

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	52,194	56,014	53,315	53,519	46,027	46,562	51,172	58,661
Land in farms acres	9,948,564	10,031,807	10,142,958	10,443,935	9,872,812	10,088,170	10,316,861	10,942,172
Average size of farm acres	191	179	190	195	215	217	202	187
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	766,148	610,556	509,299	335,580	358,166	247,370	196,065	228,238
Average per acre dollars	4,020	3,409	2,667	1,704	1,671	1,131	971	1,223
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	6,395,233	5,082,342	3,761,334	3,318,370	3,055,199	2,558,206	2,347,585	2,676,343
	122,533	90,742	73,910	62,011	66,361	55,028	45,954	45,711
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,162	4,219	3,235	3,375	2,611	2,562	2,866	2,714
10 to 49 acres	18,764	20,726	18,663	15,243	12,075	11,148	12,174	14,300
50 to 179 acres	17,634	19,206	18,605	20,322	17,439	17,449	19,779	23,336
180 to 499 acres	7,040	7,275	7,993	9,606	8,989	10,289	11,329	13,539
500 to 999 acres	2,574	2,619	2,856	3,245	3,201	3,576	3,667	3,672
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,417	1,424	1,468	1,354	1,338	1,234	1,134	924
2,000 acres or more	603	545	495	374	374	304	223	176
Total cropland farms	44,668	48,592	47,904	49,199	43,017	44,320	48,653	56,321
..... acres	7,669,071	7,803,643	7,983,574	8,273,748	7,891,802	8,156,388	8,181,320	8,458,021
Harvested cropland farms	37,479	37,868	38,244	42,704	37,941	41,334	46,017	53,738
..... acres	7,057,978	6,859,081	6,827,903	6,989,300	6,724,480	6,584,251	6,172,468	7,255,909
Irrigated land farms	5,025	5,078	4,413	4,123	3,752	3,823	3,755	3,179
..... acres	592,243	500,428	456,278	407,071	393,485	366,465	314,953	285,983
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	8,678,050	5,753,219	3,772,435	3,694,670	3,567,825	3,028,547	2,545,078	2,588,317
	166,265	102,710	70,757	69,035	77,516	65,043	49,736	44,123
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000								
	5,506,437	3,329,928	2,362,628	2,314,487	2,199,721	1,671,563	1,272,802	1,364,665
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000								
	3,171,614	2,423,291	1,409,807	1,380,183	1,368,104	1,356,984	1,272,276	1,223,652
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	20,331	24,150	23,291	16,794	12,557	10,923	12,670	13,718
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,303	5,229	4,749	5,863	5,049	5,579	6,774	7,751
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,609	5,292	5,107	6,610	5,800	6,387	7,548	8,741
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,946	6,094	6,429	8,066	7,213	7,752	8,460	10,335
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,986	3,941	4,019	4,843	4,472	4,683	5,002	6,143
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,623	3,342	3,229	3,837	3,663	4,163	4,322	5,334
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,914	5,546	5,038	6,151	5,962	6,156	5,808	6,140
\$500,000 or more	3,482	2,420	1,453	1,355	1,311	919	588	480
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	45,174	48,687	48,070	47,103	40,190	40,654	45,166	52,022
Partnership	3,470	4,260	3,172	4,121	3,778	4,316	4,662	5,495
Corporation	2,662	2,494	1,817	2,035	1,834	1,431	1,167	947
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	888	573	256	260	225	161	177	197
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	21,550	20,533	23,109	19,790	17,964	18,547	19,384	21,350
Any	30,644	35,481	30,206	31,304	25,906	25,462	29,155	33,579
200 days or more	20,205	22,413	22,347	22,835	18,568	17,984	20,818	23,181
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	25,285	24,795	29,071	24,133	22,043	24,396	26,112	30,107
Other	26,909	31,219	24,244	29,386	23,984	22,166	25,060	28,554
Average age of principal operator years	57.6	56.3	54.2	52.8	53.3	51.9	50.9	49.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	6,942,117	4,786,767	3,333,716	2,975,925	2,835,658	2,583,189	2,211,823	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	326,573	308,543	196,578	182,079	175,474	205,867	190,386	170,034
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,240,433	740,126	390,264	422,966	414,770	333,497	273,192	254,964
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	785,135	453,795	241,158	255,435	244,613	218,185	194,526	242,091
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	397,260	300,854	145,503	150,939	142,449	141,653	120,621	181,320
Hired farm labor \$1,000	744,744	606,717	469,731	389,932	369,145	318,276	242,445	186,312
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	293,485	261,676	211,406	201,024	189,849	181,417	197,966	273,637
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	362,470	229,101	181,198	192,051	182,494	149,282	119,993	114,159
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	13,626	14,454	14,495	18,130	15,468	17,031	19,436	25,657
..... number	1,130,477	1,048,206	998,204	1,051,130	1,025,702	1,113,604	1,163,352	1,345,793
Beef cows farms	8,016	7,848	8,144	9,062	7,566	7,548	8,163	10,810
..... number	108,126	109,500	117,564	125,630	116,399	116,106	110,156	140,969
Milk cows farms	2,409	2,647	3,013	4,226	3,990	5,198	6,499	9,142
..... number	376,255	344,233	298,429	301,568	300,641	316,954	344,550	398,211
Cattle and calves sold	10,677	11,631	11,293	16,330	14,293	15,780	18,164	22,849
..... number	681,128	603,609	516,107	554,154	537,681	594,685	653,806	642,060
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,198	2,691	2,180	3,316	2,853	4,774	5,577	7,433
..... number	1,099,478	1,032,054	927,400	1,024,236	1,032,014	1,231,641	1,227,069	1,064,073
Hogs and pigs sold	2,150	2,930	2,336	3,029	2,690	4,770	5,603	7,194
..... number	3,598,475	3,316,183	2,789,197	2,195,553	2,206,940	2,300,151	2,215,872	1,734,236

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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