

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	28,093	30,106	27,413	30,425	23,823	25,652	27,350	31,628
Land in farms acres	7,900,864	8,109,975	7,830,664	8,367,843	7,876,528	7,837,545	8,007,173	8,928,827
Average size of farm acres	281	269	286	275	331	306	293	282
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	718,179	554,270	444,007	338,828	380,871	291,332	268,630	381,817
Average per acre dollars	2,554	2,058	1,534	1,236	1,206	972	940	1,351
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	2,933,418	2,378,327	1,694,916	1,654,927	1,414,014	1,186,601	1,046,373	1,373,382
	104,418	78,998	64,379	54,406	59,330	46,299	38,323	43,528
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,967	3,282	2,526	2,525	1,650	1,934	2,066	2,461
10 to 49 acres	9,309	10,394	8,766	9,488	6,485	6,895	7,799	9,411
50 to 179 acres	8,723	8,457	8,100	9,530	7,429	7,891	8,248	9,565
180 to 499 acres	3,845	4,550	4,202	4,651	4,128	4,553	4,811	5,632
500 to 999 acres	1,323	1,501	1,828	2,124	2,029	2,471	2,602	2,617
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,051	1,103	1,253	1,386	1,388	1,345	1,279	1,343
2,000 acres or more	875	819	738	721	714	563	545	599
Total cropland farms	16,597	19,866	20,368	23,275	19,333	21,777	23,273	27,424
..... acres	4,275,637	4,691,344	5,071,537	5,567,627	5,331,411	5,552,733	5,562,736	6,093,474
Harvested cropland farms	12,918	13,783	14,017	17,679	15,115	17,171	18,644	21,991
..... acres	3,447,617	3,342,048	3,332,146	4,022,664	3,882,648	3,810,690	3,599,678	4,699,323
Irrigated land farms	3,015	3,218	3,496	3,784	3,400	4,064	3,929	3,693
..... acres	1,092,881	954,353	938,841	960,831	942,528	897,641	646,677	693,698
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	3,809,401	2,617,981	1,815,803	2,142,630	2,031,277	1,607,511	1,340,162	1,406,458
	135,600	86,959	66,239	70,423	85,265	62,666	49,000	44,469
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000								
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	2,783,610	1,604,647	1,065,611	1,457,793	1,411,472	1,111,346	929,858	994,976
	1,025,791	1,013,334	750,192	684,837	619,805	496,165	410,304	411,482
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	12,750	14,626	11,838	11,578	7,755	8,008	9,283	12,209
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,934	2,934	3,203	4,345	3,389	3,664	4,021	4,384
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,140	3,295	3,194	3,902	3,097	3,407	3,448	3,515
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,262	3,167	3,039	3,323	2,825	3,149	3,050	3,112
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,632	1,771	1,419	1,521	1,358	1,593	1,776	2,043
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,087	1,091	1,295	1,332	1,207	1,670	2,063	2,387
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,409	1,817	2,473	3,313	3,126	3,545	3,323	3,582
\$500,000 or more	1,879	1,405	952	1,111	1,066	616	386	356
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	24,525	25,716	24,915	26,736	20,633	22,310	24,322	28,255
Partnership	1,788	2,395	1,323	2,141	1,850	2,032	1,926	2,402
Corporation	1,552	1,775	1,041	1,334	1,164	1,105	905	724
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	228	220	134	214	176	205	197	247
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	10,482	10,413	13,095	10,623	8,851	10,555	11,078	10,888
Any	17,611	19,693	14,318	17,579	13,128	13,024	14,388	17,721
200 days or more	11,447	11,866	10,092	11,636	8,550	8,594	9,202	11,312
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	12,136	12,591	14,805	13,315	11,281	12,931	13,496	14,629
Other	15,957	17,515	12,608	17,110	12,542	12,721	13,854	16,999
Average age of principal operator years	58.5	57.3	55.1	53.5	53.7	53.5	52.0	50.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,820,092	2,118,965	1,615,624	1,657,726	1,466,483	1,309,012	1,022,931	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	134,875	120,621	89,122	84,341	73,786	63,257	55,167	64,469
Feed purchased \$1,000	452,403	369,975	260,900	290,852	247,019	171,376	135,012	169,501
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	315,831	228,664	126,666	142,397	128,104	121,097	86,079	95,050
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	235,089	179,282	89,018	96,514	85,572	91,578	74,326	122,494
Hired farm labor \$1,000	251,287	191,748	181,647	179,549	163,558	146,667	121,984	107,345
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	81,570	69,870	73,597	85,849	75,495	70,931	72,918	133,823
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	280,126	179,158	159,159	192,734	173,185	170,327	112,347	117,109
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory:								
..... farms	13,687	14,075	15,022	18,525	14,589	15,036	16,033	20,049
..... number	788,967	878,664	855,717	930,114	877,124	844,260	813,295	1,003,833
Beef cows	12,115	12,355	12,775	15,701	12,669	13,112	13,551	16,936
..... farms	434,252	510,837	478,428	504,611	490,437	441,725	422,604	480,918
..... number	121	298	422	1,176	982	1,279	1,581	2,652
Milk cows	16,089	28,338	44,519	68,205	64,868	78,976	83,381	100,159
..... farms	10,121	10,977	11,925	17,231	13,953	14,131	15,248	17,994
..... number	364,436	403,495	408,531	449,689	418,642	375,903	402,235	434,781
Hogs and pigs inventory:								
..... farms	658	718	680	906	633	844	1,262	2,188
..... number	6,806	10,615	18,262	25,229	20,338	37,519	51,857	55,657
Hogs and pigs sold	382	525	540	516	373	534	807	1,259
..... farms	7,636	15,513	(D)	37,689	28,527	57,244	72,940	71,260

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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