

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	35,439	38,553	40,033	39,975	34,030	31,892	32,014	34,087
Land in farms acres	16,301,578	16,399,647	17,080,422	17,658,213	17,449,293	17,609,497	17,809,165	17,739,782
Average size of farm acres	460	425	427	442	513	552	556	520
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	865,613	804,145	508,882	444,005	479,385	370,938	299,755	371,644
Average per acre dollars	1,882	1,890	1,202	1,025	960	663	542	705
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,197,391	3,052,449	2,377,364	2,052,531	1,885,620	1,532,094	1,211,480	1,256,603
Average per farm dollars	90,222	79,175	63,462	51,358	55,401	48,223	37,982	37,044
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	9,119	9,546	9,377	9,136	7,202	6,319	5,476	5,987
10 to 49 acres	12,663	14,142	15,628	14,639	11,954	11,235	11,448	12,415
50 to 179 acres	6,932	7,430	7,509	8,070	7,120	6,748	7,219	7,662
180 to 499 acres	2,978	3,340	3,419	3,678	3,369	3,390	3,617	3,906
500 to 999 acres	1,389	1,531	1,546	1,673	1,601	1,508	1,560	1,560
1,000 to 1,999 acres	880	998	985	1,050	1,035	997	1,008	957
2,000 acres or more	1,478	1,566	1,569	1,729	1,749	1,695	1,686	1,600
Total cropland farms	23,829	26,650	30,305	31,194	28,101	26,508	27,318	29,300
..... acres	4,690,420	5,010,408	5,417,387	5,479,479	5,285,659	5,037,764	5,236,393	5,237,399
Harvested cropland farms	21,316	22,131	23,013	24,392	22,312	20,743	21,712	23,719
..... acres	2,966,351	3,037,261	3,119,384	3,258,082	3,154,523	2,823,972	2,832,663	3,305,714
Irrigated land farms	14,975	16,792	17,776	17,016	15,348	15,002	14,411	15,334
..... acres	1,629,735	1,845,194	1,907,627	1,963,478	1,948,739	1,622,235	1,648,205	1,807,882
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	4,883,674	4,386,143	3,195,497	3,036,767	2,969,194	2,292,973	1,846,067	1,640,590
Average per farm dollars	137,805	113,769	79,822	75,967	87,252	71,898	57,664	48,129
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	3,247,432	2,976,087	2,194,911	2,180,412	2,114,196	1,452,213	1,048,616	935,456
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,636,242	1,410,055	1,000,586	856,355	854,998	840,760	797,451	705,134
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	14,260	17,450	18,873	15,818	12,021	11,490	11,751	13,511
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,468	4,651	4,737	5,901	5,027	4,569	4,785	4,987
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,096	3,934	4,043	4,565	3,971	3,734	3,770	3,776
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,011	3,730	3,911	4,413	4,121	3,801	3,697	3,718
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,217	2,272	2,406	2,609	2,418	2,183	2,194	2,248
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,741	1,838	1,876	1,995	1,904	1,940	1,972	2,007
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,849	3,016	3,048	3,464	3,376	3,273	3,224	3,322
\$500,000 or more	1,797	1,662	1,139	1,210	1,192	902	621	470
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	29,858	32,793	35,375	34,489	28,965	27,506	27,766	29,802
Partnership	2,330	2,907	2,284	2,778	2,527	2,481	2,603	2,807
Corporation	2,540	2,507	2,064	2,316	2,182	1,672	1,490	1,311
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	711	346	310	392	356	233	155	167
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	14,180	13,194	17,600	14,150	12,680	11,957	11,536	10,912
Any	21,259	25,359	22,433	24,149	19,934	18,419	18,897	21,108
200 days or more	12,767	14,655	15,434	16,158	13,110	12,089	12,646	14,112
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	17,684	17,825	21,580	17,346	15,648	15,306	15,359	15,542
Other	17,755	20,728	18,453	22,629	18,382	16,586	16,655	18,545
Average age of principal operator years	59.6	57.5	54.9	54.0	54.5	53.4	52.7	50.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	4,389,377	3,734,859	2,786,838	2,304,915	2,210,747	1,881,731	1,535,162	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	293,739	281,444	201,604	148,297	144,065	160,847	195,278	159,787
Feed purchased \$1,000	628,524	454,733	259,418	234,488	229,748	230,557	170,426	193,064
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	323,200	245,374	147,940	156,550	150,171	119,158	97,839	104,674
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	232,078	190,604	98,710	93,527	88,887	80,192	65,914	89,859
Hired farm labor \$1,000	836,191	817,277	620,422	495,823	478,595	367,047	257,760	179,512
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	205,853	196,025	162,360	160,325	151,901	133,197	131,483	181,873
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	224,851	165,957	130,190	131,221	124,154	104,042	79,341	56,739
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory	14,351	16,062	16,481	20,207	17,122	17,088	17,515	21,811
..... farms	1,297,945	1,389,189	1,360,025	1,522,751	1,559,162	1,465,444	1,503,625	1,618,005
..... number	11,557	12,876	13,063	15,462	13,393	13,105	13,369	16,396
Beef cows	504,279	604,069	585,733	672,447	695,635	629,625	618,857	656,150
..... farms	686	596	1,133	1,194	1,052	1,541	1,937	3,289
..... number	125,767	116,788	116,423	86,137	86,747	99,035	95,325	99,134
Cattle and calves sold	11,638	13,077	13,654	18,176	15,980	15,608	16,812	19,314
..... farms	879,251	1,020,380	975,593	966,678	979,199	899,088	955,484	955,226
..... number	1,124	1,283	1,283	1,709	1,383	1,669	1,482	2,500
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,693	21,125	20,941	36,617	33,152	58,276	86,293	105,174
..... farms	1,172	1,466	1,558	1,435	1,182	1,463	1,400	2,163
..... number	23,063	(D)	43,008	60,598	54,864	97,427	143,661	172,394

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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