

**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	7,755	7,691	6,075	7,307	5,574	5,258	6,216	5,401
Land in farms ..... acres	523,517	517,879	518,570	577,637	518,299	526,440	615,185	612,819
Average size of farm ..... acres	68	67	85	79	93	100	99	113
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	704,071	829,090	755,254	418,750	455,014	460,410	346,530	205,677
Average per acre ..... dollars	10,430	12,313	9,234	5,543	5,207	4,898	3,553	1,963
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	418,149	433,507	300,455	267,940	225,043	191,141	198,868	153,346
	53,948	56,373	50,243	36,684	40,395	36,359	32,039	28,429
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	2,322	2,199	1,429	1,791	1,254	1,044	1,105	920
10 to 49 acres .....	2,913	2,885	2,217	2,608	1,865	1,738	2,125	1,652
50 to 179 acres .....	1,833	1,903	1,673	2,124	1,690	1,667	2,016	1,814
180 to 499 acres .....	574	586	594	636	614	654	813	856
500 to 999 acres .....	81	90	129	118	121	121	126	130
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	25	24	30	26	26	29	26	21
2,000 acres or more .....	7	4	3	4	4	5	5	8
Total cropland ..... farms								
	5,249	5,508	4,898	6,324	4,990	4,853	5,654	4,941
acres	160,789	187,406	207,734	247,267	223,573	235,284	272,588	265,866
Harvested cropland ..... farms								
	4,834	4,792	4,210	5,696	4,587	4,417	5,084	4,608
acres	137,039	153,993	159,253	184,480	168,765	173,255	194,874	197,769
Irrigated land ..... farms								
	1,746	1,630	1,580	2,021	1,630	1,336	1,316	1,000
acres	23,433	23,133	23,720	26,820	24,564	19,909	20,158	17,331
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	492,211	489,820	384,314	483,529	454,404	350,639	340,464	281,436
	63,470	63,687	63,262	66,173	81,522	66,687	54,772	52,108
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000								
	382,915	364,481	277,069	384,933	357,377	255,138	215,855	139,428
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000								
	109,296	125,338	107,244	98,596	97,027	95,500	124,609	142,008
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	3,663	3,329	2,592	2,613	1,616	1,572	2,167	1,622
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	727	839	647	876	664	656	830	706
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	828	769	623	851	707	655	720	655
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	861	1,035	715	901	753	696	770	690
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	486	518	422	609	507	476	494	526
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	432	398	385	531	468	462	515	544
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	558	609	556	749	687	627	623	570
\$500,000 or more .....	200	194	135	177	172	114	97	71
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	6,168	6,318	5,020	6,023	4,496	4,232	5,124	4,541
Partnership .....	583	574	376	521	443	401	481	377
Corporation .....	719	641	559	667	554	549	544	413
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	285	158	120	96	81	76	67	70
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	2,736	2,418	2,841	2,787	2,285	2,239	2,371	2,121
Any .....	5,019	5,273	3,234	4,128	2,980	2,695	3,516	2,897
200 days or more .....	3,070	3,257	2,159	2,639	1,864	1,666	2,283	1,838
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	3,878	3,688	3,283	3,603	2,927	2,926	3,174	2,941
Other .....	3,877	4,003	2,792	3,704	2,647	2,332	3,042	2,460
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	57.8	56.3	54.9	54.2	54.9	53.8	52.6	51.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
	539,319	461,483	364,833	343,252	311,068	266,163	251,496	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	7,275	5,819	6,482	7,673	7,408	7,374	11,441	11,468
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	50,732	45,134	26,253	33,164	31,880	28,422	33,525	47,203
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	19,096	14,788	11,852	11,146	10,273	10,021	8,953	7,155
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	30,619	31,070	14,927	16,937	14,893	12,906	12,042	16,641
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	164,366	118,224	99,292	88,672	81,630	77,337	66,579	43,109
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	22,182	19,171	13,451	18,358	15,766	14,502	13,788	10,141
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	16,115	12,490	9,166	8,847	8,299	7,616	7,319	4,885
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves								
inventory ..... farms	1,423	1,832	1,269	1,924	1,420	1,565	2,112	2,311
number	35,703	46,852	50,791	64,362	61,719	68,331	83,065	102,366
Beef cows ..... farms	849	1,173	775	1,121	799	850	1,124	1,071
number	6,240	8,646	6,882	8,075	6,858	7,347	9,692	8,176
Milk cows ..... farms	278	310	380	563	483	606	838	1,111
number	12,500	15,050	21,085	26,852	26,846	30,906	36,913	49,891
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	870	1,066	795	1,435	1,158	1,271	1,725	1,908
number	13,691	20,405	19,125	25,905	24,849	29,839	39,668	47,034
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms								
	478	453	273	543	383	404	498	619
number	11,151	11,553	11,434	21,309	18,297	16,439	25,816	39,570
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	432	350	250	358	269	296	387	451
number	23,536	17,955	18,594	27,212	23,636	25,564	40,048	44,391

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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