

**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	38,076	41,959	42,186	42,150	31,318	31,998	34,074	42,415
Land in farms ..... acres	10,931,080	11,456,241	11,097,543	11,436,287	10,124,822	10,188,362	10,746,190	12,421,651
Average size of farm ..... acres	287	273	263	271	323	318	315	293
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	652,593	510,454	370,689	299,460	337,081	248,479	215,209	257,819
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,273	1,870	1,381	1,075	1,052	777	697	894
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	3,499,554	3,086,429	2,090,779	1,947,525	1,621,991	1,294,742	1,187,399	1,485,514
Average per farm ..... dollars	91,917	73,558	51,839	46,228	51,801	40,616	34,900	35,083
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	1,697	2,056	1,807	2,035	1,108	1,122	1,387	1,627
10 to 49 acres .....	9,017	10,234	10,834	9,595	5,863	5,796	6,240	8,674
50 to 179 acres .....	14,871	16,519	17,296	16,891	12,443	12,797	13,506	17,342
180 to 499 acres .....	8,002	8,623	8,052	8,757	7,356	7,606	7,789	9,031
500 to 999 acres .....	2,323	2,283	2,105	2,612	2,415	2,524	2,884	3,100
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,237	1,243	1,124	1,361	1,284	1,365	1,445	1,739
2,000 acres or more .....	929	1,001	968	899	849	788	823	902
Total cropland ..... farms	23,905	27,349	29,021	31,273	25,289	27,625	29,785	37,476
..... acres	5,075,579	5,530,825	5,822,786	6,324,156	5,947,311	6,518,288	6,747,639	7,745,113
Harvested cropland ..... farms	17,595	18,773	19,405	22,646	19,198	22,245	24,305	31,122
..... acres	4,292,113	4,223,708	4,139,341	4,519,775	4,338,710	4,404,612	4,272,651	5,799,772
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,454	2,284	2,235	1,912	1,769	2,127	2,012	1,462
..... acres	1,651,978	1,368,661	1,175,530	1,110,145	1,076,231	882,976	636,842	430,901
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	6,441,025	4,876,781	3,116,295	3,485,867	3,127,383	2,336,737	1,862,903	1,918,486
Average per farm ..... dollars	169,162	116,227	73,870	82,701	99,859	73,028	54,672	45,231
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	2,973,575	1,668,028	1,025,385	1,345,448	1,291,365	1,146,450	913,913	1,122,471
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	3,467,450	3,208,753	2,090,909	2,140,420	1,836,018	1,190,287	948,989	796,015
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	17,620	22,205	22,446	19,957	11,511	9,860	11,109	16,384
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3,668	3,659	4,572	5,252	4,954	5,417	5,985	6,911
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4,222	4,029	4,260	5,393	4,387	5,049	5,012	5,445
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	4,332	4,520	3,892	4,101	3,666	4,119	4,070	4,377
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	2,288	1,930	1,588	1,381	1,265	1,681	1,771	2,308
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1,226	1,070	1,071	1,138	1,014	1,248	1,710	2,148
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	1,511	1,901	2,475	2,685	2,613	3,489	3,723	4,185
\$500,000 or more .....	3,209	2,645	1,882	2,243	1,908	1,135	694	635
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	33,316	36,353	39,035	37,524	27,452	28,263	30,326	38,255
Partnership .....	2,871	3,769	2,166	3,310	2,753	2,754	2,770	3,046
Corporation .....	1,463	1,467	705	1,028	917	850	823	886
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	426	370	280	288	196	131	155	228
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	15,119	15,138	19,440	14,626	11,554	12,246	12,581	14,255
Any .....	22,957	26,821	22,746	25,237	17,989	17,241	19,421	24,263
200 days or more .....	14,826	16,334	16,909	18,570	13,004	12,119	13,518	16,747
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	16,355	15,935	20,582	15,515	12,753	14,463	15,111	18,236
Other .....	21,721	26,024	21,604	26,635	18,565	17,535	18,963	24,179
Average age of principal operator ..... years	60.4	58.6	57.2	55.3	55.6	55.3	53.8	52.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	5,158,725	4,288,729	2,767,787	2,964,295	2,458,575	1,954,337	1,465,201	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	576,540	469,684	380,748	276,886	229,688	170,363	138,882	134,197
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,715,141	1,468,308	804,106	1,121,605	845,628	458,354	328,167	288,860
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	353,175	263,845	127,224	126,691	114,194	124,296	90,795	114,525
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	288,348	227,904	122,546	116,569	100,997	101,058	86,016	142,899
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	266,511	213,631	184,111	186,807	169,897	168,464	142,341	137,400
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	150,975	138,598	124,247	127,149	108,338	97,991	90,636	163,851
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	319,017	219,911	209,634	224,350	199,962	216,262	130,399	140,183
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	15,940	17,752	21,096	25,494	19,319	21,070	22,482	29,407
..... number	921,508	987,342	1,072,806	1,195,839	1,127,442	1,152,331	1,147,219	1,488,148
Beef cows ..... farms	14,644	15,910	18,511	21,779	17,151	18,855	19,008	25,227
..... number	495,381	521,517	568,608	605,388	590,402	588,920	579,312	713,119
Milk cows ..... farms	184	177	627	894	688	1,216	1,643	3,082
..... number	14,480	22,560	35,114	46,332	45,540	64,510	71,834	96,224
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	13,178	14,535	16,494	23,948	18,912	20,282	22,087	27,466
..... number	458,561	530,495	514,514	628,147	590,771	580,526	638,685	704,606
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	540	683	692	1,477	662	1,270	2,237	4,081
..... number	401,898	337,244	302,190	236,184	215,936	160,917	179,063	223,274
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	306	439	504	852	425	934	1,622	2,547
..... number	1,183,798	1,294,545	1,171,039	790,042	756,595	278,764	284,630	356,868

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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