

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	37,249	39,284	35,939	40,113	29,011	30,264	33,559	36,080
Land in farms acres	14,748,107	14,972,789	15,318,008	15,778,606	15,179,710	15,726,007	16,115,568	16,469,678
Average size of farm acres	396	381	426	393	523	520	480	456
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	910,249	759,146	623,333	520,306	634,619	468,482	355,976	423,352
Average per acre dollars	2,299	1,992	1,486	1,292	1,192	892	739	933
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	3,672,289	3,278,858	2,690,548	2,325,580	2,021,640	1,843,190	1,537,272	1,652,940
Average per farm dollars	98,588	83,468	80,212	57,987	69,693	61,053	45,905	45,947
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	10,559	9,211	7,482	9,208	5,195	5,408	6,040	6,425
10 to 49 acres	12,980	14,790	13,187	14,791	9,727	10,115	11,362	12,717
50 to 179 acres	6,537	7,307	7,223	7,646	6,250	6,536	7,216	7,755
180 to 499 acres	3,071	3,479	3,439	3,536	3,138	3,336	3,796	4,038
500 to 999 acres	1,508	1,731	1,635	1,770	1,618	1,699	1,855	1,927
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,123	1,218	1,364	1,502	1,436	1,461	1,626	1,548
2,000 acres or more	1,471	1,548	1,609	1,660	1,647	1,709	1,664	1,670
Total cropland farms	25,045	26,005	28,184	30,082	24,656	25,765	28,891	31,317
..... acres	7,526,742	7,609,210	8,038,469	8,291,529	7,913,709	7,999,419	8,168,454	8,190,984
Harvested cropland farms	20,846	20,091	21,802	24,168	20,445	21,282	24,027	26,067
..... acres	4,342,904	4,387,169	4,894,634	5,160,717	4,895,633	4,734,673	4,597,476	5,278,772
Irrigated land farms	14,736	15,492	15,534	16,261	13,131	14,068	15,437	16,252
..... acres	1,633,571	1,735,917	1,823,155	1,787,120	1,705,025	1,641,437	1,518,684	1,638,470
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	9,120,749	6,792,856	5,330,740	4,947,886	4,767,727	3,821,222	2,919,634	2,831,159
Average per farm dollars	244,859	172,917	148,327	123,349	164,342	126,263	87,000	78,469
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	6,492,042	4,754,898	3,582,818	3,403,524	3,251,291	2,451,605	1,688,656	1,714,741
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	2,628,708	2,037,958	1,747,922	1,544,362	1,516,436	1,369,617	1,230,978	1,116,418
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	16,900	18,443	15,005	16,290	8,698	8,980	10,599	12,483
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,084	3,817	3,244	4,617	3,299	3,489	4,166	4,312
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,542	3,717	3,106	3,674	2,954	3,078	3,507	3,631
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,398	3,423	3,454	3,805	3,242	3,327	3,684	3,681
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,843	2,190	2,378	2,294	1,972	2,305	2,668	2,660
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,380	1,729	2,157	2,343	2,093	2,426	2,995	3,110
\$100,000 to \$499,999	3,367	3,529	4,634	5,145	4,872	5,243	4,978	5,358
\$500,000 or more	2,735	2,436	1,961	1,945	1,881	1,416	962	812
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	30,167	32,547	30,525	33,711	23,466	25,126	28,289	31,107
Partnership	2,685	2,932	2,280	2,998	2,548	2,675	2,850	2,748
Corporation	3,463	3,266	2,748	3,112	2,776	2,271	2,248	2,043
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	934	539	386	292	221	192	172	182
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	14,862	13,701	16,798	15,210	12,363	12,848	13,268	13,062
Any	22,387	25,583	19,141	22,908	15,079	15,691	18,561	20,757
200 days or more	14,180	15,396	12,948	15,894	9,924	10,441	12,330	13,943
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	17,650	18,021	21,013	18,649	15,465	16,491	17,654	17,968
Other	19,599	21,263	14,926	21,464	13,546	13,773	15,905	18,112
Average age of principal operator years	58.8	57.0	55.4	53.2	54.2	53.1	51.6	50.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	7,839,554	5,390,313	4,430,693	3,795,253	3,607,282	3,122,970	2,425,028	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	424,941	326,256	394,109	361,019	353,157	360,704	320,026	347,434
Feed purchased \$1,000	1,106,416	663,387	471,553	506,594	495,975	445,993	341,396	348,833
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	519,041	380,358	231,964	242,558	231,396	185,614	153,949	174,198
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	353,923	265,061	145,339	133,534	124,646	115,163	90,991	126,610
Hired farm labor \$1,000	1,713,124	1,151,383	987,399	810,500	771,003	601,614	420,768	313,100
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	244,078	219,629	248,172	228,197	214,518	191,779	176,125	241,997
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	498,212	317,784	262,331	219,606	208,739	170,128	132,723	102,290
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory								
..... farms	11,861	12,731	12,215	17,381	11,721	13,484	15,434	20,147
..... number	1,162,792	1,088,846	1,100,181	1,211,350	1,204,265	1,270,275	1,304,673	1,321,820
Beef cows	9,285	10,065	9,128	11,735	8,627	9,555	10,799	14,018
..... farms	211,852	274,001	248,664	301,814	304,473	310,554	334,966	339,997
..... number	798	817	1,208	1,590	1,302	1,842	2,410	3,608
Milk cows	266,989	243,132	246,753	247,437	247,191	242,787	220,849	210,254
Cattle and calves sold								
..... farms	8,420	9,521	8,979	14,401	10,857	12,259	14,371	17,675
..... number	877,290	912,299	1,081,584	1,109,756	1,086,270	1,014,365	1,089,642	1,127,460
Hogs and pigs inventory								
..... farms	934	1,463	961	1,219	978	1,407	1,525	2,460
..... number	19,861	28,545	30,289	40,152	38,030	56,171	59,195	73,836
Hogs and pigs sold								
..... farms	1,303	1,596	1,067	1,092	818	1,150	1,355	1,934
..... number	27,141	58,917	80,159	76,981	72,045	93,660	104,934	116,934

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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	6,276	4,878	2,533	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	7,236,128	5,785,648	5,008,881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	527	307	327	222	162	164	245	351
number	28,252,490	31,669,170	33,017,116	30,327,052	30,183,641	33,720,007	36,068,869	16,903,405
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	575	550	382	560	514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	114,516	118,665	73,703	87,564	84,300	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	23,824,561	24,553,928	14,155,973	16,725,028	16,163,861	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	529	537	596	667	633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	93,239	83,353	63,303	54,424	53,417	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,320,924	2,129,010	1,633,993	1,366,377	1,340,460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	2,871	2,612	3,414	4,416	4,097	5,032	5,562	6,232
acres	2,186,813	2,096,350	2,355,451	2,584,849	2,422,506	2,495,940	2,160,641	2,716,305
bushels	141,020,565	120,617,390	128,410,931	160,547,364	151,124,143	120,833,207	114,781,997	128,069,408
Winter wheat for grain farms	2,415	2,303	3,002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,669,175	1,652,961	1,802,614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	112,180,184	100,463,766	104,532,829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	3	9	21	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,264	1,793	5,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels (D)	-	138,646	306,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	1,408	1,232	1,792	1,856	1,723	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	514,374	441,596	546,907	416,332	379,142	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels (D)	-	20,014,978	23,571,897	22,988,799	20,973,057	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	139	138	251	307	286	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,129	8,956	12,097	12,947	13,081	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	466,810	426,027	769,381	1,006,880	1,032,614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain farms	817	843	1,254	1,877	1,787	2,428	3,722	4,176
acres	175,074	223,598	337,483	447,039	436,299	422,447	609,133	751,963
bushels	12,073,493	13,928,713	18,934,918	31,800,594	30,939,269	19,565,135	31,889,132	43,923,993
Sorghum for grain farms	2	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	-	1	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons (D)	-	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	2	8	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres (D)	-	725	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels (D)	-	27,781	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	420	269	343	347	315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	114,506	61,055	49,429	39,891	37,155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	2,275,125	1,049,750	936,604	873,366	819,343	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	10,396	10,243	10,473	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	748,909	846,140	914,054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	2,873,198	3,595,392	3,783,219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	15	4	-	17	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,603	(D)	-	(D)	758	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	2,144,124	61,858	-	(D)	853,708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar farms	4	3	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres (D)	-	2,076	3,711	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons (D)	-	80,206	130,149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
acres	2,836	2,026	1,804	1,882	1,506	1,605	1,724	2,031
pounds	351,639	343,787	215,135	226,745	209,456	172,057	144,097	169,170
Potatoes farms	1,205	618	408	458	415	431	486	533
acres	163,925	157,499	159,317	156,776	155,074	129,110	110,157	104,738
Sweet potatoes farms	-	3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres (Z)	-	(Z)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	4,846	5,470	6,108	6,781	5,700	6,220	6,839	6,946
acres	315,456	299,174	311,194	318,256	301,376	256,282	241,423	215,585

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.