

**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	46,030	47,383	47,606	49,366	41,095	42,222	44,799	51,859
Land in farms ..... acres	8,302,444	8,103,925	8,624,829	8,753,625	8,228,226	8,297,011	8,676,336	9,436,854
Average size of farm ..... acres	180	171	181	177	200	197	194	182
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	776,719	720,538	490,064	356,425	384,979	320,488	232,374	205,034
Average per acre ..... dollars	4,306	4,213	2,675	1,975	1,920	1,636	1,198	1,125
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	3,339,696	3,120,923	2,005,079	1,927,837	1,718,392	1,388,837	1,350,875	1,396,216
	72,561	65,870	43,303	39,063	41,835	33,090	30,249	26,976
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	3,343	3,530	3,027	3,860	2,864	3,357	3,408	4,158
10 to 49 acres .....	14,425	15,177	14,082	13,908	10,283	10,361	10,753	12,762
50 to 179 acres .....	16,850	17,589	18,315	19,138	15,938	16,293	17,530	20,489
180 to 499 acres .....	7,864	7,777	8,613	8,730	8,293	8,422	9,252	10,393
500 to 999 acres .....	2,173	1,985	2,183	2,465	2,469	2,517	2,624	2,837
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,009	960	1,023	937	923	987	968	956
2,000 acres or more .....	366	365	363	328	325	285	264	264
Total cropland ..... farms	34,525	35,954	41,047	43,124	37,177	38,779	41,491	48,550
..... acres	2,990,561	3,274,137	4,194,158	4,525,365	4,322,425	4,311,840	4,363,106	4,559,543
Harvested cropland ..... farms	31,041	30,563	33,791	36,326	32,124	34,255	37,332	44,259
..... acres	2,618,291	2,544,997	2,623,776	2,600,860	2,520,961	2,449,013	2,406,976	2,779,282
Irrigated land ..... farms	2,456	2,347	3,331	2,509	2,337	2,312	3,054	1,839
..... acres	68,651	82,187	98,913	86,388	84,926	61,759	78,681	42,824
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000								
Average per farm ..... dollars	3,753,287	2,906,188	2,360,911	2,394,779	2,343,518	2,055,958	1,588,770	1,606,915
	81,540	61,334	49,593	48,511	57,027	48,694	35,464	30,986
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000								
	1,360,146	858,301	718,219	794,010	780,099	696,489	465,379	629,303
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000								
	2,393,141	2,047,887	1,642,692	1,600,769	1,563,418	1,359,469	1,123,391	977,612
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	17,103	20,191	18,424	16,355	10,999	10,546	13,622	15,842
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	5,063	5,391	6,669	8,018	6,754	7,161	7,995	9,509
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	6,436	6,191	6,946	8,170	7,203	7,687	7,580	8,558
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	6,940	6,597	6,737	7,444	7,011	7,402	6,895	7,753
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3,837	3,399	3,060	3,160	3,042	3,266	3,028	3,660
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2,220	1,886	1,849	2,057	1,965	1,946	2,102	2,617
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	2,665	2,347	2,845	3,066	3,035	3,439	3,110	3,541
\$500,000 or more .....	1,766	1,381	1,076	1,096	1,086	775	467	349
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	40,156	41,173	42,851	43,445	35,824	36,866	39,344	45,731
Partnership .....	2,874	3,625	2,757	3,866	3,425	3,786	4,004	4,765
Corporation .....	2,550	2,269	1,723	1,787	1,620	1,327	1,173	1,023
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	450	316	275	268	226	243	278	340
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	17,648	16,385	21,530	17,351	15,297	15,878	16,275	17,984
Any .....	28,382	30,998	26,076	29,047	23,215	23,465	25,826	29,561
200 days or more .....	18,876	19,236	18,747	20,961	16,433	16,795	18,291	20,648
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	20,740	20,294	25,500	20,479	18,410	19,571	20,617	24,090
Other .....	25,290	27,089	22,106	28,887	22,685	22,651	24,182	27,769
Average age of principal operator ..... years								
	59.5	58.2	56.7	55.8	56.4	55.6	54.5	53.3
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000								
	3,494,672	2,711,537	2,045,598	2,064,754	1,924,690	1,699,051	1,334,393	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	424,722	323,214	277,272	230,527	208,871	230,888	169,333	161,849
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	1,067,299	727,195	507,692	690,144	649,741	461,703	360,422	295,721
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	235,173	189,325	114,943	119,804	113,688	108,844	92,982	116,005
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	190,119	156,818	84,041	85,685	79,765	79,225	64,261	98,762
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	354,999	293,996	242,131	205,151	192,798	188,671	145,364	126,893
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	128,243	123,286	90,843	93,671	85,752	85,120	83,237	105,832
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	116,536	76,060	67,506	73,198	69,655	64,381	51,382	50,270
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....								
..... farms	23,911	25,957	27,733	31,862	26,547	27,638	28,325	33,114
..... number	1,631,882	1,566,217	1,622,767	1,702,675	1,639,058	1,653,191	1,510,920	1,672,006
Beef cows .....	19,596	21,907	23,030	25,273	21,753	22,519	22,228	25,556
..... farms	657,320	695,061	680,610	695,774	688,541	674,068	581,298	617,787
..... number	1,168	1,154	1,580	1,887	1,671	2,369	3,372	5,577
Milk cows .....	94,105	98,917	114,724	124,762	121,823	140,033	157,128	173,418
Cattle and calves sold .....								
..... farms	20,091	21,884	23,970	30,761	26,350	26,917	28,222	31,287
..... number	845,381	880,607	931,879	958,985	906,897	855,634	859,708	814,465
Hogs and pigs inventory .....								
..... farms	1,265	1,240	855	1,533	1,170	2,085	3,711	7,239
..... number	239,899	371,176	409,284	389,752	385,755	412,736	345,058	474,393
Hogs and pigs sold .....								
..... farms	919	964	834	1,007	823	1,596	3,016	5,282
..... number	559,658	965,117	847,002	717,263	710,320	715,452	642,863	804,740

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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