

**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	69,754	78,463	77,131	79,541	67,959	67,959	75,131	82,199
Land in farms ..... acres	14,568,926	15,190,804	15,741,552	16,232,744	14,900,205	15,463,551	16,606,567	17,234,127
Average size of farm ..... acres	209	194	204	204	227	228	221	210
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	819,551	624,428	464,127	258,638	282,135	210,179	182,950	232,606
Average per acre ..... dollars	3,924	3,225	2,272	1,264	1,244	925	826	1,113
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	9,037,376	7,554,247	5,386,373	4,762,238	4,375,650	4,481,945	4,053,360	4,410,681
Average per farm ..... dollars	129,561	96,278	72,300	59,899	66,731	66,001	54,037	53,698
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	4,603	4,861	4,141	4,500	3,142	3,605	4,012	4,254
10 to 49 acres .....	17,825	19,895	17,152	13,915	9,673	8,655	8,778	10,256
50 to 179 acres .....	25,502	29,765	29,458	30,995	24,546	24,121	27,498	31,202
180 to 499 acres .....	15,688	17,837	20,021	24,043	22,228	25,570	28,828	30,855
500 to 999 acres .....	3,885	4,149	4,465	4,592	4,573	4,790	4,923	4,682
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,580	1,399	1,395	1,166	1,121	1,014	921	778
2,000 acres or more .....	671	557	499	330	319	204	171	172
Total cropland ..... farms	60,936	68,478	69,883	72,657	61,166	64,229	71,320	78,060
acres	9,910,991	10,116,279	10,728,655	10,999,803	10,353,300	10,948,614	11,618,876	11,769,183
Harvested cropland ..... farms	52,083	54,105	54,741	62,656	54,369	61,125	69,141	75,734
acres	9,149,273	8,884,628	8,928,083	8,996,941	8,625,011	8,843,649	9,335,007	10,062,154
Irrigated land ..... farms	3,240	2,907	2,457	2,269	2,025	2,146	1,850	1,695
acres	421,721	377,291	385,902	358,467	341,813	330,838	284,637	259,270
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	11,744,476	8,967,358	5,623,275	5,794,100	5,579,861	5,259,670	4,909,869	4,854,582
Average per farm ..... dollars	168,370	114,288	72,906	72,844	85,056	77,395	65,351	59,059
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	4,601,488	2,669,326	1,690,071	1,754,487	1,640,283	1,126,566	936,624	943,422
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	7,142,988	6,298,032	3,933,204	4,039,613	3,939,578	4,133,103	3,973,245	3,911,160
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	22,531	30,296	30,491	22,254	14,007	9,932	9,838	10,768
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,859	5,955	5,389	6,711	5,161	5,355	6,039	6,472
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,888	6,732	5,788	7,278	6,177	6,576	7,505	7,884
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	7,246	7,732	8,362	10,024	8,841	8,995	10,678	12,178
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	5,705	5,704	5,929	7,700	6,826	7,872	10,491	12,995
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	6,379	5,397	7,242	9,153	8,818	11,916	15,223	18,022
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	12,316	13,189	12,192	14,928	14,325	16,471	14,750	13,389
\$500,000 or more .....	4,830	3,458	1,738	1,493	1,447	842	607	465
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	60,617	68,138	68,719	69,452	56,598	58,298	64,642	70,842
Partnership .....	4,667	6,386	5,347	6,452	5,746	6,930	7,909	8,937
Corporation .....	3,334	3,333	2,726	3,145	2,870	2,502	2,322	2,193
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	1,136	606	339	492	388	229	258	227
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	28,900	30,492	34,899	35,003	31,334	36,175	40,587	43,143
Any .....	40,854	47,971	42,232	41,029	31,303	28,081	30,014	33,440
200 days or more .....	28,046	31,654	30,495	28,511	21,088	18,307	18,776	20,200
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	34,760	37,047	45,798	43,356	39,030	46,180	53,342	57,939
Other .....	34,994	41,416	31,333	36,185	26,572	21,779	21,789	24,260
Average age of principal operator ..... years	56.5	55.0	53.0	52.0	52.2	50.6	50.3	48.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	9,419,263	6,748,715	4,642,287	4,430,522	4,202,802	4,029,737	3,638,957	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	454,402	356,954	294,121	324,928	306,830	349,520	294,202	261,923
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	2,066,721	1,091,862	785,165	880,382	847,206	785,140	675,221	667,669
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4,5</sup> ..... \$1,000	896,548	495,308	260,006	268,793	258,450	248,410	236,568	262,517
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	542,992	425,000	193,005	198,442	187,629	183,421	175,966	264,315
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	878,266	785,018	515,473	431,317	409,009	362,356	312,325	279,154
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	492,131	523,903	342,250	379,856	356,573	346,096	400,274	531,636
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	367,149	263,235	184,368	175,810	169,356	135,926	104,934	90,030
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ..... farms	29,908	35,125	38,120	46,036	39,593	46,052	53,315	62,836
number	3,494,084	3,373,923	3,338,122	3,497,475	3,440,300	3,866,998	4,138,221	4,458,683
Beef cows ..... farms	13,020	14,775	13,300	13,594	11,642	10,394	10,355	14,386
number	248,305	269,820	231,649	220,031	222,522	195,810	180,276	236,967
Milk cows ..... farms	11,543	14,158	16,886	24,065	22,576	30,156	37,325	44,093
number	1,270,091	1,249,309	1,243,315	1,361,041	1,336,626	1,521,969	1,743,427	1,852,784
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms	25,614	30,193	31,807	43,947	38,832	45,227	52,816	61,246
number	1,784,697	1,513,662	1,533,092	1,616,528	1,547,935	1,808,889	1,982,183	1,806,185
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms	2,270	3,188	2,993	3,974	3,686	6,760	8,737	11,940
number	311,651	436,814	535,393	758,141	738,339	1,173,783	1,312,818	1,479,028
Hogs and pigs sold ..... farms	2,210	3,516	3,245	3,857	3,591	6,776	8,899	12,059
number	934,000	1,085,793	1,294,440	1,590,206	1,523,490	2,244,673	2,515,246	2,658,032

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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) ..... farms	7,348	7,211	4,243	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	5,413,563	4,873,675	4,415,462	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms	1,499	1,238	1,226	830	587	504	674	897
number	48,766,897	46,804,252	33,652,214	27,747,569	27,607,761	13,686,548	10,761,742	8,803,544
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain ..... farms	27,809	27,505	29,021	37,383	34,315	36,674	48,665	52,645
acres	3,306,621	3,250,847	2,862,031	2,981,830	2,877,971	2,830,496	2,787,734	3,257,104
bushels	397,056,812	437,174,706	385,057,040	374,550,814	362,498,739	283,709,848	311,689,830	332,327,822
Corn for silage or greenchop ..... farms	14,477	15,338	17,632	23,830	22,498	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	953,876	732,636	704,513	733,284	717,549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	14,047,188	11,645,140	11,233,740	10,643,670	10,444,465	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all ..... farms	5,211	5,422	4,801	4,867	4,578	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	261,519	280,464	194,863	156,454	150,469	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	18,368,973	18,789,893	11,693,175	8,387,371	8,083,650	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	4,870	5,257	4,653	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	245,266	272,964	188,363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	17,597,789	18,539,559	11,485,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain ..... farms	401	202	183	325	298	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16,253	7,500	6,500	6,841	6,393	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	771,184	250,334	208,078	274,278	256,716	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	6,403	7,934	11,300	16,416	14,925	22,195	31,065	40,594
acres	130,374	166,794	245,695	335,107	314,722	488,332	679,203	890,503
bushels	7,713,979	11,122,339	14,600,211	19,746,962	18,623,580	27,900,172	37,458,060	46,411,629
Barley for grain ..... farms	847	1,104	1,489	3,006	2,806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	20,315	23,645	35,226	67,107	64,060	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	886,356	1,351,838	1,735,478	3,556,712	3,403,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	33	11	19	9	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	717	242	1,294	595	595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	29,737	12,774	93,075	44,000	44,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	241	138	159	134	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	6,327	2,201	2,048	2,130	2,008	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	60,558	19,645	20,255	20,425	19,467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	17,391	14,513	15,245	12,580	12,028	8,957	5,628	5,667
acres	1,699,728	1,363,124	1,520,471	997,861	990,531	575,087	297,226	332,235
bushels	67,454,065	54,701,222	67,060,605	42,996,339	42,681,842	17,659,688	11,491,031	10,619,901
Dry edible beans, excluding limas ..... farms	14	6	17	88	75	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres (D)	103,832	6,069	7,398	11,611	10,554	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	181	93,244	148,408	186,131	171,239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco ..... farms	810	195	452	950	839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,800,756	934	1,517	2,846	2,553	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds		2,254,739	3,807,667	5,996,086	5,355,466	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms								
acres	37,020	42,082	43,561	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	2,396,640	2,797,497	3,089,564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	7,218,964	8,528,063	10,135,628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	57	78	46	72	69	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	2,404	3,722	2,076	(D)	3,985	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) <sup>7</sup> ..... farms	2,440,816	4,449,621	2,774,463	(D)	5,566,905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,873	3,319	2,850	3,540	3,288	4,269	4,177	4,262
Potatoes ..... farms	288,528	297,238	252,693	285,311	270,130	347,581	328,902	280,326
acres	718	608	399	442	418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	66,400	63,933	80,332	84,922	85,304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	42	14	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ..... farms	23	13	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,321	1,135	1,009	1,116	853	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	9,481	9,730	9,683	12,758	10,851	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.  
<sup>2</sup> Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.  
<sup>3</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.  
<sup>4</sup> Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.  
<sup>5</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.  
<sup>6</sup> Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.  
<sup>7</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.