

**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	59,309	63,163	58,105	60,222	45,457	44,870	51,549	55,535
Land in farms ..... acres	7,704,444	7,809,244	7,745,336	7,819,648	7,167,906	7,189,541	7,866,289	8,297,713
Average size of farm ..... acres	130	124	133	130	158	160	153	149
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	704,712	590,376	452,874	331,252	371,740	328,795	239,333	225,794
Average per acre ..... dollars	5,425	4,775	3,419	2,524	2,390	2,056	1,579	1,520
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	5,321,820	4,609,776	3,289,501	2,868,791	2,418,038	2,214,947	2,144,508	2,141,296
	89,735	72,988	59,995	47,657	53,219	49,383	41,641	38,624
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	5,575	5,601	5,102	5,550	3,431	3,005	3,759	3,816
10 to 49 acres .....	17,721	20,267	16,862	16,283	9,833	9,095	10,264	11,208
50 to 179 acres .....	24,841	26,049	24,168	26,190	19,941	20,136	23,696	25,784
180 to 499 acres .....	8,750	8,799	9,560	9,847	9,815	10,286	11,453	12,398
500 to 999 acres .....	1,768	1,816	1,800	1,840	1,925	1,880	1,961	1,953
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	515	490	496	409	409	391	350	324
2,000 acres or more .....	139	141	117	103	103	77	66	52
Total cropland ..... farms	49,838	54,772	52,365	55,094	42,573	42,390	48,546	52,795
..... acres	4,546,052	4,870,287	5,120,685	5,388,837	5,032,151	5,021,773	5,398,072	5,545,787
Harvested cropland ..... farms	42,981	44,269	45,374	50,140	39,689	40,090	46,157	50,423
..... acres	3,957,000	3,942,079	4,079,276	4,219,115	4,014,564	3,861,435	4,080,153	4,363,789
Irrigated land ..... farms	4,539	3,958	4,108	3,554	2,814	2,121	2,208	1,548
..... acres	38,990	37,786	42,516	40,089	36,150	23,096	29,505	18,139
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	7,400,781	5,808,803	4,256,959	4,247,568	3,997,565	3,570,191	3,077,523	2,848,207
	124,783	91,965	73,263	70,532	87,942	79,567	59,701	51,287
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000								
	2,782,911	1,869,706	1,320,914	1,452,843	1,282,526	1,042,050	826,666	751,988
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000								
	4,617,870	3,939,097	2,936,045	2,794,725	2,715,039	2,528,141	2,250,857	2,092,219
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	19,621	27,495	24,394	19,353	10,299	9,634	12,747	14,545
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	5,144	5,609	5,881	6,796	5,036	5,314	6,517	6,989
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	6,002	5,746	5,134	6,815	5,546	5,555	6,378	6,801
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	7,801	6,488	5,984	7,530	6,384	6,199	6,720	7,144
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	4,883	4,103	3,292	4,642	3,964	3,915	4,680	5,413
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	4,044	3,067	3,823	4,492	4,630	5,241	6,893	7,402
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	8,913	8,413	8,172	8,839	8,299	7,998	6,846	6,571
\$500,000 or more .....	2,901	2,242	1,425	1,355	1,299	1,014	768	633
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	52,390	57,749	53,201	54,039	40,176	39,646	45,796	49,585
Partnership .....	3,808	3,265	3,428	4,509	3,957	4,063	4,581	4,844
Corporation .....	2,294	1,719	1,249	1,435	1,141	1,016	982	899
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	817	430	227	239	183	145	190	207
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	24,370	22,933	26,797	23,235	19,503	20,212	21,461	21,963
Any .....	34,939	40,230	31,308	32,972	22,778	21,243	26,610	29,470
200 days or more .....	23,013	24,880	21,761	22,087	14,611	13,501	17,104	18,949
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	30,638	28,751	32,939	30,288	25,635	26,959	29,797	31,058
Other .....	28,671	34,412	25,166	29,934	19,822	17,911	21,752	24,477
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	56.1	55.2	53.1	52.4	52.7	52.2	51.1	50.0
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
	6,041,767	4,909,109	3,614,072	3,414,402	3,091,953	2,775,313	2,386,060	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	502,633	482,913	333,396	313,794	290,987	306,690	273,817	261,842
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,832,951	1,267,184	937,355	1,034,466	973,221	755,864	621,876	603,501
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	351,184	205,463	135,921	119,871	109,826	108,455	115,061	127,808
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	312,238	245,604	126,126	128,375	112,649	107,247	98,275	140,305
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	671,592	590,891	443,050	412,247	362,811	352,456	292,030	224,174
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	257,009	220,775	187,899	165,762	146,763	144,542	146,793	182,961
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	156,725	111,666	77,774	86,060	77,519	66,144	59,518	47,445
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....								
..... farms	25,189	25,975	28,163	33,210	26,525	27,984	33,381	38,682
..... number	1,626,374	1,609,147	1,632,649	1,690,364	1,672,295	1,699,820	1,745,617	1,848,087
Beef cows ..... farms	11,880	12,253	14,743	13,768	11,237	11,461	13,429	15,986
..... number	148,249	158,430	212,234	165,186	169,134	157,773	160,694	174,078
Milk cows ..... farms	7,829	8,333	9,629	11,981	10,920	12,448	15,096	17,894
..... number	532,335	553,321	591,531	625,200	621,530	625,165	673,054	690,779
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	19,381	19,784	20,571	29,063	24,783	26,008	31,243	34,855
..... number	880,431	810,533	808,556	892,160	857,149	954,013	975,472	884,891
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	3,097	3,637	3,825	4,359	3,456	5,097	6,983	9,229
..... number	1,134,957	1,167,449	1,226,845	1,094,066	1,100,754	1,074,574	919,755	869,389
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	2,672	3,440	3,785	3,552	2,971	4,577	6,495	8,176
..... number	4,677,032	4,198,235	4,269,350	2,472,738	2,469,824	2,263,427	1,997,713	1,672,055

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	9,539	7,604	5,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	25,147,630	21,982,408	23,196,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	1,395	1,139	1,231	1,197	845	839	1,052	1,262
..... number	166,691,355	150,102,682	132,507,545	135,535,891	118,545,429	108,113,026	106,382,310	103,755,972
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	16,800	16,030	15,172	21,986	18,732	21,610	26,968	31,699
..... acres	998,376	980,753	790,111	1,009,021	970,895	1,012,263	1,070,293	1,282,084
..... bushels	125,500,345	118,964,770	52,645,120	96,956,097	93,320,717	112,034,518	99,282,796	119,837,016
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	9,752	10,230	11,968	13,504	12,598	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	412,695	429,139	536,615	486,865	484,951	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	7,205,366	7,057,789	5,770,515	6,417,582	6,363,560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	4,053	4,577	5,499	7,267	6,381	7,734	9,719	12,068
..... acres	144,725	152,528	172,137	175,665	167,488	182,021	186,100	221,454
..... bushels	9,037,847	8,949,116	8,936,589	8,896,467	8,526,375	8,670,089	7,663,537	7,790,790
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	4,053	4,577	5,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	144,725	152,528	172,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	9,037,847	8,949,116	8,936,589	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	4,524	5,089	7,396	10,615	9,041	11,205	14,900	19,254
..... acres	65,158	79,943	117,653	152,696	144,456	184,186	243,257	307,410
..... bushels	3,802,765	4,237,273	6,768,130	8,542,744	8,122,302	11,064,027	13,881,340	18,088,854
Barley for grain ..... farms	2,626	2,104	3,033	3,775	3,515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	52,853	41,986	54,292	64,465	63,782	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	3,816,281	3,053,989	3,774,180	4,138,589	4,091,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	75	117	142	119	108	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	2,170	3,155	4,529	2,788	2,754	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	165,396	177,639	181,215	188,115	189,932	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	510	335	471	475	460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	9,475	4,471	6,211	6,087	6,066	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	106,654	40,767	51,523	52,719	52,514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	7,718	6,374	5,931	7,238	6,486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	519,718	431,053	378,846	362,550	347,981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	25,008,038	17,386,829	9,665,498	13,487,668	12,941,343	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	21	17	16	72	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	608	153	525	1,352	1,264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco ..... farms	14,617	3,045	12,160	18,769	17,484	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... cwt	1,312	1,152	897	1,484	1,357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	9,532	7,886	5,470	8,634	7,953	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	22,119,230	18,811,546	9,677,757	18,676,597	17,098,232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms	33,131	34,923	35,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1,651,917	1,747,589	1,956,072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons, dry	4,505,059	4,487,424	4,526,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	30	32	77	24	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	657	660	937	(D)	433	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	593,682	405,407	566,771	(D)	226,720	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> ..... farms	3,968	4,338	3,478	3,576	3,103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	49,397	55,655	48,698	47,960	44,533	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes ..... farms	1,330	1,258	984	906	740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	8,659	9,690	11,094	13,274	12,597	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	93	54	81	43	36	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	50	38	34	22	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ..... farms	2,282	2,686	2,370	2,753	2,069	2,317	2,805	3,116
..... acres	41,437	46,560	50,287	63,675	56,029	57,656	66,537	68,124

<sup>1</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>4</sup> Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.

<sup>5</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

<sup>6</sup> Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>7</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.