

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	80,245	86,565	83,300	84,028	74,214	66,937	70,228	72,523
Land in farms acres	34,356,110	35,087,269	33,661,826	34,069,201	33,218,677	32,143,030	31,541,977	32,369,206
Average size of farm acres	428	405	404	405	448	480	449	446
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	573,858	468,809	285,730	257,665	271,996	235,359	215,024	311,642
Average per acre dollars	1,340	1,157	699	628	610	496	480	699
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	5,954,923	5,508,048	3,350,879	3,015,448	2,741,400	2,134,331	2,063,371	2,323,995
Average per farm dollars	74,212	63,642	42,155	35,893	36,936	31,943	29,465	32,109
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,724	3,802	3,091	3,354	2,505	2,832	3,666	3,244
10 to 49 acres	16,327	18,700	17,072	16,132	12,673	9,614	10,134	10,651
50 to 179 acres	27,418	29,719	28,776	28,842	24,681	21,099	22,331	23,558
180 to 499 acres	17,546	19,140	19,357	19,749	18,288	17,234	18,006	18,670
500 to 999 acres	7,401	7,484	7,668	8,149	8,155	8,202	8,405	8,850
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4,311	4,165	4,119	4,795	4,973	5,133	5,132	5,124
2,000 acres or more	3,518	3,555	3,217	3,007	2,939	2,823	2,554	2,426
Total cropland farms	49,150	59,040	61,779	64,133	58,741	53,197	55,783	57,562
..... acres	11,279,031	13,007,625	14,843,357	15,478,091	14,843,823	14,520,063	14,443,459	14,213,548
Harvested cropland farms	40,246	46,224	43,930	48,060	44,786	42,015	43,522	45,825
..... acres	8,074,733	7,650,080	7,705,860	8,964,248	8,462,079	8,272,889	7,319,193	8,961,353
Irrigated land farms	2,500	3,026	2,942	2,860	2,710	2,581	3,029	3,069
..... acres	479,750	534,768	517,553	509,109	506,459	512,487	478,437	492,077
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	7,129,584	5,806,061	4,456,404	4,253,753	4,146,351	3,562,646	2,714,892	2,530,061
Average per farm dollars	88,848	67,072	53,498	50,623	55,870	53,224	38,658	34,886
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,875,569	1,187,625	819,078	951,705	907,865	778,813	610,050	827,694
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	5,254,015	4,618,436	3,637,326	3,302,048	3,238,485	2,783,832	2,104,842	1,702,366
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	29,794	34,669	29,927	26,997	20,476	15,902	18,501	20,261
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8,032	9,059	9,925	12,992	11,713	10,189	11,073	11,282
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9,680	10,731	12,452	13,384	12,341	11,208	11,999	11,490
\$10,000 to \$24,999	12,437	13,494	12,833	13,382	12,869	12,543	12,805	12,348
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,070	6,886	7,373	6,388	6,234	6,493	6,300	6,845
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,198	4,563	4,340	4,458	4,285	4,609	4,479	5,217
\$100,000 to \$499,999	5,893	5,326	5,256	5,371	5,252	5,260	4,606	4,678
\$500,000 or more	2,141	1,837	1,194	1,056	1,044	733	465	360
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	73,364	77,412	78,197	76,373	67,226	60,304	64,099	65,745
Partnership	3,605	5,905	3,392	5,437	4,963	4,985	4,711	5,541
Corporation	1,931	1,769	1,116	1,520	1,416	1,196	1,049	886
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,345	1,479	595	698	609	452	369	351
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	27,846	29,750	34,931	28,567	26,047	25,434	25,405	22,354
Any	52,399	56,815	48,369	50,681	43,859	36,697	40,839	43,879
200 days or more	36,970	37,167	36,671	37,145	31,803	25,827	28,495	30,961
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	33,790	36,052	46,053	35,653	33,060	33,279	33,052	32,847
Other	46,455	50,513	37,247	48,375	41,154	33,658	37,176	39,676
Average age of principal operator years	58.3	57.6	56.0	54.8	55.1	55.0	53.6	51.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	6,682,769	5,223,365	4,069,112	3,784,514	3,576,456	3,117,869	2,359,468	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	1,696,662	1,463,556	1,244,354	1,138,481	1,100,066	1,103,395	745,844	626,108
Feed purchased \$1,000	2,017,049	1,307,568	917,560	967,014	900,546	628,412	439,530	396,650
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	352,950	286,976	168,328	175,692	163,334	140,995	102,292	116,377
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	351,180	316,477	173,813	167,206	156,445	146,709	128,203	181,287
Hired farm labor \$1,000	309,657	255,062	237,162	191,754	183,170	144,750	124,732	98,335
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	293,742	287,123	243,623	239,768	224,537	195,857	189,200	263,323
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	169,206	90,112	60,663	70,673	65,621	57,080	54,052	31,075
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	51,043	55,105	59,155	63,439	58,023	52,241	53,544	58,236
..... number	4,245,970	5,391,337	5,324,240	5,378,950	5,321,161	4,736,594	4,537,774	4,673,900
Beef cows	44,106	47,059	50,465	53,502	49,284	44,115	44,130	49,090
..... farms	1,677,903	2,063,613	2,050,866	1,947,902	1,931,805	1,728,273	1,630,425	1,830,253
..... number	756	981	1,828	2,118	1,921	2,297	2,828	4,504
Milk cows	45,885	66,023	86,270	88,351	87,647	90,312	90,499	108,021
..... farms	41,492	45,512	51,414	60,973	56,600	51,240	53,577	57,030
..... number	3,255,675	3,895,053	4,218,687	4,383,068	4,346,420	3,953,960	3,630,285	3,374,886
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,947	2,702	2,491	3,575	3,002	3,415	3,710	4,225
..... farms	2,304,740	2,398,372	2,246,926	1,697,850	1,689,700	260,682	187,351	212,510
..... number	1,466	2,274	2,256	2,417	2,082	2,776	3,090	3,665
Hogs and pigs sold	7,707,814	9,010,682	7,264,319	3,979,738	3,943,563	500,299	346,686	355,782

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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