

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	74,542	80,992	80,839	78,755	73,367	75,079	85,079	94,382
Land in farms acres	26,035,838	26,917,962	27,512,270	27,560,621	25,994,621	25,666,944	26,573,819	27,708,456
Average size of farm acres	349	332	340	350	354	342	312	294
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,474,057	853,968	517,132	398,576	407,863	310,612	218,808	342,593
Average per acre dollars	4,220	2,569	1,513	1,148	1,164	910	700	1,165
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	14,737,084	10,664,895	6,665,874	6,440,856	6,208,376	5,239,930	4,736,828	5,719,009
Average per farm dollars	197,715	131,698	86,369	81,809	84,613	69,859	55,741	60,671
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,488	3,687	3,591	3,722	3,090	3,517	4,613	4,547
10 to 49 acres	15,292	16,927	16,546	12,005	10,104	8,927	9,481	10,461
50 to 179 acres	24,129	25,679	23,955	23,374	21,535	20,967	24,947	29,258
180 to 499 acres	18,074	20,188	21,372	23,747	23,365	26,395	30,963	35,897
500 to 999 acres	7,293	8,323	9,886	9,831	9,781	10,497	10,814	10,602
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4,081	4,264	4,554	4,605	4,251	3,913	3,619	2,935
2,000 acres or more	2,185	1,924	1,835	1,471	1,241	863	642	682
Total cropland farms	67,285	71,970	73,458	71,153	67,545	69,866	79,461	88,399
..... acres	21,597,136	21,948,603	22,729,158	22,583,431	21,491,743	21,387,063	21,876,066	22,189,292
Harvested cropland farms	53,891	53,943	57,323	62,760	60,726	66,549	76,537	85,948
..... acres	19,807,839	19,267,018	19,398,309	19,794,078	18,968,607	18,201,061	16,635,264	19,722,645
Irrigated land farms	2,853	2,918	2,433	2,265	2,193	2,368	2,425	2,172
..... acres	524,016	506,357	454,850	403,289	380,394	370,404	353,504	315,376
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	21,280,184	13,180,466	8,575,627	8,404,722	8,290,264	6,477,004	5,676,376	5,939,629
Average per farm dollars	285,479	162,738	106,083	106,720	112,997	86,269	66,719	62,932
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	13,879,211	7,048,913	4,562,882	4,312,433	4,200,970	3,054,747	2,500,827	2,671,482
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	7,400,974	6,131,554	4,012,745	4,092,288	4,089,293	3,422,257	3,175,549	3,268,146
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	21,188	30,678	29,024	19,153	14,647	9,725	11,915	11,987
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,047	4,451	4,417	5,783	5,260	5,387	6,509	6,764
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,552	4,795	5,491	6,431	6,179	7,028	8,293	8,655
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6,022	6,677	8,099	9,481	9,207	11,187	13,588	15,430
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,630	5,737	7,242	7,855	8,033	10,168	12,983	16,203
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8,112	6,490	8,024	9,595	9,402	12,482	15,385	18,286
\$100,000 to \$499,999	14,632	15,738	14,917	17,660	17,885	17,774	15,546	16,262
\$500,000 or more	10,359	6,426	3,625	2,797	2,754	1,328	860	785
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	65,530	70,055	73,018	69,320	64,428	66,068	75,105	83,010
Partnership	4,668	6,227	5,056	6,486	6,174	6,800	7,952	9,530
Corporation	3,215	2,848	2,342	2,583	2,442	1,982	1,755	1,582
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,129	1,862	423	366	323	229	267	260
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	30,907	29,612	35,659	31,161	30,237	35,995	40,625	44,804
Any	43,635	51,380	45,180	41,633	37,550	33,932	39,567	40,289
200 days or more	28,689	31,525	30,727	26,369	23,115	19,826	22,006	21,334
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	39,423	39,628	50,808	45,109	44,047	51,021	58,519	67,742
Other	35,119	41,364	30,031	33,646	29,320	24,058	26,560	26,640
Average age of principal operator years	56.6	55.3	52.9	51.0	51.2	49.6	48.5	47.2
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	15,520,275	10,320,405	7,288,947	6,508,683	6,362,110	5,244,708	4,427,445	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	1,301,768	1,304,042	836,490	642,827	639,336	607,096	541,852	557,597
Feed purchased \$1,000	2,961,840	1,944,488	1,271,172	1,311,135	1,301,623	919,271	747,728	711,701
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,967,178	999,236	493,994	509,578	491,584	405,097	328,661	374,854
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	798,828	618,971	322,649	314,563	306,292	298,913	249,831	424,167
Hired farm labor \$1,000	692,816	521,852	459,332	342,722	334,790	261,649	244,055	207,615
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	655,486	584,665	546,747	515,473	499,899	449,417	446,200	712,786
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	783,570	449,837	350,354	419,612	406,227	301,155	218,630	224,044
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	23,702	24,685	28,034	32,148	30,913	34,501	40,222	51,589
..... number	2,412,684	2,395,217	2,265,997	2,399,617	2,395,456	2,543,373	2,700,095	3,377,956
Beef cows farms	13,547	14,410	15,565	16,208	15,745	15,101	15,528	20,435
..... number	357,826	399,768	403,594	395,059	409,184	381,869	360,153	467,732
Milk cows farms	4,746	5,148	6,474	9,910	9,603	13,380	17,454	24,178
..... number	463,312	459,752	478,248	554,274	541,650	609,034	709,832	839,302
Cattle and calves sold farms	20,383	22,122	22,961	31,162	30,320	33,852	39,972	50,186
..... number	1,537,782	1,586,705	1,356,142	1,334,446	1,339,902	1,388,581	1,474,577	1,759,452
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	3,355	4,382	5,628	7,765	7,512	13,125	16,042	20,813
..... number	7,606,785	7,652,284	6,440,067	5,665,364	5,722,460	4,668,590	4,236,500	4,473,181
Hogs and pigs sold farms	3,420	4,748	6,390	7,892	7,717	13,749	16,652	21,802
..... number	22,154,443	22,815,512	18,618,300	12,814,319	12,943,053	9,141,699	8,073,029	8,007,312

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