

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	7,338	6,984	6,571	7,063	5,828	5,436	5,877	6,315
Land in farms acres	1,251,713	1,233,313	1,244,909	1,315,315	1,262,155	1,278,525	1,407,868	1,574,441
Average size of farm acres	171	177	189	186	217	235	240	249
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	546,627	512,684	386,695	303,211	323,107	318,131	258,713	206,616
Average per acre dollars	3,205	2,903	2,051	1,618	1,520	1,342	1,124	842
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	637,927	520,310	419,630	312,585	284,761	276,042	270,641	274,844
Average per farm dollars	86,947	74,500	66,094	44,275	49,046	50,911	46,090	43,571
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	616	635	477	520	354	292	281	272
10 to 49 acres	2,258	1,862	1,738	1,658	1,103	807	834	754
50 to 179 acres	2,414	2,396	2,216	2,433	1,925	1,692	1,800	1,926
180 to 499 acres	1,513	1,557	1,586	1,888	1,862	2,039	2,320	2,635
500 to 999 acres	383	390	406	449	469	520	559	634
1,000 to 1,999 acres	115	114	123	100	100	73	71	85
2,000 acres or more	39	30	25	15	15	13	12	9
Total cropland farms	4,974	5,439	5,103	5,934	5,065	5,081	5,506	5,977
..... acres	488,327	516,924	567,509	632,339	617,263	658,765	707,970	772,055
Harvested cropland farms	4,619	4,707	4,373	5,273	4,609	4,741	5,069	5,583
..... acres	446,020	433,074	454,699	473,026	465,489	477,020	488,253	547,848
Irrigated land farms	766	523	508	409	333	255	178	120
..... acres	3,565	2,295	2,335	2,845	2,570	2,123	1,823	1,254
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	776,105	673,713	473,065	478,781	476,343	415,253	375,537	369,402
Average per farm dollars	105,765	96,465	71,993	67,787	81,734	76,389	63,899	58,496
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	177,726	99,262	71,583	63,775	59,592	35,483	25,186	20,054
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	598,379	574,451	401,482	415,007	416,752	379,770	350,351	349,348
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	2,597	2,581	2,673	2,326	1,504	1,326	1,523	1,661
\$2,500 to \$4,999	792	695	699	878	655	551	589	593
\$5,000 to \$9,999	969	841	610	807	704	567	480	444
\$10,000 to \$24,999	904	902	633	798	719	467	453	469
\$25,000 to \$49,999	554	497	396	381	344	350	446	615
\$50,000 to \$99,999	413	390	393	564	569	710	992	1,192
\$100,000 to \$499,999	789	787	985	1,166	1,190	1,378	1,352	1,307
\$500,000 or more	320	291	182	143	143	87	42	26
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	6,043	5,848	5,716	6,061	4,915	4,665	5,096	5,589
Partnership	695	608	483	575	538	485	510	505
Corporation	486	400	281	359	318	246	232	176
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	114	128	91	68	57	40	39	45
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	2,845	2,323	3,029	2,937	2,661	2,740	2,854	3,023
Any	4,493	4,661	3,542	3,754	2,835	2,402	2,695	2,863
200 days or more	2,686	2,587	2,374	2,334	1,685	1,344	1,598	1,710
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	3,779	3,461	3,486	3,615	3,300	3,502	3,762	4,093
Other	3,559	3,523	3,085	3,448	2,528	1,934	2,115	2,222
Average age of principal operator years	57.3	56.5	53.9	52.7	53.1	51.4	50.4	49.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	679,732	549,904	427,717	390,196	371,207	340,482	289,945	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	21,865	25,230	23,993	25,068	24,005	21,278	19,702	16,157
Feed purchased \$1,000	210,804	144,129	108,693	122,944	119,251	108,490	89,318	103,934
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	24,141	19,789	10,879	10,197	9,800	10,887	9,015	8,919
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	43,540	32,656	14,895	13,803	13,005	12,369	10,935	16,168
Hired farm labor \$1,000	95,703	72,316	62,720	45,593	43,304	38,323	31,704	28,865
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	29,387	26,913	18,881	25,199	23,753	23,441	22,539	25,245
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	6,940	5,637	4,944	4,426	4,131	3,402	2,816	2,018
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	2,784	2,459	2,680	3,651	3,203	3,558	4,128	4,965
..... number	274,251	264,823	283,619	304,639	308,267	310,518	320,189	355,104
Beef cows farms	1,295	1,048	1,101	1,325	1,057	1,048	1,180	1,360
..... number	11,487	10,002	11,276	12,871	12,340	11,812	9,805	9,473
Milk cows farms	1,075	1,219	1,508	1,995	1,940	2,373	2,846	3,585
..... number	134,142	139,719	150,626	160,282	162,868	168,473	178,967	191,089
Cattle and calves sold farms	2,061	1,937	2,104	3,181	2,958	3,378	3,919	4,620
..... number	101,431	107,049	136,244	142,916	142,041	145,715	170,741	157,002
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	450	249	206	320	238	347	370	732
..... number	3,874	2,701	2,019	3,477	2,900	3,738	5,133	4,233
Hogs and pigs sold farms	525	239	206	192	140	228	239	385
..... number	6,638	4,968	4,933	6,553	4,992	7,427	7,595	7,012

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