

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	18,027	16,700	15,282	15,810	14,181	13,520	14,066	13,984
Land in farms acres	10,974,396	11,094,700	11,731,228	12,008,137	12,024,661	9,624,463	9,989,073	9,772,942
Average size of farm acres	609	664	768	760	848	712	710	699
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	888,886	829,816	586,310	456,494	486,235	347,982	302,838	389,678
Average per acre dollars	1,460	1,249	756	600	575	491	425	560
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	1,523,780	1,257,461	875,958	771,080	725,177	526,636	499,126	472,803
	84,537	75,365	62,600	48,784	51,148	39,126	35,685	33,985
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5,205	4,194	3,673	3,243	2,590	2,262	2,365	2,358
10 to 49 acres	5,239	5,127	4,695	4,599	3,978	3,735	3,835	3,938
50 to 179 acres	3,499	3,354	2,937	3,540	3,245	3,176	3,437	3,345
180 to 499 acres	1,864	1,824	1,832	2,132	2,042	2,057	2,137	2,135
500 to 999 acres	892	895	856	953	945	927	941	896
1,000 to 1,999 acres	623	571	586	631	646	582	598	572
2,000 acres or more	705	735	703	712	735	781	753	740
Total cropland farms	12,064	12,398	12,652	13,153	12,227	11,700	12,233	12,349
..... acres	1,645,898	1,837,904	2,067,437	2,078,213	2,069,751	2,093,779	2,028,537	1,920,459
Harvested cropland farms	10,729	10,259	9,661	11,042	10,393	10,173	10,752	11,078
..... acres	1,054,369	964,702	961,037	1,113,756	1,107,928	1,043,347	1,076,886	1,118,486
Irrigated land farms	12,296	12,492	11,587	12,230	11,291	10,901	11,143	11,174
..... acres	1,104,257	1,134,144	1,091,011	1,218,474	1,212,201	1,142,514	1,161,207	1,082,328
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000								
Average per farm dollars	1,816,147	1,415,678	1,115,898	888,579	877,295	725,159	617,882	555,428
	100,746	84,771	73,020	56,204	61,864	53,636	43,927	39,719
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000								
	574,099	372,396	257,797	255,336	247,443	181,380	130,441	130,233
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000								
	1,242,049	1,043,281	858,101	633,243	629,852	543,779	487,442	425,195
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	7,200	7,059	7,292	5,390	4,226	3,979	4,380	4,299
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,055	1,857	1,455	2,045	1,867	1,751	1,894	1,924
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,068	1,951	1,399	2,043	1,904	1,845	1,854	1,990
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,180	1,994	1,733	2,347	2,270	2,217	2,272	2,151
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,424	1,363	1,028	1,395	1,328	1,241	1,272	1,279
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,117	860	788	934	949	987	1,005	1,000
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,427	1,185	1,207	1,333	1,317	1,275	1,218	1,162
\$500,000 or more	556	431	380	323	320	225	171	127
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	14,575	13,614	13,108	12,955	11,503	11,030	11,660	11,605
Partnership	1,588	1,645	1,315	1,652	1,545	1,616	1,619	1,514
Corporation	1,147	1,014	630	870	828	665	599	551
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	717	427	229	333	305	209	188	314
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	5,741	4,969	5,894	5,174	4,842	4,550	4,566	4,072
Any	12,286	11,731	9,388	9,968	8,726	8,142	8,688	8,925
200 days or more	8,544	7,188	7,158	7,024	6,066	5,614	5,834	6,218
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	6,939	6,340	7,447	6,280	5,987	6,269	6,350	6,155
Other	11,088	10,360	7,835	9,530	8,194	7,251	7,716	7,829
Average age of principal operator years								
	58.3	57.4	55.2	55.1	55.4	54.8	53.7	52.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000								
	1,588,996	1,215,579	933,114	717,675	699,532	602,812	494,641	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000								
Feed purchased	114,862	132,323	158,687	83,669	82,463	103,978	84,657	80,313
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	611,302	389,568	244,175	201,875	198,854	135,079	101,717	108,719
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	59,867	34,635	23,771	23,524	22,174	17,412	13,229	10,327
Hired farm labor \$1,000	96,270	82,302	42,227	38,834	37,590	34,722	29,726	35,676
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	177,268	147,213	114,694	81,573	79,611	72,014	51,365	42,066
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	66,974	58,768	48,332	52,344	50,664	42,771	47,504	59,617
	21,471	14,033	11,110	9,824	9,374	8,569	8,604	5,302
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	8,625	7,581	6,688	8,636	7,986	7,530	7,854	8,757
..... number	776,833	843,474	876,951	906,956	916,090	860,830	855,338	855,997
Beef cows	6,827	5,589	5,055	6,108	5,749	5,306	5,430	5,773
..... farms	369,670	364,744	349,309	377,048	383,790	356,971	346,462	320,470
..... number	477	450	680	919	891	1,082	1,447	2,325
Milk cows	90,449	85,262	90,904	92,391	92,953	80,369	76,610	90,108
Cattle and calves sold	6,458	6,257	5,617	8,076	7,598	7,212	7,520	7,836
..... farms	437,708	519,155	636,098	524,086	524,128	506,739	499,464	458,467
Hogs and pigs inventory	669	611	518	565	511	727	748	1,061
..... farms	731,666	760,035	670,047	293,170	292,472	43,017	33,643	38,748
Hogs and pigs sold	581	630	480	425	379	575	575	746
..... farms	2,630,230	2,050,082	1,886,880	333,703	330,515	61,407	48,290	50,369

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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