

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	35,537	36,352	37,255	38,264	31,757	32,306	37,743	42,207
Land in farms acres	7,183,576	7,174,743	7,660,969	7,788,241	7,254,470	7,458,015	8,416,228	9,189,559
Average size of farm acres	202	197	206	204	228	231	223	218
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	525,587	449,010	345,504	272,670	286,620	282,546	218,934	177,988
Average per acre dollars	2,600	2,275	1,708	1,327	1,284	1,237	993	817
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	4,163,633	3,546,042	3,367,939	2,162,595	1,906,163	1,862,289	1,849,206	2,006,892
	117,163	97,550	96,252	56,522	59,923	57,738	49,087	47,561
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,901	2,914	2,959	3,102	2,226	2,129	2,517	2,763
10 to 49 acres	8,668	8,799	8,359	7,723	5,499	5,201	6,114	6,575
50 to 179 acres	13,544	13,847	13,474	14,085	11,319	11,147	12,991	14,676
180 to 499 acres	7,446	7,739	8,977	9,897	9,327	10,305	12,244	14,203
500 to 999 acres	1,872	2,014	2,457	2,567	2,530	2,713	3,112	3,274
1,000 to 1,999 acres	762	760	812	721	688	680	654	620
2,000 acres or more	344	279	217	169	168	131	111	96
Total cropland farms	29,273	31,083	33,351	34,701	29,747	30,651	35,680	40,276
..... acres	4,217,041	4,314,954	4,841,367	4,961,538	4,722,143	4,876,169	5,382,175	5,697,926
Harvested cropland farms	26,569	26,814	29,162	31,436	27,569	28,715	33,664	38,509
..... acres	3,783,661	3,651,278	3,846,368	3,855,732	3,716,942	3,534,898	3,899,819	4,430,198
Irrigated land farms	3,404	3,036	3,307	2,835	2,501	2,020	1,992	1,713
..... acres	59,807	68,010	74,663	73,791	69,197	46,600	50,920	52,125
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	5,415,125	4,418,634	3,117,834	2,930,569	2,834,512	2,622,001	2,441,860	2,426,936
	152,380	121,551	83,689	76,588	89,256	81,161	64,697	57,501
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000								
	2,249,227	1,561,927	1,135,129	1,066,347	1,000,417	809,291	701,352	657,719
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000								
	3,165,898	2,856,706	1,982,706	1,864,222	1,834,095	1,812,710	1,740,508	1,769,216
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	11,169	13,004	14,243	11,542	7,707	7,324	9,168	10,479
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,119	3,075	3,364	4,096	3,424	3,389	4,061	4,421
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,776	3,770	3,223	4,119	3,484	3,536	3,892	4,339
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,937	4,706	4,176	4,997	4,269	4,156	4,426	4,654
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,825	2,694	2,725	2,941	2,673	2,601	3,337	4,187
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,586	2,253	3,073	3,496	3,335	3,973	5,560	6,731
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,163	5,100	5,369	6,077	5,883	6,588	6,816	6,966
\$500,000 or more	1,962	1,750	1,082	996	982	739	483	398
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	29,679	30,621	32,654	32,813	26,855	27,346	32,149	36,543
Partnership	3,096	3,347	2,846	3,465	3,153	3,284	3,835	4,086
Corporation	2,355	2,110	1,581	1,771	1,568	1,521	1,545	1,385
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	407	274	174	215	181	155	214	193
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	15,751	14,282	18,492	16,736	14,960	15,838	18,079	19,456
Any	19,786	22,070	18,763	19,779	15,286	14,472	17,596	19,890
200 days or more	12,414	13,640	12,748	13,117	9,886	9,355	11,506	13,094
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	20,400	19,624	22,664	20,607	18,426	19,934	22,977	25,564
Other	15,137	16,728	14,591	17,657	13,331	12,372	14,766	16,643
Average age of principal operator years								
	57.1	56.2	54.1	52.9	53.5	52.5	51.4	50.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000								
	4,535,138	3,503,312	2,796,920	2,434,019	2,191,903	2,142,169	1,897,458	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	139,833	117,208	122,666	127,396	111,258	113,243	98,770	95,488
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,007,295	695,165	537,185	506,730	482,735	458,038	399,658	444,460
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	264,876	172,920	103,849	104,751	93,010	94,324	94,811	109,479
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	313,194	226,204	115,975	109,629	97,075	100,002	91,096	142,542
Hired farm labor \$1,000	730,687	583,051	448,924	383,795	336,357	336,461	277,463	246,022
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	155,861	159,396	128,020	144,324	130,266	125,135	140,484	184,613
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	151,480	103,710	80,700	88,674	75,892	67,322	60,635	56,139
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	13,559	13,589	15,971	18,862	16,444	18,134	22,250	27,354
..... number	1,419,365	1,443,297	1,453,365	1,479,571	1,450,090	1,470,610	1,603,390	1,781,748
Beef cows	6,579	6,803	6,598	6,403	6,160	5,880	6,798	8,661
..... farms	86,030	103,620	80,831	80,157	86,078	72,971	71,627	77,712
..... number	5,427	5,683	7,388	9,286	8,732	10,696	13,840	17,236
Milk cows	610,712	626,455	670,003	699,404	700,480	721,286	814,461	875,113
Cattle and calves sold								
..... farms	10,555	10,898	11,972	17,077	15,494	17,167	21,153	25,234
..... number	618,558	583,468	579,216	652,986	618,039	639,193	754,488	747,448
Hogs and pigs inventory								
..... farms	1,912	1,871	1,527	1,731	1,508	2,094	2,644	4,325
..... number	74,671	85,741	81,886	80,861	79,000	90,282	99,560	118,378
Hogs and pigs sold								
..... farms	1,629	1,817	1,490	1,145	1,001	1,498	1,957	2,810
..... number	337,333	322,396	255,445	167,954	167,201	168,196	172,072	183,165

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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