

**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	21,489	23,618	20,812	21,531	17,772	17,020	17,237	18,742
Land in farms ..... acres	3,606,674	3,697,606	3,584,668	3,698,204	3,455,532	3,267,188	3,372,955	3,559,051
Average size of farm ..... acres	168	157	172	172	194	192	196	190
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	413,407	373,435	231,999	195,213	212,832	165,088	130,802	129,390
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,463	2,385	1,315	1,123	1,090	849	682	688
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	1,074,873	917,826	496,427	494,113	432,904	326,514	299,941	301,305
Average per farm ..... dollars	50,027	38,871	26,188	22,962	24,315	19,257	17,482	16,100
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	956	1,207	996	1,038	727	737	643	580
10 to 49 acres .....	5,128	5,749	4,676	4,296	3,026	2,893	2,689	3,073
50 to 179 acres .....	9,692	10,739	9,337	10,172	8,164	7,787	8,081	8,984
180 to 499 acres .....	4,457	4,681	4,492	4,734	4,522	4,350	4,518	4,819
500 to 999 acres .....	894	908	956	970	1,012	948	1,004	977
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	279	265	280	248	248	242	247	247
2,000 acres or more .....	83	69	75	73	73	63	55	62
Total cropland ..... farms	17,569	19,446	17,821	19,479	16,509	15,891	16,246	17,763
..... acres	804,006	942,132	1,173,032	1,420,517	1,336,723	1,294,134	1,285,786	1,319,437
Harvested cropland ..... farms	16,690	17,494	15,827	17,658	15,086	14,531	15,056	16,446
..... acres	699,793	692,003	648,635	661,882	621,632	555,818	553,517	576,889
Irrigated land ..... farms	466	457	408	319	268	312	255	135
..... acres	2,064	2,189	1,981	3,543	3,285	2,769	3,132	945
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	806,775	591,665	482,814	459,387	447,428	364,203	270,639	242,127
Average per farm ..... dollars	37,544	25,051	23,199	21,336	25,176	21,399	15,701	12,919
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	139,092	78,308	69,693	68,964	64,907	63,081	49,249	57,203
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	667,683	513,357	413,121	390,423	382,521	301,122	221,390	184,923
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	8,861	12,433	12,054	10,439	7,819	6,927	7,977	9,677
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3,615	3,531	2,712	4,174	3,415	3,499	3,463	3,728
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3,582	2,913	2,398	3,148	2,863	2,848	2,547	2,533
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2,956	2,538	1,875	1,995	1,936	2,006	1,781	1,437
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1,108	1,033	695	699	675	688	583	539
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	505	421	383	431	431	433	400	354
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	510	490	469	450	439	509	414	397
\$500,000 or more .....	352	259	226	195	194	110	72	57
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	20,009	22,488	19,862	20,068	16,475	15,737	15,988	17,336
Partnership .....	893	856	639	1,037	918	977	971	1,134
Corporation .....	429	209	220	317	285	226	197	180
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	158	65	91	109	94	80	81	92
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	8,092	8,074	8,910	7,491	6,390	6,269	6,018	5,802
Any .....	13,397	15,544	11,902	12,966	10,489	9,594	10,083	11,743
200 days or more .....	8,750	9,948	9,107	9,482	7,554	6,985	7,278	8,347
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	9,164	9,799	10,507	8,123	7,145	7,169	7,201	7,117
Other .....	12,325	13,819	10,305	13,408	10,627	9,851	10,036	11,625
Average age of principal operator ..... years	59.7	58.1	56.3	56.2	56.7	56.4	55.6	53.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	762,655	545,855	408,650	404,647	380,631	308,703	231,077	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	128,271	96,910	63,817	66,403	63,068	54,571	37,921	30,135
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	327,286	177,847	130,696	162,078	154,556	101,386	64,781	51,915
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	22,469	19,364	12,976	12,283	11,710	11,670	10,779	10,226
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	41,919	37,698	20,134	17,806	16,457	15,877	12,787	15,800
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	43,344	32,794	31,843	25,683	24,160	26,956	23,244	20,340
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	27,775	28,549	20,711	23,319	21,169	17,179	16,409	16,738
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	8,136	6,054	5,591	5,239	4,950	6,428	5,346	5,024
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	12,067	12,792	12,831	14,082	12,284	12,431	12,897	15,123
..... number	414,908	411,028	404,163	440,891	439,462	430,708	408,129	455,173
Beef cows ..... farms	10,156	10,653	10,824	11,674	10,367	10,570	10,588	12,632
..... number	191,398	203,711	200,401	204,341	202,844	197,886	182,071	198,322
Milk cows ..... farms	438	370	525	773	676	972	1,575	2,901
..... number	10,095	11,744	14,972	18,527	18,497	23,366	27,019	34,776
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	10,032	10,474	9,513	12,943	11,576	11,583	12,061	13,525
..... number	250,073	249,845	239,760	277,319	270,361	254,233	249,163	237,911
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	725	955	808	827	645	841	1,226	1,981
..... number	5,873	8,948	12,773	17,970	15,708	26,760	30,759	33,881
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	624	1,042	717	489	402	587	868	1,151
..... number	8,712	19,588	26,173	28,620	24,884	50,642	59,181	57,979

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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