

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	30,961	31,970	30,619	32,348	30,504	31,123	35,289	36,431
Land in farms acres	39,262,613	39,674,586	39,294,879	39,678,169	39,359,346	39,438,144	40,336,869	40,206,005
Average size of farm acres	1,268	1,241	1,283	1,227	1,290	1,267	1,143	1,104
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,808,801	957,053	517,448	495,730	512,734	422,936	366,475	486,939
Average per acre dollars	1,426	771	404	406	401	335	319	439
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	9,297,134	5,584,253	3,695,269	3,516,814	3,415,776	2,715,228	2,734,073	3,063,883
Average per farm dollars	300,334	174,683	124,298	108,745	112,015	87,290	77,505	84,156
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	689	387	277	617	545	785	876	1,121
10 to 49 acres	2,711	2,268	1,763	1,692	1,420	1,264	1,596	1,140
50 to 179 acres	6,557	6,068	5,204	4,169	3,573	2,945	3,025	3,178
180 to 499 acres	5,906	6,710	5,978	6,080	5,459	4,985	6,148	6,577
500 to 999 acres	4,237	4,687	4,919	6,185	5,867	6,714	8,637	9,756
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4,424	5,369	5,994	7,548	7,499	8,740	10,013	10,042
2,000 acres or more	6,437	6,481	6,484	6,057	6,141	5,690	4,994	4,617
Total cropland farms	27,440	29,378	28,502	29,414	27,994	28,967	33,179	34,693
..... acres	27,147,240	27,527,180	26,506,477	27,384,403	27,024,895	27,469,875	28,208,099	28,115,546
Harvested cropland farms	19,391	20,408	20,789	25,813	25,153	27,804	32,360	34,031
..... acres	23,469,816	22,035,717	19,908,697	20,674,991	20,438,149	19,216,531	18,363,910	20,308,135
Irrigated land farms	744	795	659	730	710	816	809	762
..... acres	218,407	236,138	202,817	183,004	180,362	187,212	168,013	162,643
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	10,950,680	6,084,218	3,233,366	2,908,049	2,869,322	2,745,752	2,188,158	2,294,326
Average per farm dollars	353,693	190,310	105,600	89,899	94,064	88,223	62,007	62,977
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	9,664,285	5,038,521	2,460,372	2,229,835	2,193,672	2,030,900	1,497,212	1,759,871
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,286,395	1,045,697	772,994	678,214	675,649	714,852	690,946	534,455
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	10,447	11,386	9,311	5,318	4,164	2,139	2,260	2,092
\$2,500 to \$4,999	976	868	1,004	1,469	1,313	1,363	1,750	1,638
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,275	1,215	1,471	2,220	2,104	2,191	2,982	2,786
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,816	1,967	3,080	4,479	4,365	4,851	6,817	6,924
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,817	2,163	3,073	4,694	4,558	5,399	7,725	8,256
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,074	2,891	3,851	5,425	5,341	6,502	7,808	8,395
\$100,000 to \$499,999	6,460	7,855	7,602	8,041	7,961	8,165	5,701	6,088
\$500,000 or more	6,096	3,625	1,227	702	698	513	246	227
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	27,578	28,079	27,578	28,323	26,660	27,093	31,153	31,742
Partnership	2,124	2,834	2,289	3,218	3,075	3,504	3,692	4,338
Corporation	707	560	446	560	551	349	293	185
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	552	497	306	247	218	177	151	166
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	14,496	15,291	17,030	15,676	15,176	16,741	19,542	19,126
Any	16,465	16,679	13,589	14,023	12,837	11,827	13,137	13,058
200 days or more	10,266	9,712	7,868	6,935	6,135	4,916	5,295	4,814
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	17,509	18,525	21,644	23,391	22,677	25,189	29,031	30,592
Other	13,452	13,445	8,975	8,957	7,827	5,934	6,258	5,839
Average age of principal operator years	57.0	56.5	54.4	51.4	51.4	50.0	48.3	47.3
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	7,296,140	4,239,872	2,706,081	2,496,055	2,453,342	2,090,938	1,846,305	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	291,801	204,142	124,054	108,364	106,412	143,982	128,202	103,704
Feed purchased \$1,000	324,796	158,337	118,559	127,602	125,867	104,335	75,149	72,876
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,256,230	674,950	293,625	312,367	306,933	200,797	178,957	159,111
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	538,408	374,451	169,655	189,049	186,278	181,040	176,838	253,781
Hired farm labor \$1,000	280,464	169,978	140,999	123,393	122,283	99,790	92,847	76,864
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	334,271	258,449	222,187	238,378	234,100	213,388	214,381	306,237
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	799,532	428,021	258,775	221,914	217,605	161,765	143,598	116,882
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	9,868	10,508	11,705	14,694	14,232	15,183	17,154	18,548
..... number	1,809,613	1,811,523	1,873,191	1,813,276	1,810,409	1,723,920	1,873,839	1,886,961
Beef cows farms	8,964	9,667	10,691	13,117	12,744	13,216	14,414	15,585
..... number	881,682	930,023	982,270	921,588	920,559	837,716	886,585	874,660
Milk cows farms	243	402	633	1,190	1,170	1,925	2,839	3,689
..... number	17,876	26,479	34,505	53,835	54,024	74,885	96,366	102,660
Cattle and calves sold farms	8,925	10,025	10,944	14,853	14,426	15,249	17,428	18,656
..... number	964,746	1,109,460	1,100,004	1,059,624	1,055,343	978,947	1,106,924	1,018,516
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	218	350	433	838	797	1,932	2,365	2,506
..... number	133,653	181,679	138,838	199,750	197,372	346,082	294,427	260,160
Hogs and pigs sold farms	193	351	474	851	814	2,033	2,412	2,619
..... number	831,123	675,808	393,422	380,155	374,733	603,910	500,107	447,738

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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	840	516	424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	92,754	109,344	200,440	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	87	75	84	90	83	160	305	290
number	60,366	14,442	185,702	197,516	193,401	38,573	52,677	35,402
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	6,651	5,809	3,540	2,875	2,812	3,353	5,313	3,325
acres	3,465,937	2,348,171	991,390	592,078	578,953	595,347	533,379	522,122
bushels	406,059,209	275,329,681	111,380,248	56,335,638	54,996,430	37,487,419	46,983,098	34,122,728
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	1,455	1,707	1,768	2,008	2,024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	151,096	180,634	171,810	161,299	164,276	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,770,976	1,965,111	1,291,392	1,148,578	1,162,005	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	10,370	12,303	12,908	19,767	19,488	22,918	28,245	29,277
acres	7,767,484	8,428,462	7,909,124	11,000,606	10,874,126	10,627,608	8,778,869	9,818,946
bushels	328,269,437	293,464,779	215,655,462	264,011,225	260,522,260	409,882,271	248,678,425	295,849,566
Winter wheat for grain farms	1,769	1,434	315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	729,244	446,115	65,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	38,910,081	21,336,301	2,155,698	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	2,177	2,487	3,807	5,590	5,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,329,835	1,462,666	1,945,910	2,626,753	2,540,885	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	46,156,379	42,689,608	48,877,517	58,285,243	56,415,384	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	8,692	10,670	10,988	17,104	16,915	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,708,405	6,519,681	5,897,249	8,310,684	8,270,597	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	243,202,977	229,438,870	164,622,247	204,316,133	202,714,112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	1,162	2,513	3,108	4,932	4,937	7,843	9,748	12,987
acres	109,519	257,021	302,455	421,688	423,877	557,388	657,196	963,922
bushels	6,791,676	14,862,093	12,456,205	18,541,558	18,616,546	33,414,633	31,162,857	47,655,524
Barley for grain farms	3,148	4,855	5,218	9,636	9,565	13,979	20,825	12,271
acres	1,006,554	1,384,689	1,303,723	2,187,449	2,178,700	2,388,696	2,690,972	1,808,815
bushels	60,177,807	75,444,593	56,810,477	99,094,251	98,641,946	142,747,145	120,600,254	91,873,953
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	4	17	112	103	104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	831	1,122	7,028	6,325	6,361	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,156	6,464	30,801	28,502	28,806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	7,223	5,779	5,308	3,584	3,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,729,137	3,073,981	2,629,364	1,143,902	1,062,624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	153,601,859	106,556,290	87,793,840	33,401,430	31,069,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	1,567	1,682	1,999	2,075	2,043	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	681,778	664,389	661,379	568,459	565,407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	11,925,965	10,745,281	10,104,405	7,147,961	7,105,599	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	10,141	11,561	12,545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	2,172,738	2,525,213	2,827,815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	3,139,320	4,832,502	3,525,003	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,060	3,000	3,555	5,121	5,069	5,287	7,043	11,703
pounds	849,274	1,054,584	1,128,498	(D)	1,347,376	1,130,593	1,407,115	3,115,317
Sugarbeets for sugar farms	1,413,089,090	1,496,184,686	1,409,006,958	(D)	1,678,505,673	1,260,442,267	1,916,363,928	3,245,244,028
acres	528	553	694	901	873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	227,771	245,735	260,235	239,006	235,121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms	6,033,807	5,695,862	4,811,685	4,259,981	4,191,298	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	262	224	69	128	123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	88,762	94,543	655	921	903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	189	152	216	286	280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	85,844	91,855	105,367	110,410	109,777	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	54	41	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	145	118	16	(NA)	(NA)	(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.