977	1,613	954	837	828	462	249	236
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	70,093	76,140	79,297	79,441	71,307	76,712	78,463	85,808
Partnership	4,666	7,334	5,764	10,004	9,353	12,135	12,717	14,660
Corporation	1,853	1,429	1,119	1,367	1,266	1,064	817	761
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	452	357	361	386	347	370	456	413
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	27,516	29,156	37,365	31,250	28,911	32,526	32,743	33,928
Any	49,548	56,104	49,176	54,653	48,491	51,075	54,464	58,214
200 days or more	33,295	35,148	36,532	39,937	35,100	36,497	37,893	38,660
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	32,137	33,935	46,939	36,050	33,841	40,175	41,451	49,062
Other	44,927	51,325	39,602	55,148	48,432	50,106	51,002	52,580
Average age of principal operator years	57.6	56.5	55.2	53.7	54.0	53.2	52.2	50.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	4,778,105	3,930,240	2,604,069	2,169,378	2,033,070	1,828,743	1,485,994	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	598,201	523,127	298,839	252,155	236,935	240,512	209,357	210,696
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,176,273	793,669	443,883	380,109	341,123	246,108	179,713	183,477
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	472,174	308,598	180,986	194,933	183,802	176,898	129,356	135,693
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	268,528	203,942	111,695	112,035	105,514	105,188	86,777	134,504
Hired farm labor \$1,000	377,169	322,169	291,881	217,594	209,578	202,545	158,130	166,518
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	248,538	240,331	212,332	191,439	179,810	173,887	179,409	228,462
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	178,990	100,920	77,715	89,880	84,326	70,835	53,459	57,066
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	40,141	43,681	47,447	53,500	48,898	52,572	53,626	60,183
..... number	2,270,871	2,395,455	2,395,476	2,476,949	2,428,891	2,503,680	2,343,541	2,524,964
Beef cows farms	33,823	38,298	40,234	44,819	41,171	42,898	41,396	44,844
..... number	985,075	1,166,385	1,125,183	1,153,323	1,126,748	1,088,532	967,856	982,794
Milk cows farms	1,564	2,277	2,939	3,571	3,393	4,984	7,002	10,817
..... number	71,783	90,462	120,748	145,051	145,557	186,089	224,267	253,852
Cattle and calves sold farms	33,284	38,212	40,429	51,217	47,355	50,174	52,210	55,973
..... number	1,293,302	1,503,458	1,291,026	1,430,976	1,388,647	1,277,661	1,305,423	1,221,268
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	1,284	1,498	1,254	2,129	1,881	4,879	8,242	11,436
..... number	313,360	348,023	385,811	584,632	563,797	782,408	838,452	869,727
Hogs and pigs sold farms	866	1,210	1,220	1,694	1,523	4,345	7,602	9,869
..... number	933,620	802,782	986,704	1,149,579	1,100,523	1,464,686	1,497,306	1,390,528

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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