

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	4,391	4,166	3,363	3,928	2,937	2,445	2,515	2,757
Land in farms acres	474,065	471,911	444,879	463,383	415,031	385,832	426,237	469,582
Average size of farm acres	108	113	132	118	141	158	169	170
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	449,848	558,385	400,943	295,677	323,523	342,607	358,279	201,171
Average per acre dollars	4,167	4,929	3,131	2,448	2,250	2,256	2,112	1,174
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	247,765	243,349	137,603	135,607	110,872	83,960	85,168	77,239
Average per farm dollars	56,439	58,413	40,868	34,541	37,957	34,566	33,905	28,005
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	953	754	507	656	425	308	255	254
10 to 49 acres	1,482	1,405	1,035	1,160	784	619	567	600
50 to 179 acres	1,292	1,304	1,138	1,351	1,005	844	919	1,039
180 to 499 acres	512	546	509	613	571	511	583	663
500 to 999 acres	115	119	134	116	120	133	160	169
1,000 to 1,999 acres	21	26	22	25	25	27	29	29
2,000 acres or more	16	12	18	7	7	3	2	3
Total cropland farms	2,606	2,929	2,505	3,154	2,489	2,242	2,255	2,493
..... acres	98,268	128,938	129,388	147,694	132,619	135,437	147,719	154,926
Harvested cropland farms	2,416	2,494	2,043	2,817	2,256	2,039	2,044	2,282
..... acres	87,382	99,520	95,983	111,870	101,753	100,746	106,629	116,613
Irrigated land farms	686	505	451	506	429	308	253	176
..... acres	2,630	2,482	2,292	2,838	2,691	1,746	2,948	1,307
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	190,907	199,051	144,835	155,698	149,467	114,070	107,102	102,520
Average per farm dollars	43,477	47,780	43,067	39,638	50,891	46,654	42,585	37,185
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	100,714	106,467	83,149	78,033	73,728	45,724	35,327	26,207
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	90,193	92,584	61,686	77,665	75,739	68,346	71,775	76,312
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	2,115	2,068	1,757	1,789	1,121	928	1,020	1,133
\$2,500 to \$4,999	593	466	382	613	460	343	371	430
\$5,000 to \$9,999	516	469	344	447	388	325	320	276
\$10,000 to \$24,999	494	466	303	420	363	288	234	253
\$25,000 to \$49,999	253	263	194	218	187	152	131	178
\$50,000 to \$99,999	156	148	130	156	143	143	175	210
\$100,000 to \$499,999	204	221	205	240	230	234	238	242
\$500,000 or more	60	65	48	45	45	32	26	23
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	3,701	3,551	2,917	3,445	2,547	2,136	2,234	2,457
Partnership	320	299	206	219	179	147	140	188
Corporation	243	220	157	204	160	133	112	85
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	127	96	83	60	51	29	29	27
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	1,572	1,257	1,380	1,283	1,028	927	857	929
Any	2,819	2,909	1,983	2,515	1,807	1,420	1,539	1,655
200 days or more	1,664	1,706	1,299	1,657	1,152	848	959	1,035
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	2,107	1,930	1,636	1,580	1,260	1,204	1,153	1,301
Other	2,284	2,236	1,727	2,348	1,677	1,241	1,362	1,456
Average age of principal operator years	57.8	56.2	54.1	53.6	54.3	53.4	51.9	50.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	231,196	195,791	145,342	136,126	126,098	95,755	91,948	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	3,874	4,470	1,638	3,393	3,031	2,968	3,647	4,013
Feed purchased \$1,000	44,756	30,644	20,933	22,974	22,257	18,649	19,529	25,619
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	5,459	4,627	2,797	3,039	2,931	2,868	2,834	2,767
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	13,389	13,170	5,663	5,729	5,148	4,171	3,979	5,910
Hired farm labor \$1,000	53,786	36,176	32,013	31,343	30,438	21,601	18,040	13,626
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	11,064	8,718	5,468	6,936	6,115	5,177	5,612	5,685
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	3,084	2,367	2,043	1,729	1,717	1,528	1,499	1,350
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,091	1,027	852	1,289	953	956	1,148	1,515
..... number	33,392	36,880	39,912	47,159	45,115	48,419	54,012	69,006
Beef cows farms	683	642	527	754	540	494	587	713
..... number	4,075	4,981	4,473	4,959	4,206	3,727	4,229	4,526
Milk cows farms	251	225	255	392	329	389	518	785
..... number	13,474	14,611	17,467	19,713	19,563	21,659	25,110	30,984
Cattle and calves sold farms	606	599	526	913	760	766	969	1,242
..... number	12,784	12,350	13,927	16,953	16,053	20,138	24,611	29,408
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	359	266	208	355	249	289	264	443
..... number	3,287	2,792	2,718	5,843	4,373	4,458	5,040	6,339
Hogs and pigs sold farms	343	298	212	202	137	173	180	278
..... number	6,990	4,901	4,227	15,287	13,454	9,063	6,610	9,402

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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