

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	24,721	20,930	15,170	17,876	14,094	14,279	14,249	13,484
Land in farms acres	43,201,023	43,238,049	44,810,083	46,177,267	45,787,108	46,849,244	46,018,005	47,096,085
Average size of farm acres	1,748	2,066	2,954	2,583	3,249	3,281	3,230	3,493
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	755,185	696,081	698,908	542,530	625,307	645,677	582,012	618,708
Average per acre dollars	432	337	234	208	195	194	180	178
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,491,077	1,160,713	799,643	727,581	619,915	525,911	468,262	430,983
Average per farm dollars	60,610	55,457	58,262	40,733	44,047	36,992	33,093	32,053
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	7,861	6,471	3,586	3,886	2,594	2,600	2,421	1,979
10 to 49 acres	4,811	4,405	3,195	3,477	2,618	2,611	2,710	2,591
50 to 179 acres	3,357	3,072	2,317	2,875	2,163	2,142	2,164	2,127
180 to 499 acres	2,438	2,141	1,706	2,222	1,721	1,748	1,846	1,801
500 to 999 acres	1,723	1,286	1,006	1,508	1,232	1,260	1,341	1,254
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,528	1,092	927	1,285	1,111	1,161	1,126	1,171
2,000 acres or more	3,003	2,463	2,433	2,623	2,655	2,757	2,641	2,561
Total cropland farms	13,674	13,191	10,855	11,234	9,435	9,447	9,429	9,196
..... acres	1,976,689	2,334,018	2,575,107	2,307,719	2,179,428	2,252,970	2,279,119	2,234,468
Harvested cropland farms	10,617	9,311	7,204	8,200	7,008	7,213	7,269	7,395
..... acres	690,858	1,009,683	856,166	1,118,176	1,079,953	1,060,345	989,214	1,297,305
Irrigated land farms	11,430	10,167	8,282	8,953	7,444	7,331	7,022	6,918
..... acres	680,318	830,048	844,799	851,735	804,616	738,272	718,449	807,206
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	2,550,147	2,175,080	1,700,030	1,664,133	1,617,708	1,258,883	1,060,112	850,562
Average per farm dollars	103,157	103,922	112,065	93,093	114,780	88,163	74,399	63,079
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	616,938	553,140	397,257	496,240	462,178	375,571	261,488	232,230
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,933,209	1,621,940	1,302,773	1,167,893	1,155,530	883,312	798,624	618,332
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	13,609	10,496	7,512	7,979	5,097	4,868	5,104	4,851
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,575	2,520	1,408	2,059	1,811	1,840	1,802	1,816
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,502	2,252	1,443	1,971	1,710	1,738	1,700	1,552
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,172	2,064	1,586	1,981	1,755	1,852	1,828	1,743
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,064	1,065	893	1,142	1,099	1,208	1,234	1,143
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,058	844	740	924	896	969	966	902
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,183	1,135	1,122	1,316	1,241	1,379	1,304	1,188
\$500,000 or more	558	554	466	504	485	425	311	226
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	21,610	18,185	13,455	15,194	11,783	11,959	11,929	11,440
Partnership	1,290	1,456	885	1,338	1,158	1,276	1,362	1,202
Corporation	1,079	839	631	991	848	794	753	617
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	742	450	199	353	305	250	205	225
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	8,933	7,481	6,998	6,956	5,752	5,708	5,265	4,462
Any	15,788	13,449	8,172	9,906	7,506	7,590	8,137	7,809
200 days or more	8,974	7,230	5,551	6,327	4,592	4,673	4,937	4,752
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	12,392	10,040	8,482	8,368	7,197	7,540	7,243	6,896
Other	12,329	10,890	6,688	9,508	6,897	6,739	7,006	6,588
Average age of principal operator years	60.5	59.6	56.4	55.9	56.5	55.3	53.7	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,459,316	1,904,465	1,500,021	1,256,455	1,204,227	1,049,010	892,641	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	137,673	187,501	217,212	227,417	221,246	257,230	268,175	227,193
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,124,762	697,004	486,979	337,980	334,541	221,787	163,870	143,887
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	67,627	57,807	32,645	37,391	34,563	29,236	20,913	18,245
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	130,982	112,281	51,544	53,171	49,544	49,222	41,585	50,808
Hired farm labor \$1,000	252,521	218,193	182,380	146,740	140,862	115,633	98,309	61,178
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	92,053	86,921	82,017	84,361	78,791	69,101	68,124	76,151
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	38,897	29,835	19,735	19,289	18,085	15,096	13,079	8,462
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	12,796	9,508	6,845	9,992	8,677	8,964	8,926	9,189
..... number	1,354,240	1,525,976	1,590,769	1,704,463	1,676,171	1,589,978	1,445,062	1,535,348
Beef cows farms	11,004	8,208	5,774	7,774	6,894	7,248	6,939	7,269
..... number	461,595	530,173	516,104	594,607	581,812	631,738	572,828	597,132
Milk cows farms	410	272	377	620	523	650	848	1,357
..... number	318,878	326,400	315,130	216,038	215,844	110,422	58,606	53,877
Cattle and calves sold farms	7,963	7,021	5,622	8,920	8,094	8,426	8,517	8,404
..... number	909,923	952,841	1,064,524	1,329,677	1,308,236	1,181,980	1,298,570	1,149,750
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	211	395	346	547	346	496	592	914
..... number	1,294	1,972	3,489	8,276	6,114	20,233	44,248	39,485
Hogs and pigs sold farms	177	351	306	375	246	326	373	560
..... number	2,383	3,792	5,114	11,260	7,997	43,633	89,200	84,958

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	1,768	1,571	1,229	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	66,653	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	54	24	43	17	11	20	19	38
number	11,852	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,026	(D)	2,484
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	132	122	130	328	316	398	434	479
acres	33,101	53,851	48,096	80,646	80,122	72,348	37,540	57,161
bushels	6,348,748	9,626,854	8,508,723	13,872,808	13,795,021	11,773,777	5,300,378	6,901,030
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	300	285	343	303	275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	81,866	79,141	93,381	48,324	46,730	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,918,665	1,937,769	2,200,352	1,068,220	1,029,234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	264	535	415	711	711	892	1,229	1,459
acres	87,504	302,958	161,341	261,700	264,190	341,016	309,184	480,418
bushels	2,613,145	8,236,505	4,212,138	8,533,027	8,605,057	10,433,609	8,820,030	10,026,475
Winter wheat for grain farms	255	520	415	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	86,434	300,539	161,341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,581,809	8,098,467	4,212,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	1	2	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	8	13	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	27	45	39	93	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	158	(D)	985	3,467	3,326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	7,924	16,467	58,669	150,525	152,307	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain farms	1	10	9	30	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	824	357	3,988	3,852	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	80,299	40,639	248,815	240,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain farms	114	217	218	504	496	568	776	1,023
acres	19,445	73,048	67,226	188,057	188,615	180,421	156,979	259,294
bushels	751,733	2,806,719	2,131,743	7,053,490	7,059,484	8,144,520	8,680,130	9,645,858
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	76	97	104	117	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	17,288	18,833	13,842	15,519	14,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	233,781	297,382	233,241	237,166	218,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	1	1	2	3	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	157	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,253	4,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	20	178	38	76	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	9,671	7,760	8,377	11,095	10,998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	206,669	173,070	144,639	186,522	184,559	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all farms	195	199	277	508	459	459	697	669
acres	39,994	42,207	53,045	73,659	67,996	53,393	79,135	77,912
bales	87,541	97,206	98,377	122,763	113,281	74,954	113,013	88,282
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	6,578	5,583	4,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	343,032	365,843	335,872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	1,441,883	1,565,071	1,306,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6	2	3	9	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	7,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,846,230	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts farms	21	29	57	74	71	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,652	10,305	15,299	16,541	16,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	18,714,380	31,988,642	45,062,549	43,321,698	42,372,773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
acres	2,085	1,743	457	684	526	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	28,162	36,933	33,297	44,292	38,375	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	307	142	28	46	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	5,675	6,186	9,401	9,385	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	10	2	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	3,443	2,783	2,824	2,345	1,744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	45,722	43,859	43,182	37,023	33,600	(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.