

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	28,008	29,524	27,870	27,632	24,279	22,821	24,568	23,570
Land in farms acres	59,758,917	61,388,462	59,612,403	58,445,339	58,607,778	59,642,536	60,203,993	60,539,209
Average size of farm acres	2,134	2,079	2,139	2,115	2,414	2,613	2,451	2,568
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,674,568	1,611,155	835,250	650,281	699,069	594,881	505,526	677,995
Average per acre dollars	785	775	386	309	294	227	205	259
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,854,196	3,053,603	2,085,701	2,028,280	1,895,934	1,516,085	1,488,238	1,567,780
Average per farm dollars	137,625	103,494	83,976	73,526	78,157	66,472	60,754	66,632
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,365	1,917	1,484	1,195	898	1,209	1,940	1,551
10 to 49 acres	5,518	5,462	5,005	4,673	3,570	2,804	2,745	2,673
50 to 179 acres	4,478	4,971	4,497	4,414	3,575	3,061	3,019	3,080
180 to 499 acres	3,835	4,464	3,964	4,032	3,372	2,964	3,315	3,097
500 to 999 acres	2,560	2,919	2,770	3,067	2,675	2,521	2,737	2,640
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2,771	2,935	3,034	3,382	3,127	3,040	3,460	3,345
2,000 acres or more	6,481	6,856	7,116	6,869	7,062	7,222	7,352	7,184
Total cropland farms	19,888	21,809	21,854	22,803	20,669	19,442	21,064	20,717
..... acres	17,022,177	18,241,710	18,315,514	18,238,158	17,629,001	17,494,553	17,829,766	16,452,331
Harvested cropland farms	15,894	16,441	16,543	19,254	17,854	17,100	19,267	19,279
..... acres	9,533,929	9,163,867	8,742,111	9,792,216	9,399,718	8,199,296	9,128,013	9,365,775
Irrigated land farms	9,451	10,457	10,150	10,098	9,059	8,883	9,520	9,226
..... acres	1,903,019	2,013,167	1,976,111	2,101,548	1,994,484	1,978,167	1,996,882	2,023,003
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	4,230,083	2,803,062	1,882,114	1,921,771	1,870,732	1,730,237	1,547,286	1,547,160
Average per farm dollars	151,031	94,942	67,532	69,549	77,051	75,818	62,980	65,641
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	2,255,996	1,273,721	733,324	952,468	903,822	691,860	639,202	759,171
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,974,087	1,529,340	1,148,791	969,303	966,910	1,038,377	908,084	787,989
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	10,170	11,977	10,117	7,129	4,996	4,073	4,320	3,914
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,747	1,784	1,776	2,314	2,024	1,764	2,006	1,795
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,988	1,934	2,162	2,559	2,308	2,131	2,374	2,295
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,531	2,770	3,043	3,666	3,415	3,413	3,912	3,703
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,053	2,215	2,718	3,066	2,839	3,051	3,695	3,592
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,178	2,464	3,027	3,425	3,340	3,528	4,064	3,928
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,221	5,247	4,507	4,988	4,878	4,492	3,945	3,981
\$500,000 or more	2,120	1,133	520	485	479	369	252	263
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	21,564	22,625	22,448	21,674	18,751	17,723	19,506	18,842
Partnership	2,320	2,839	2,192	2,250	2,065	2,046	2,147	2,099
Corporation	3,509	3,509	2,730	3,317	3,121	2,798	2,656	2,336
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	615	551	500	391	342	254	259	293
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	12,116	11,746	13,824	12,216	11,320	11,176	12,162	10,964
Any	15,892	17,778	14,046	13,578	11,280	9,838	10,764	10,108
200 days or more	9,589	10,150	8,900	7,920	6,322	5,261	5,607	5,272
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	15,434	14,957	17,710	16,855	15,703	16,006	17,405	16,898
Other	12,574	14,567	10,160	10,777	8,576	6,815	7,163	6,672
Average age of principal operator years	58.9	57.8	55.4	53.7	54.0	52.9	51.4	50.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	3,516,180	2,399,635	1,862,305	1,567,648	1,512,749	1,399,200	1,288,299	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	365,896	291,561	207,332	155,882	153,915	191,132	191,557	165,312
Feed purchased \$1,000	439,672	219,242	192,619	154,992	153,271	142,789	119,817	110,919
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	406,062	225,315	115,112	129,979	123,302	85,281	79,449	79,823
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	270,619	221,523	118,897	119,167	115,091	108,667	100,191	136,526
Hired farm labor \$1,000	239,341	164,119	139,334	113,562	109,424	107,632	102,470	84,462
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	217,247	185,028	187,994	155,616	149,306	146,474	157,891	207,237
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	217,620	120,522	81,365	78,492	74,449	57,078	64,461	43,347
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	11,845	12,341	12,951	15,072	14,216	13,813	14,866	15,822
..... number	2,633,740	2,589,679	2,396,764	2,595,611	2,618,319	2,645,916	2,591,391	2,918,599
Beef cows farms	10,598	11,162	11,821	13,550	12,902	12,366	13,073	13,942
..... number	1,439,653	1,522,187	1,497,915	1,544,199	1,558,921	1,506,445	1,399,949	1,528,036
Milk cows farms	397	385	624	758	721	1,092	1,732	2,594
..... number	13,947	17,458	17,952	18,008	18,052	22,409	26,879	29,447
Cattle and calves sold farms	10,629	11,526	11,793	14,795	14,055	13,628	14,718	15,325
..... number	1,711,264	1,842,159	1,770,727	1,646,213	1,654,014	1,677,932	1,644,768	1,778,047
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	406	483	454	708	627	1,056	1,406	1,643
..... number	173,953	181,602	172,951	181,033	177,740	222,966	200,663	195,949
Hogs and pigs sold farms	412	565	542	677	595	1,030	1,343	1,562
..... number	511,483	334,101	336,032	300,502	293,161	363,440	327,855	311,634

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) farms	2,243	1,650	1,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	464,802	355,226	349,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	95	87	77	73	61	47	100	110
number	166,380	119,677	100,660	113,604	112,821	47,505	84,676	18,440
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	370	297	146	186	180	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	60,693	38,002	11,642	13,773	12,925	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	5,633,512	5,147,840	1,584,039	1,671,004	1,616,456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	351	383	419	420	422	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	42,208	45,172	50,094	36,739	36,644	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	871,062	974,410	1,087,841	737,069	736,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	5,608	5,460	5,504	8,244	7,932	8,395	10,375	9,982
acres	5,627,463	5,059,916	4,876,699	5,848,865	5,602,336	4,885,520	4,703,455	5,215,965
bushels	180,120,936	147,533,888	112,449,587	180,230,934	172,214,482	142,893,032	143,802,744	159,093,238
Winter wheat for grain farms	2,968	3,000	1,481	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,168,021	2,194,539	784,931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	79,104,642	81,551,235	21,003,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	678	641	862	668	631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	549,532	471,705	564,640	304,385	289,211	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	15,753,344	11,634,753	13,032,110	7,830,366	7,483,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	4,133	3,621	4,515	6,784	6,536	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,909,910	2,393,672	3,527,128	4,000,795	3,835,928	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	85,262,950	54,347,900	78,413,869	116,097,891	111,027,909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	280	488	697	1,255	1,251	1,590	2,345	3,118
acres	17,084	34,633	45,515	66,348	66,331	82,492	132,308	168,097
bushels	768,893	1,673,538	1,998,128	3,519,540	3,501,669	4,485,707	6,356,871	8,068,970
Barley for grain farms	2,236	2,347	2,745	4,600	4,423	5,971	9,621	8,283
acres	778,521	718,551	902,163	1,130,016	1,093,414	1,168,663	1,900,275	1,613,964
bushels	37,541,212	29,670,161	36,076,190	57,538,649	55,236,960	47,381,536	79,606,320	72,135,565
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	4	2	16	13	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	243	(D)	823	671	671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	(D)	5,577	5,062	5,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	45	8	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,983	409	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	163,125	16,084	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	148	105	172	100	98	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	31,579	17,151	22,770	7,757	7,528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	448,341	290,498	376,832	157,028	152,454	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	11,728	12,796	12,943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	2,267,198	2,822,442	2,590,090	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	35	17	10	11	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10,643	3,410	1,224	(D)	1,365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	7,772,646	3,787,068	852,210	(D)	1,271,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar farms	197	220	282	408	415	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	45,807	47,533	56,027	58,139	59,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,265,481	1,174,370	1,123,844	1,221,138	1,243,622	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
acres	325	313	150	140	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	9,322	11,899	699	1,029	756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	179	152	143	148	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	8,682	11,192	10,479	11,297	10,504	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	324	389	386	314	261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	1,168	1,491	1,740	1,416	1,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.
² Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.
³ Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.
⁴ Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.
⁵ Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.
⁶ Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.
⁷ Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.