

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	4,137	3,131	2,989	3,198	2,829	2,890	3,027	2,719
Land in farms acres	5,913,761	5,865,392	6,330,622	6,397,569	6,409,288	9,263,684	9,988,520	9,980,201
Average size of farm acres	1,429	1,873	2,118	2,000	2,266	3,205	3,300	3,671
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,324,673	1,148,693	953,619	794,743	876,417	811,941	749,936	925,540
Average per acre dollars	927	613	446	398	388	252	227	249
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	556,947	349,932	306,745	210,199	196,289	172,887	158,576	143,648
Average per farm dollars	134,658	111,799	110,619	65,749	69,532	60,260	52,474	52,928
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,003	631	579	582	425	445	574	405
10 to 49 acres	1,197	898	817	817	694	680	671	574
50 to 179 acres	745	571	511	603	543	599	574	535
180 to 499 acres	409	367	359	462	430	431	453	461
500 to 999 acres	294	217	214	249	242	238	267	224
1,000 to 1,999 acres	207	151	170	187	191	175	154	172
2,000 acres or more	282	296	339	298	304	322	334	348
Total cropland farms	2,295	2,060	2,001	2,318	2,188	2,255	2,317	2,227
..... acres	756,852	753,718	940,295	847,288	846,752	840,364	802,604	861,883
Harvested cropland farms	2,047	1,572	1,521	1,834	1,765	1,753	1,884	1,895
..... acres	582,494	504,311	549,076	526,408	526,338	408,568	526,067	605,082
Irrigated land farms	2,512	2,054	1,981	2,296	2,159	2,151	2,221	2,154
..... acres	687,790	691,030	746,653	763,742	764,738	556,172	778,977	829,761
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	764,144	513,269	446,989	358,869	356,565	288,139	250,458	202,581
Average per farm dollars	184,710	163,931	149,545	112,217	126,039	99,702	82,741	74,506
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	366,010	219,341	157,730	153,225	151,717	79,957	75,685	72,582
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	398,134	293,928	289,259	205,643	204,848	208,182	174,773	129,999
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	1,410	1,184	1,108	938	695	862	861	717
\$2,500 to \$4,999	439	269	256	348	310	305	353	318
\$5,000 to \$9,999	550	333	291	389	358	352	336	322
\$10,000 to \$24,999	396	334	312	479	444	375	437	377
\$25,000 to \$49,999	226	217	214	273	259	250	278	288
\$50,000 to \$99,999	241	179	227	256	253	264	258	261
\$100,000 to \$499,999	577	412	421	384	379	366	415	344
\$500,000 or more	298	203	160	131	131	116	89	70
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	3,217	2,542	2,499	2,532	2,197	2,269	2,342	2,067
Partnership	330	284	205	309	295	323	356	392
Corporation	343	230	200	245	233	221	261	198
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	247	75	85	112	104	77	68	62
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	1,590	1,134	1,345	1,219	1,131	1,192	1,217	1,024
Any	2,547	1,997	1,644	1,779	1,515	1,518	1,654	1,505
200 days or more	1,625	1,167	1,074	1,123	939	910	1,042	891
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	2,194	1,650	1,754	1,675	1,558	1,656	1,675	1,553
Other	1,943	1,481	1,235	1,523	1,271	1,234	1,352	1,166
Average age of principal operator years	59.8	57.5	55.9	54.9	55.4	54.2	52.3	51.5
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	616,515	401,986	335,437	281,016	276,040	247,113	208,924	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	38,987	32,202	34,954	27,097	26,424	33,238	34,208	28,749
Feed purchased \$1,000	140,663	76,549	58,036	49,408	48,969	49,970	29,966	29,361
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	29,969	20,975	11,894	11,773	11,610	6,930	5,562	5,587
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	47,974	29,689	16,249	15,121	14,895	14,154	12,556	15,144
Hired farm labor \$1,000	83,050	65,134	53,802	44,921	44,391	31,652	33,775	20,438
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	33,133	19,984	22,034	22,042	21,724	18,621	19,257	22,958
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	15,696	11,776	7,056	5,319	5,292	3,949	3,940	2,814
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,822	1,513	1,583	1,861	1,694	1,652	1,819	1,786
..... number	420,322	441,629	460,263	516,110	518,115	523,305	575,608	559,909
Beef cows farms	1,508	1,275	1,218	1,469	1,371	1,330	1,438	1,367
..... number	220,150	238,662	245,025	274,244	275,801	265,690	305,018	285,594
Milk cows farms	56	56	128	145	138	208	274	348
..... number	29,484	27,660	29,358	24,933	24,902	21,769	17,646	15,851
Cattle and calves sold farms	1,498	1,260	1,283	1,694	1,587	1,538	1,733	1,628
..... number	282,642	280,998	407,085	294,855	295,007	317,233	303,567	275,493
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	81	91	110	137	113	154	149	245
..... (D) number	2,949	2,949	(D)	7,550	7,419	7,636	16,505	15,254
Hogs and pigs sold farms	78	70	102	87	74	102	128	174
..... number	2,837	(D)	11,829	7,661	7,414	23,746	26,413	16,037

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	746	312	281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	21,209	5,852	5,164	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	43	4	18	8	6	7	10	8
number	(D)	(D)	3,383	(D)	(D)	200	525	549
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	36	10	6	7	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,862	473	241	336	396	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	489,627	73,176	34,447	37,232	46,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	92	36	53	46	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,451	5,451	4,407	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	148,781	134,522	94,399	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	55	42	34	77	73	57	114	162
acres	18,239	12,826	4,687	19,392	19,034	9,968	15,052	20,536
bushels	1,489,060	1,279,268	383,563	1,922,456	1,903,995	719,200	1,096,511	1,386,182
Winter wheat for grainfarms	40	37	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	11,838	3,109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	1,190,936	268,529	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grainfarms	2	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grainfarms	17	8	10	27	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	988	1,578	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	335,934	88,332	115,034	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	4	2	36	10	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	281	(D)	4,682	503	503	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	29,415	(D)	485,280	30,499	30,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grainfarms	19	9	20	51	49	36	115	193
acres	1,791	1,062	2,375	4,703	4,642	4,613	9,150	28,490
bushels	199,266	93,177	207,188	427,758	422,623	423,411	725,196	2,079,755
Sorghum for grainfarms	-	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchopfarms	1	-	5	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	438	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	-	9,289	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)farms								
acres	1,820	1,436	1,390	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	530,605	464,598	510,223	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)farms	154	50	51	39	37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	13,042	11,217	4,752	4,419	4,415	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoesfarms	56	24	14	10	10	12	10	29
acres	7,273	7,491	7,607	6,999	6,999	8,111	7,501	13,804
Land in orchardsfarms	130	79	73	76	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	945	460	420	544	530	(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.