

**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	8,173	8,136	7,196	7,404	5,810	5,776	6,269	7,003
Land in farms ..... acres	1,454,104	1,347,566	1,369,768	1,313,066	1,211,648	1,258,297	1,342,588	1,468,674
Average size of farm ..... acres	178	166	190	177	209	218	214	210
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	410,633	364,807	322,690	230,120	251,074	241,816	210,777	150,487
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,308	2,203	1,637	1,267	1,190	1,130	962	708
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	570,168	536,463	380,209	327,353	282,151	263,791	240,068	236,527
Average per farm ..... dollars	69,780	65,961	54,316	44,285	48,697	45,757	38,325	33,916
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	1,239	1,046	918	773	533	465	419	379
10 to 49 acres .....	2,278	2,383	1,861	1,747	1,184	1,024	1,029	1,139
50 to 179 acres .....	2,794	3,019	2,506	2,802	2,110	2,174	2,453	2,824
180 to 499 acres .....	1,318	1,178	1,334	1,545	1,441	1,513	1,758	2,018
500 to 999 acres .....	332	330	393	393	398	448	474	505
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	157	131	135	113	113	120	106	108
2,000 acres or more .....	55	49	49	31	31	32	30	30
Total cropland ..... farms	5,864	6,557	5,929	6,714	5,372	5,495	5,919	6,591
..... acres	477,343	529,253	536,839	580,260	539,966	559,424	592,309	610,691
Harvested cropland ..... farms	5,325	5,189	4,869	5,966	4,875	5,141	5,486	6,138
..... acres	400,960	393,738	394,121	426,711	403,014	399,755	410,891	457,076
Irrigated land ..... farms	1,365	901	1,031	805	671	523	359	200
..... acres	30,887	20,994	19,703	22,229	21,791	10,241	6,065	5,831
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	763,062	617,190	463,603	450,278	438,673	430,324	405,484	399,412
Average per farm ..... dollars	93,364	75,859	64,425	60,815	75,503	74,502	64,681	57,034
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	473,852	326,573	222,356	219,600	212,229	215,995	157,828	142,834
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	289,210	290,617	241,247	230,678	226,444	214,329	247,656	256,578
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	3,279	3,924	3,634	2,978	1,923	1,690	2,059	2,549
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	1,022	838	777	978	743	775	870	914
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,045	846	682	864	751	786	719	664
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,081	949	727	914	798	732	700	644
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	589	479	387	485	438	441	466	571
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	379	328	310	400	390	449	553	745
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	536	574	513	642	626	794	809	829
\$500,000 or more .....	242	198	166	143	141	109	93	82
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	6,929	6,956	6,377	6,557	5,064	5,063	5,594	6,317
Partnership .....	525	544	321	347	306	325	350	384
Corporation .....	582	552	422	456	403	352	300	272
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	137	84	76	44	37	36	25	30
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	3,060	2,525	2,839	2,624	2,246	2,331	2,275	2,609
Any .....	5,113	5,611	4,357	4,404	3,263	3,144	3,653	3,932
200 days or more .....	3,068	3,222	2,948	2,747	1,958	1,857	2,253	2,467
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	3,964	3,540	3,409	3,324	2,872	2,981	3,220	3,644
Other .....	4,209	4,596	3,787	4,080	2,938	2,795	3,049	3,359
Average age of principal operator ..... years	57.0	56.4	53.7	53.8	54.4	53.0	51.7	49.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	645,631	493,693	399,767	373,488	347,611	351,076	324,276	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	26,557	13,601	16,895	13,435	11,988	18,658	21,876	20,717
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	104,563	103,475	73,459	83,550	79,605	70,781	94,386	100,879
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	41,431	24,426	18,170	17,522	16,537	18,543	16,437	18,719
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	40,871	35,779	16,300	16,200	14,829	15,276	12,827	18,739
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	134,674	90,323	78,420	68,056	64,285	61,086	51,613	44,906
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	22,232	18,277	15,230	17,561	15,954	14,775	15,455	18,511
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	26,950	20,210	17,397	18,237	17,435	16,197	11,996	9,865
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	2,423	2,112	1,749	2,484	1,921	2,110	2,637	3,652
..... number	86,256	88,191	89,831	104,652	101,695	104,511	119,475	141,206
Beef cows ..... farms	1,354	1,326	1,107	1,375	1,035	1,098	1,331	1,811
..... number	10,505	12,114	12,242	12,824	11,782	11,412	11,782	13,242
Milk cows ..... farms	581	479	556	776	685	836	1,183	1,784
..... number	32,117	32,527	35,633	41,177	40,749	42,737	49,815	57,173
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	1,656	1,447	1,223	1,901	1,631	1,831	2,366	3,030
..... number	35,311	27,501	32,147	39,111	37,889	40,873	50,357	52,363
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	752	437	328	486	341	377	421	804
..... number	8,923	4,401	4,637	7,017	5,977	4,768	8,999	8,586
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	699	460	310	343	261	258	295	450
..... number	12,090	7,954	9,033	10,656	9,226	9,308	13,905	12,067

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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