

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	49,969	47,712	49,355	54,539	51,454	52,923	60,502	60,243
Land in farms acres	45,331,783	45,480,358	45,903,116	45,853,656	45,525,414	44,393,129	45,305,441	44,961,371
Average size of farm acres	907	953	930	841	885	839	749	746
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	2,159,268	1,104,392	723,863	550,705	567,468	429,188	344,253	532,741
Average per acre dollars	2,380	1,159	776	658	645	514	457	701
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	11,503,486	7,510,697	5,370,381	4,529,411	4,348,888	3,651,286	3,549,159	4,088,785
Average per farm dollars	230,222	157,427	111,776	83,079	84,535	69,120	58,799	68,007
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,520	2,270	1,656	2,943	2,591	3,698	5,090	4,162
10 to 49 acres	8,125	6,581	5,664	5,522	4,733	4,302	4,296	4,062
50 to 179 acres	9,742	10,104	10,180	10,767	9,764	9,408	11,166	11,100
180 to 499 acres	9,735	9,838	11,310	13,319	12,648	14,003	17,320	19,128
500 to 999 acres	7,717	7,717	9,049	10,631	10,338	10,966	12,153	11,847
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5,844	5,965	6,632	6,777	6,717	6,283	6,494	6,036
2,000 acres or more	5,286	5,237	4,864	4,580	4,663	4,263	3,983	3,908
Total cropland farms	40,472	40,798	43,722	47,452	45,191	46,348	53,500	54,475
..... acres	21,597,393	21,486,025	22,520,874	22,633,381	22,092,954	22,402,132	23,320,162	22,434,059
Harvested cropland farms	35,747	34,715	37,143	43,198	41,652	43,879	51,175	52,497
..... acres	18,812,755	18,169,876	17,336,624	17,897,591	17,551,212	16,146,818	15,276,151	17,075,625
Irrigated land farms	17,136	17,128	17,970	19,297	18,804	19,328	22,596	22,190
..... acres	8,296,573	8,558,559	7,625,170	7,065,556	6,939,036	6,311,633	5,681,835	6,039,292
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	23,068,756	15,506,035	9,703,657	9,937,248	9,831,519	8,209,691	6,667,132	6,625,742
Average per farm dollars	461,661	324,992	196,609	182,204	191,074	155,125	110,197	109,984
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	11,377,933	6,843,325	3,388,265	3,881,119	3,798,462	2,651,484	2,139,116	2,379,811
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	11,690,823	8,662,710	6,315,392	6,056,130	6,033,057	5,558,208	4,528,016	4,245,931
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	10,648	11,042	9,820	6,937	5,658	3,966	4,694	3,839
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,224	1,792	2,172	3,023	2,394	2,664	3,405	2,963
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,850	2,186	3,077	3,716	3,497	4,021	5,515	4,615
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,998	3,878	5,853	7,064	6,733	8,445	10,923	10,096
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,711	3,977	6,030	7,140	6,962	8,362	10,681	11,517
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,071	5,261	6,619	8,117	8,005	9,274	11,305	12,508
\$100,000 to \$499,999	12,750	13,655	12,960	16,006	15,703	14,423	12,700	13,370
\$500,000 or more	8,717	5,921	2,824	2,536	2,502	1,768	1,279	1,301
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	42,543	39,848	42,835	44,985	42,313	44,577	51,749	51,323
Partnership	2,974	3,616	3,080	4,736	4,505	4,604	5,212	5,608
Corporation	3,784	3,571	3,065	4,396	4,249	3,430	3,209	3,013
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	668	677	375	422	387	312	332	299
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	21,662	19,947	25,133	25,917	25,017	27,573	31,491	30,786
Any	28,307	27,765	24,222	24,049	22,073	20,920	24,403	21,933
200 days or more	18,928	17,159	15,804	14,606	13,129	11,927	13,099	10,764
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	29,819	28,854	36,031	36,951	35,742	39,123	45,387	47,549
Other	20,150	18,858	13,324	17,588	15,712	13,800	15,115	12,694
Average age of principal operator years	55.7	55.9	53.9	52.5	52.5	50.7	49.4	48.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	19,175,997	12,325,329	9,050,038	7,719,265	7,596,196	6,711,544	5,409,171	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	5,117,496	4,066,702	3,211,783	2,418,527	2,405,077	2,502,060	1,904,830	1,760,168
Feed purchased \$1,000	3,981,917	2,045,635	1,490,523	1,422,635	1,408,802	1,086,234	801,077	843,922
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,609,182	914,427	465,636	447,687	435,501	344,363	269,359	325,124
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	906,596	608,153	331,458	328,657	320,080	288,400	267,854	386,465
Hired farm labor \$1,000	565,334	417,067	371,650	306,254	300,578	254,132	261,094	167,515
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	587,466	480,896	468,738	422,329	413,076	380,597	368,642	613,708
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	757,437	404,471	281,683	283,244	274,565	202,392	154,483	141,128
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	23,280	21,424	25,083	30,214	29,298	30,421	34,701	39,555
..... number	6,385,675	6,576,950	6,202,947	6,730,153	6,732,637	5,952,880	5,838,806	6,530,561
Beef cows	19,313	18,233	20,991	24,513	23,881	24,270	28,452	30,068
..... farms	1,730,112	1,889,842	1,915,107	1,957,734	1,966,105	1,857,347	1,823,591	2,023,618
..... number	559	493	866	1,385	1,352	2,122	3,339	4,686
Milk cows	54,628	54,410	66,926	68,872	68,216	83,295	105,168	117,536
Cattle and calves sold								
..... farms	20,967	20,218	23,416	30,380	29,505	30,696	35,491	39,796
..... number	7,567,890	7,620,019	7,351,398	7,160,738	7,143,061	6,238,779	5,888,192	6,010,865
Hogs and pigs inventory								
..... farms	1,476	2,213	3,075	6,312	6,017	10,826	13,363	15,998
..... number	2,992,576	3,268,544	2,933,620	3,474,386	3,452,386	4,187,389	3,944,227	3,963,364
Hogs and pigs sold								
..... farms	1,552	2,482	3,594	6,587	6,296	11,559	14,162	17,132
..... number	10,620,451	10,880,337	8,993,521	7,671,698	7,602,587	8,405,466	7,442,810	7,064,612

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years (continued)

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) farms	2,858	1,960	1,396	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	9,351,688	10,487,473	11,786,314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	366	206	231	244	225	289	524	526
..... number	4,777,716	4,893,959	3,361,353	739,368	725,964	1,887,881	910,980	104,105
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	22,977	22,812	23,889	29,879	29,149	29,679	34,717	34,573
..... acres	9,087,851	9,192,656	7,344,715	8,428,593	8,279,499	7,235,528	6,090,669	6,519,250
..... bushels	1,188,509,521	1,426,459,812	908,360,246	1,075,047,531	1,055,193,186	930,758,282	749,231,198	676,484,963
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	4,232	2,671	5,408	4,085	4,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	446,386	185,584	409,447	209,976	209,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	4,605,604	3,171,470	4,476,086	3,288,189	3,282,555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	5,013	8,037	6,674	10,157	9,826	12,671	18,124	20,182
..... acres	1,309,269	1,964,302	1,526,775	1,883,089	1,772,069	1,800,432	1,962,051	2,585,111
..... bushels	51,650,730	81,748,076	50,299,684	65,250,247	61,578,806	53,512,448	76,826,252	87,959,769
Winter wheat for grain farms	4,951	7,895	6,673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1,302,674	1,955,736	1,526,025	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	51,442,415	81,449,590	50,291,179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	78	164	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	6,595	8,566	750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	208,315	298,486	8,505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	476	885	1,475	2,668	2,612	5,234	8,165	10,852
..... acres	17,788	35,108	53,946	88,855	86,955	176,148	280,502	396,520
..... bushels	905,529	2,108,923	2,367,835	5,231,223	5,113,274	11,341,781	13,643,509	22,158,999
Barley for grain farms	26	35	64	146	139	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1,731	1,777	2,588	9,609	8,674	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	59,684	81,963	84,194	470,793	411,963	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain farms	633	1,901	2,871	6,140	5,965	10,513	12,576	15,106
..... acres	60,010	236,607	331,074	740,585	720,276	1,412,747	1,300,713	1,657,237
..... bushels	3,622,070	22,177,229	16,898,323	57,792,925	56,264,473	122,513,083	101,004,096	116,927,367
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	240	444	630	915	905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	11,677	20,376	22,198	26,801	26,532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	109,704	235,551	164,404	327,715	326,231	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	18,539	16,620	20,074	21,859	21,072	20,687	25,598	21,487
..... acres	4,983,253	3,834,855	4,571,558	3,402,917	3,346,701	2,274,494	2,291,803	2,105,816
..... bushels	193,014,515	189,547,373	173,029,716	133,244,032	131,017,170	88,842,343	78,147,991	70,218,107
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	578	495	758	1,162	1,129	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	132,697	107,583	164,924	176,817	171,889	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... cwt	3,050,199	2,453,158	3,404,542	3,583,751	3,483,866	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms	20,034	20,576	22,981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	2,487,312	2,563,515	2,862,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons, dry	4,728,985	6,289,171	5,647,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	144	222	218	401	384	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	39,115	47,575	33,400	(D)	50,597	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	27,474,025	61,133,340	22,405,407	(D)	54,934,687	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar farms	172	162	184	366	367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	51,671	44,938	41,285	59,487	60,429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	1,449,966	1,064,504	762,822	1,014,463	1,032,584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms	474	340	230	275	266	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	26,001	23,646	4,270	3,230	3,208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	208	135	60	96	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	22,823	20,438	22,059	24,656	24,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	19	11	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	4	2	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	372	339	231	161	143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1,286	1,500	1,080	965	912	(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.