

**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	75,462	75,861	77,797	78,737	68,591	70,711	79,277	86,934
Land in farms ..... acres	13,960,604	13,956,563	14,583,435	14,738,028	14,103,085	14,247,969	14,997,381	15,404,054
Average size of farm ..... acres	185	184	187	187	206	201	189	177
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	894,933	649,130	509,307	384,631	414,773	291,766	227,341	267,899
Average per acre ..... dollars	4,837	3,528	2,732	2,068	2,039	1,456	1,199	1,504
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... \$1,000	8,821,220	6,702,352	5,139,223	4,177,654	3,952,140	3,460,637	3,159,112	3,419,931
Average per farm ..... dollars	116,899	88,352	68,119	53,070	57,624	48,982	39,979	39,415
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	6,796	7,767	7,471	7,023	5,271	5,417	6,007	6,223
10 to 49 acres .....	24,220	24,361	23,261	20,069	15,811	15,295	16,688	18,769
50 to 179 acres .....	26,890	25,809	27,427	30,291	26,658	27,868	32,074	35,951
180 to 499 acres .....	11,291	11,190	12,615	14,478	14,018	15,283	17,718	19,468
500 to 999 acres .....	3,674	4,020	4,309	4,569	4,587	4,793	5,072	5,098
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,845	2,062	2,107	1,846	1,792	1,719	1,485	1,261
2,000 acres or more .....	746	652	607	461	454	336	233	164
Total cropland ..... farms	64,248	64,775	69,620	71,293	63,669	66,353	74,376	82,069
..... acres	10,748,553	10,832,772	11,424,499	11,673,050	11,340,967	11,528,727	11,920,433	11,824,451
Harvested cropland ..... farms	55,844	54,790	58,577	63,686	58,048	62,535	70,577	78,363
..... acres	10,122,245	9,991,007	10,041,416	10,070,813	9,900,570	9,790,327	9,297,596	10,396,323
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,462	2,402	2,623	1,967	1,778	1,755	1,562	1,152
..... acres	46,569	37,959	40,685	35,073	33,997	29,479	32,472	27,688
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text):								
Average per farm ..... \$1,000	10,064,085	7,070,212	4,263,549	4,744,521	4,684,277	3,914,040	3,434,064	3,387,461
Average per farm ..... dollars	133,366	93,200	54,804	60,258	68,293	55,353	43,317	38,966
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops:								
Average per farm ..... \$1,000	6,597,946	4,109,722	2,304,895	2,871,092	2,827,924	2,195,985	1,750,783	1,863,940
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	3,466,139	2,960,490	1,958,654	1,873,429	1,856,353	1,718,055	1,683,281	1,523,522
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	25,198	27,556	28,918	23,104	15,967	13,930	17,263	19,057
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	7,305	7,357	9,022	9,292	8,105	8,997	10,489	11,414
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	7,220	7,793	8,718	9,407	8,645	9,827	11,664	12,732
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	8,497	9,045	10,643	12,205	11,444	13,193	14,689	16,016
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	6,154	6,501	6,331	7,789	7,538	8,311	8,953	10,095
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	5,764	5,565	5,297	6,256	6,150	6,779	7,678	8,788
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	10,685	8,957	7,672	9,269	9,359	8,779	7,971	8,331
\$500,000 or more .....	4,639	3,087	1,196	1,415	1,383	895	570	464
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	66,942	66,382	70,890	69,123	59,716	60,936	68,547	74,910
Partnership .....	4,626	5,737	4,549	6,986	6,471	7,690	8,757	10,030
Corporation .....	2,753	2,956	1,843	2,169	2,006	1,772	1,690	1,654
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,141	786	515	459	398	313	283	340
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	27,678	24,974	30,999	26,168	24,166	26,226	28,490	30,127
Any .....	47,784	50,887	46,798	48,661	40,955	40,575	46,025	50,847
200 days or more .....	32,843	33,448	34,638	35,888	29,742	29,330	32,749	35,412
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	33,140	32,676	43,488	33,210	31,022	34,604	39,569	43,174
Other .....	42,322	43,185	34,309	45,527	37,569	36,107	39,708	43,760
Average age of principal operator ..... years	56.8	55.7	53.8	52.5	53.1	52.0	51.1	49.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	7,743,344	5,459,960	3,925,358	3,707,688	3,608,839	3,119,014	2,730,026	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	473,494	538,127	269,910	275,990	267,858	287,297	285,542	244,491
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,521,609	959,439	648,768	717,475	713,397	545,008	422,319	392,540
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,050,440	655,238	325,128	351,580	345,896	305,407	276,272	357,480
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	419,513	319,466	168,692	185,807	180,186	176,670	150,404	229,853
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	527,247	411,941	362,702	323,689	314,865	259,501	218,106	166,229
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	330,779	296,918	266,004	250,159	238,538	216,492	239,733	353,605
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	433,202	254,732	193,596	228,782	224,526	189,954	152,953	139,930
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory:								
..... farms	25,501	26,105	28,672	32,157	28,244	29,874	35,123	42,240
..... number	1,242,293	1,272,402	1,240,612	1,337,137	1,282,546	1,362,489	1,469,662	1,619,488
Beef cows .....	16,922	17,398	16,104	19,696	17,060	16,885	19,417	23,304
..... farms	277,949	293,757	260,702	316,494	293,570	272,920	284,646	316,523
..... number	4,008	3,650	4,754	5,714	5,425	6,980	9,144	11,377
Milk cows .....	267,857	271,938	261,759	260,686	262,834	295,677	347,305	368,601
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	19,953	21,438	22,938	29,107	26,278	27,852	33,250	38,030
..... number	786,708	793,955	728,224	746,886	711,149	772,063	899,517	872,813
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	3,494	3,718	4,286	6,637	5,952	9,392	11,421	13,769
..... number	2,058,503	1,831,084	1,422,966	1,687,708	1,700,491	1,957,945	2,059,174	2,076,768
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	3,372	4,505	4,976	6,499	5,938	9,640	11,752	13,805
..... number	6,693,226	5,881,107	4,609,153	3,525,835	3,531,228	3,936,095	3,810,492	3,574,397

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