

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	9,071	10,327	9,924	10,045	9,101	9,079	9,032	8,277
Land in farms acres	715,057	733,450	805,682	856,909	832,600	847,595	894,426	916,331
Average size of farm acres	79	71	81	85	91	93	99	111
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,008,402	1,089,883	741,808	572,273	594,206	615,430	396,198	343,137
Average per acre dollars	12,792	15,346	9,245	6,710	6,642	6,942	3,969	3,140
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	739,015	704,665	514,666	464,314	436,613	358,561	340,478	300,165
Average per farm dollars	81,470	68,374	53,954	46,233	48,011	39,620	37,768	36,291
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,237	2,950	2,511	2,576	2,249	2,099	1,862	1,487
10 to 49 acres	4,221	4,814	4,481	4,307	3,807	3,726	3,549	3,052
50 to 179 acres	1,790	1,675	1,959	2,042	1,927	2,079	2,316	2,328
180 to 499 acres	541	589	629	766	768	836	939	1,047
500 to 999 acres	182	191	228	240	238	250	292	286
1,000 to 1,999 acres	80	91	99	92	90	74	60	62
2,000 acres or more	20	17	17	22	22	15	14	15
Total cropland farms	7,107	8,138	8,342	9,091	8,322	8,221	8,268	7,658
..... acres	456,751	488,697	547,668	612,919	594,928	623,466	642,534	669,618
Harvested cropland farms	6,575	7,180	7,230	8,017	7,396	7,149	7,288	6,940
..... acres	408,993	415,542	444,670	498,912	485,187	491,518	484,805	570,031
Irrigated land farms	1,769	2,055	2,124	2,222	2,089	1,911	1,846	1,681
..... acres	88,376	95,277	96,893	94,380	92,965	80,409	91,208	83,049
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	1,006,936	986,885	749,872	707,161	697,380	532,988	496,003	435,966
Average per farm dollars	111,006	95,564	75,561	70,399	76,627	58,706	54,916	52,672
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	890,767	851,653	657,494	600,547	592,713	431,178	370,580	322,038
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	116,169	135,233	92,378	106,613	104,666	101,810	125,423	113,928
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	3,808	4,948	5,233	4,003	3,352	3,136	3,089	2,316
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,030	999	991	1,204	1,105	1,175	1,281	1,179
\$5,000 to \$9,999	958	1,007	820	1,156	1,097	1,144	1,163	1,106
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,032	1,108	951	1,274	1,195	1,358	1,201	1,221
\$25,000 to \$49,999	600	656	489	718	689	676	632	683
\$50,000 to \$99,999	524	462	381	510	502	530	578	661
\$100,000 to \$499,999	692	747	719	891	874	869	932	969
\$500,000 or more	427	400	340	289	287	191	156	124
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	7,329	8,679	8,578	8,454	7,604	7,553	7,530	6,933
Partnership	787	726	576	678	635	668	740	732
Corporation	824	829	701	826	783	780	704	563
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	131	93	69	87	79	78	58	49
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	3,369	3,208	4,364	3,766	3,503	3,475	3,199	3,087
Any	5,702	7,119	5,560	5,842	5,188	5,094	5,375	4,592
200 days or more	3,369	4,107	3,862	3,931	3,478	3,396	3,666	3,076
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	4,493	4,626	5,193	4,204	3,920	4,218	4,180	4,197
Other	4,578	5,701	4,731	5,841	5,181	4,861	4,852	4,080
Average age of principal operator years	59.5	57.1	55.1	55.2	55.4	53.9	52.9	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	913,289	835,211	647,202	535,420	513,326	430,843	387,693	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	14,758	11,977	8,265	10,665	10,339	9,487	15,067	13,577
Feed purchased \$1,000	54,047	41,361	31,277	39,314	38,309	32,427	34,115	33,530
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	65,101	43,892	28,203	29,647	28,256	25,949	23,767	26,140
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	55,991	51,333	25,155	27,282	25,935	22,184	19,961	28,878
Hired farm labor \$1,000	267,547	237,683	186,913	148,621	142,869	115,161	87,608	62,380
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	30,982	24,207	19,898	22,375	21,483	17,122	20,320	22,870
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	38,606	28,288	22,541	21,285	20,487	19,152	17,267	14,530
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1,224	1,435	1,513	1,873	1,703	1,934	2,231	2,394
..... number	31,449	38,198	41,747	58,483	56,643	69,134	77,581	94,999
Beef cows farms	871	932	535	1,158	1,039	1,152	1,176	1,151
..... number	9,500	9,298	8,037	12,943	12,192	12,280	11,359	11,622
Milk cows farms	127	152	136	307	296	450	584	770
..... number	7,192	9,790	12,497	18,219	18,041	23,926	32,067	38,792
Cattle and calves sold farms	960	1,136	1,227	1,630	1,506	1,668	2,049	2,078
..... number	11,691	13,955	15,540	23,964	23,362	28,989	43,257	48,050
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	298	271	357	523	431	640	680	889
..... number	7,901	8,551	14,162	25,390	23,189	29,645	31,968	53,767
Hogs and pigs sold farms	256	381	378	407	350	530	661	816
..... number	12,548	23,420	30,820	42,819	40,396	44,325	52,320	74,235

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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