

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	248,809	247,437	228,926	228,173	194,301	180,644	188,788	185,020
Land in farms acres	130,153,438	130,398,753	129,877,666	133,956,359	131,308,286	130,886,608	130,502,792	131,310,306
Average size of farm acres	523	527	567	587	676	725	691	710
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	876,614	669,154	439,066	361,821	398,126	360,153	374,742	386,138
Average per acre dollars	1,676	1,270	768	616	593	499	544	544
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	17,958,942	15,920,800	9,217,812	8,619,863	7,781,878	5,964,679	5,702,706	5,603,585
Average per farm dollars	72,185	64,350	40,553	37,795	40,062	33,206	30,351	30,436
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	20,825	21,024	13,669	16,485	11,930	11,122	12,770	10,899
10 to 49 acres	72,856	72,837	61,015	54,090	41,615	34,514	37,063	33,673
50 to 179 acres	73,868	71,264	70,580	70,919	59,420	54,214	57,666	58,198
180 to 499 acres	42,002	42,131	42,475	44,194	39,674	38,602	39,143	40,246
500 to 999 acres	17,309	17,843	18,625	19,513	18,495	18,800	19,327	19,962
1,000 to 1,999 acres	11,139	11,326	12,049	12,375	12,310	12,720	12,629	12,047
2,000 acres or more	10,810	11,012	10,513	10,597	10,857	10,672	10,190	9,995
Total cropland farms	138,929	153,276	160,352	166,630	149,104	140,222	147,174	145,880
..... acres	29,147,537	33,667,177	38,657,710	39,051,211	37,662,040	36,381,847	35,610,951	36,597,685
Harvested cropland farms	104,998	111,671	106,827	118,215	108,169	104,318	110,358	110,341
..... acres	16,458,332	19,174,301	17,750,938	20,357,767	19,607,847	18,136,653	16,521,315	20,761,160
Irrigated land farms	18,169	19,713	21,164	21,106	18,756	18,784	19,806	19,775
..... acres	4,489,163	5,010,416	5,074,638	5,764,295	5,484,663	4,912,308	4,271,043	5,575,553
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	25,375,581	21,001,074	14,134,744	14,016,017	13,766,527	12,004,385	10,548,907	8,936,363
Average per farm dollars	101,988	84,874	61,744	61,427	70,852	66,453	55,877	48,299
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	7,366,993	6,565,576	3,731,751	4,475,682	4,293,474	3,334,065	2,962,663	3,025,698
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	18,008,588	14,435,499	10,402,993	9,540,334	9,473,054	8,670,320	7,586,244	5,910,665
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	112,775	116,887	102,073	89,119	67,440	52,446	58,693	63,042
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29,961	28,630	32,353	36,716	31,746	28,770	31,227	30,795
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32,144	30,256	29,248	34,428	30,136	29,303	30,076	27,367
\$10,000 to \$24,999	31,781	30,100	28,592	28,920	27,410	29,226	28,350	25,771
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15,505	15,210	13,227	13,040	12,317	13,701	13,467	13,512
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9,154	8,774	8,769	8,612	8,252	10,147	10,598	10,689
\$100,000 to \$499,999	11,477	11,534	11,301	13,521	13,196	14,293	14,235	12,020
\$500,000 or more	6,012	6,046	3,363	3,817	3,804	2,758	2,142	1,749
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	222,580	218,126	210,409	201,896	170,640	158,121	167,602	164,243
Partnership	16,660	20,657	12,720	18,658	16,776	16,182	15,946	16,263
Corporation	6,859	5,706	4,298	5,745	5,269	4,893	3,945	3,257
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	2,710	2,948	1,499	1,874	1,616	1,448	1,295	1,257
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	88,616	77,115	100,495	76,676	68,078	67,672	65,582	57,284
Any	160,193	170,322	128,431	138,696	114,962	101,160	113,615	113,183
200 days or more	102,947	97,523	91,472	97,036	79,338	69,482	77,778	80,043
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	104,769	98,692	122,719	92,264	83,284	85,937	83,684	79,900
Other	144,040	148,745	106,207	135,909	111,017	94,707	105,104	105,120
Average age of principal operator years	60.1	58.9	56.9	56.0	56.6	56.1	54.4	52.9
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	25,404,943	19,223,099	13,734,706	12,036,327	11,636,594	10,431,343	8,911,631	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	6,860,573	6,017,794	4,524,369	3,257,339	3,221,969	3,516,453	3,134,939	2,356,028
Feed purchased \$1,000	7,272,692	4,226,444	2,700,281	2,949,085	2,868,805	2,063,320	1,565,112	1,562,467
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	1,136,833	931,140	555,239	548,517	526,663	445,433	339,641	367,989
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	1,164,301	1,053,222	533,321	554,841	524,744	486,457	416,266	601,320
Hired farm labor \$1,000	1,544,572	1,169,767	969,979	816,590	785,447	729,915	630,271	480,462
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	734,330	676,379	523,438	527,989	498,389	451,603	486,757	608,466
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	649,134	492,500	345,210	364,471	345,517	288,639	246,176	208,539
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	151,362	152,102	150,577	165,188	144,354	134,669	142,244	143,483
..... number	11,159,747	13,709,543	13,978,987	14,504,444	14,532,814	13,242,832	13,020,910	12,611,712
Beef cows farms	133,924	131,769	131,506	141,385	124,980	118,728	123,291	125,651
..... number	4,329,341	5,259,843	5,545,824	5,333,740	5,347,457	5,186,359	5,138,558	5,223,321
Milk cows farms	985	1,293	2,080	4,078	4,113	5,381	5,899	8,721
..... number	434,928	404,399	309,058	370,283	374,816	394,587	356,538	323,039
Cattle and calves sold farms	116,891	116,626	125,518	155,117	138,701	130,386	139,727	138,271
..... number	10,784,116	11,841,250	12,603,171	13,075,614	13,028,674	11,468,849	12,120,310	10,599,615
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	4,905	4,471	4,671	7,431	5,428	6,537	7,717	9,484
..... number	800,893	1,155,790	953,290	615,705	578,664	460,175	527,942	559,590
Hogs and pigs sold farms	2,906	4,053	3,962	4,841	3,659	4,995	6,190	7,383
..... number	1,938,690	2,794,334	1,659,834	965,486	903,226	810,047	923,228	925,301

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