

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	25,266	25,867	24,541	25,807	20,189	20,242	20,517	24,929
Land in farms acres	4,971,244	4,889,339	4,845,923	4,974,138	4,593,452	4,472,569	4,758,631	5,589,799
Average size of farm acres	197	189	197	193	228	221	232	224
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	586,518	540,200	410,897	293,342	324,834	251,583	201,169	208,524
Average per acre dollars	2,981	2,858	2,067	1,552	1,482	1,137	871	946
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,829,250	1,680,701	1,208,945	1,055,358	902,193	667,725	639,734	761,038
Average per farm dollars	72,400	64,977	53,108	40,896	44,687	33,077	31,252	30,576
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,135	1,970	1,706	1,843	1,224	1,302	1,337	1,471
10 to 49 acres	8,996	8,959	8,536	8,124	5,712	5,495	5,437	6,956
50 to 179 acres	8,364	9,033	8,504	9,637	7,502	7,591	7,742	9,421
180 to 499 acres	3,731	3,981	3,749	4,043	3,611	3,699	3,762	4,490
500 to 999 acres	1,121	1,059	1,107	1,254	1,225	1,263	1,303	1,560
1,000 to 1,999 acres	555	553	626	629	638	642	673	708
2,000 acres or more	364	312	313	277	277	250	263	323
Total cropland farms	16,853	18,534	19,450	21,181	17,514	18,037	18,578	23,166
..... acres	1,967,288	2,151,219	2,270,084	2,603,915	2,462,818	2,588,525	2,686,117	3,179,278
Harvested cropland farms	13,135	12,962	13,321	15,972	13,426	14,587	15,556	20,144
..... acres	1,634,706	1,551,670	1,374,617	1,732,870	1,654,535	1,590,794	1,589,636	2,474,025
Irrigated land farms	1,973	2,030	1,918	1,435	1,248	1,219	1,216	946
..... acres	159,239	132,439	95,642	88,898	86,477	75,681	80,689	81,326
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	3,040,069	2,352,681	1,489,750	1,679,193	1,588,173	1,066,079	878,683	968,554
Average per farm dollars	120,323	90,953	60,705	65,067	78,665	52,667	42,827	38,853
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	1,293,558	798,490	593,245	821,107	791,104	562,036	451,285	601,018
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,746,511	1,554,190	896,505	858,086	797,069	504,043	427,398	367,536
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	13,133	14,336	14,496	11,602	8,155	7,341	7,419	9,288
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,630	2,609	2,543	3,940	3,060	3,317	3,516	3,756
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,671	2,875	2,204	3,335	2,714	2,897	2,900	3,308
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,608	2,289	2,117	2,603	2,274	2,428	2,547	3,101
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,211	1,289	921	1,137	1,003	1,301	1,276	1,621
\$50,000 to \$99,999	852	664	600	776	703	937	954	1,511
\$100,000 to \$499,999	909	844	970	1,515	1,432	1,554	1,592	2,044
\$500,000 or more	1,252	961	690	899	848	467	313	287
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	22,393	22,989	22,755	23,328	18,078	17,933	18,337	22,297
Partnership	1,482	1,827	1,050	1,576	1,337	1,621	1,583	2,078
Corporation	1,108	845	556	746	649	547	488	417
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	283	206	180	157	125	141	109	137
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	9,395	9,066	10,917	9,041	7,443	7,573	7,335	8,390
Any	15,871	16,801	13,624	15,355	11,615	11,271	11,791	14,172
200 days or more	10,719	10,239	10,075	11,320	8,472	8,326	8,549	10,118
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	10,361	9,739	11,377	9,484	7,959	8,866	8,983	11,299
Other	14,905	16,128	13,164	16,323	12,230	11,376	11,534	13,630
Average age of principal operator years	59.5	58.5	56.9	55.9	56.3	55.5	54.5	52.6
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	2,575,752	2,012,179	1,313,233	1,361,270	1,233,736	897,923	736,918	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	209,463	170,676	97,058	98,683	88,949	66,195	62,818	53,566
Feed purchased \$1,000	917,181	761,414	369,275	453,846	410,005	199,673	170,086	141,310
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	196,212	143,408	86,434	99,913	92,169	83,614	68,222	97,736
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	134,969	102,948	59,334	65,681	59,101	54,384	41,808	73,992
Hired farm labor \$1,000	227,501	173,196	158,993	140,709	129,512	111,836	92,317	79,734
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	78,517	58,971	55,104	52,833	47,350	40,773	42,815	74,196
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	146,452	73,930	62,783	82,265	76,319	57,191	42,545	59,103
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory	8,121	8,835	10,000	12,600	9,902	10,026	10,227	12,133
..... farms	297,286	400,996	432,265	479,758	453,631	451,719	428,491	507,279
Beef cows	7,232	8,177	8,730	10,867	8,998	8,671	8,903	10,278
..... farms	166,745	230,419	218,650	242,808	229,048	222,566	205,344	226,482
Milk cows	193	106	326	498	394	540	697	1,219
..... farms	15,997	17,830	20,182	25,240	24,766	31,923	40,113	47,559
Cattle and calves sold	5,778	6,782	7,139	11,610	9,287	9,337	9,635	10,583
..... farms	134,445	187,787	179,594	234,940	216,812	200,396	218,766	213,608
Hogs and pigs inventory	838	812	900	1,420	1,226	2,237	3,249	4,709
..... farms	224,076	293,793	291,743	311,650	304,793	327,572	352,413	399,810
Hogs and pigs sold	571	700	736	1,183	1,031	2,048	3,031	3,965
..... farms	758,876	1,091,982	1,065,420	754,048	711,109	637,592	619,986	646,956

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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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	3,060	1,756	1,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... number	4,231,250	4,714,337	5,583,892	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	539	453	426	447	366	292	227	210
..... number	225,882,950	236,209,584	181,792,956	183,717,630	158,678,646	106,171,059	60,295,197	41,578,104
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	2,449	2,601	2,243	4,083	3,531	4,346	6,292	7,942
..... acres	309,810	372,558	240,085	314,566	300,934	311,947	309,791	384,966
..... bushels	35,597,075	35,122,617	11,147,604	29,125,176	28,107,576	27,192,657	22,143,190	31,085,287
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	112	121	140	248	226	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	11,051	13,392	13,890	20,471	20,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	173,255	184,659	147,218	285,840	280,856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	1,152	726	967	2,384	2,138	2,237	3,097	4,478
..... acres	215,708	136,766	155,776	318,466	306,935	240,634	213,374	426,528
..... bushels	11,268,376	3,986,026	5,710,029	14,994,429	14,500,101	10,470,395	7,558,179	14,810,264
Winter wheat for grain farms	1,152	726	967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	215,708	136,766	155,776	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	11,268,376	3,986,026	5,710,029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	328	344	579	706	625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	15,464	13,279	21,202	18,236	17,281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	770,398	559,906	975,883	1,006,683	961,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain farms	15	29	36	76	67	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	729	747	1,790	3,129	2,976	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	40,643	44,457	87,645	183,964	172,365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain farms	143	91	60	102	89	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	14,012	5,996	3,467	4,039	3,955	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... bushels	679,603	210,854	100,221	172,874	171,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	43	25	56	16	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	6,694	1,898	3,885	1,053	1,053	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons	84,097	13,596	26,447	12,926	12,926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	1,760	1,920	1,741	3,468	3,044	4,015	5,220	10,552
..... acres	369,462	442,461	350,272	529,238	507,687	532,909	597,258	1,385,643
..... bushels	12,267,729	7,833,696	5,897,022	11,991,017	11,554,522	11,521,171	12,872,219	29,039,562
Cotton, all farms	783	458	497	949	894	861	744	417
..... acres	300,036	158,296	208,420	290,281	285,858	191,690	116,424	95,392
..... bales	587,589	159,213	134,886	404,212	397,545	223,658	102,078	147,897
Tobacco farms	136	260	873	1,403	1,275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	12,155	20,084	30,241	56,512	54,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	25,920,734	44,660,005	57,551,827	129,155,994	125,220,334	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
..... acres	7,929	7,830	7,985	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... tons, dry	335,811	340,951	342,207	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice farms	722,352	591,501	684,149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... cwt	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	45	39	83	12	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	1,293	764	516	(D)	212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	326,350	249,094	111,550	(D)	197,950	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts farms	493	327	178	161	146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	106,746	56,332	10,344	10,114	10,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... pounds	413,287,984	178,352,360	24,466,790	28,308,874	28,250,921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
..... acres	1,407	1,520	1,046	1,213	1,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... farms	28,508	28,275	30,362	30,894	28,774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	342	226	77	75	60	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	308	154	305	369	355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes farms	79	107	119	134	112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	747	497	847	816	753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	1,122	1,125	1,297	1,046	885	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres	23,059	22,185	24,389	25,953	24,775	(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.