

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	11,736	11,069	9,422	9,443	9,232	8,716	9,205	8,861
Land in farms acres	30,363,641	30,169,526	34,402,726	34,302,475	34,088,692	32,876,071	33,595,135	33,500,453
Average size of farm acres	2,587	2,726	3,651	3,633	3,692	3,772	3,650	3,781
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	1,759,200	1,397,691	1,080,945	803,958	808,346	601,437	533,284	732,875
Average per acre dollars	680	513	290	224	222	159	147	193
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	1,340,393	1,077,635	672,815	580,762	564,454	468,114	418,833	464,030
Average per farm dollars	114,212	97,356	74,757	61,541	61,161	53,862	45,709	52,379
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1,086	652	477	421	405	449	795	662
10 to 49 acres	2,291	2,004	1,536	1,207	1,157	994	989	928
50 to 179 acres	2,353	2,461	1,748	1,631	1,568	1,356	1,356	1,315
180 to 499 acres	1,743	1,712	1,465	1,492	1,441	1,513	1,536	1,549
500 to 999 acres	1,109	1,107	961	1,098	1,069	1,079	1,091	1,031
1,000 to 1,999 acres	813	859	819	973	965	880	954	945
2,000 acres or more	2,341	2,274	2,416	2,621	2,627	2,445	2,484	2,431
Total cropland farms	6,688	6,838	7,017	7,204	7,122	6,756	7,237	7,214
..... acres	2,418,931	2,576,017	2,989,804	3,033,875	2,967,899	2,842,020	2,838,627	2,741,423
Harvested cropland farms	5,558	5,573	5,003	6,198	6,124	5,735	6,389	6,473
..... acres	1,440,605	1,536,240	1,298,709	1,801,314	1,743,631	1,532,732	1,717,027	1,813,830
Irrigated land farms	5,739	5,793	5,191	5,384	5,306	5,076	5,221	5,284
..... acres	1,435,710	1,550,723	1,541,688	1,749,908	1,719,463	1,464,585	1,517,891	1,564,576
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	1,689,416	1,157,535	863,887	904,576	898,527	824,205	676,721	606,327
Average per farm dollars	143,952	104,575	91,688	95,793	97,327	94,562	73,517	68,426
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	438,958	213,808	137,776	181,026	173,216	153,862	124,693	128,106
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,250,458	943,728	726,111	723,549	725,311	670,343	552,028	478,221
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	4,300	3,920	2,895	1,859	1,709	1,531	1,987	1,641
\$2,500 to \$4,999	799	918	575	800	784	722	766	822
\$5,000 to \$9,999	915	947	935	990	959	946	977	982
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,161	1,261	1,224	1,457	1,470	1,385	1,497	1,531
\$25,000 to \$49,999	875	922	988	1,271	1,238	1,092	1,241	1,334
\$50,000 to \$99,999	923	975	998	1,172	1,172	1,185	1,154	1,182
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,115	1,731	1,510	1,625	1,634	1,639	1,399	1,190
\$500,000 or more	648	395	297	269	266	216	184	138
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	9,154	8,784	7,566	7,349	7,157	6,781	7,284	6,976
Partnership	1,095	1,024	928	972	963	976	937	907
Corporation	1,085	1,019	746	937	929	840	858	826
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	402	242	182	185	183	119	126	152
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	4,430	3,849	4,167	3,984	3,956	3,935	3,932	3,793
Any	7,306	7,220	5,255	4,891	4,722	4,251	4,674	4,271
200 days or more	4,543	4,371	3,476	2,903	2,771	2,435	2,640	2,500
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	5,845	5,445	5,760	5,628	5,583	5,612	5,953	5,805
Other	5,891	5,624	3,662	3,815	3,649	3,104	3,252	3,056
Average age of principal operator years	58.2	57.1	54.1	54.3	54.4	53.4	52.0	50.8
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	1,552,595	970,138	828,003	700,613	690,403	675,225	536,980	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	316,034	215,888	199,126	182,278	180,847	212,437	145,511	144,233
Feed purchased \$1,000	320,457	150,962	137,943	110,849	110,332	89,381	60,555	65,166
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	58,241	31,959	22,555	25,606	24,614	21,444	17,878	17,752
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	101,080	66,227	36,091	39,190	38,405	36,536	32,490	44,050
Hired farm labor \$1,000	133,210	97,820	81,799	59,241	58,236	57,677	50,342	40,613
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	81,727	68,386	63,529	59,202	58,139	53,470	54,696	86,792
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	22,200	11,630	10,532	11,968	11,648	9,491	9,118	6,311
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	6,115	5,625	5,282	6,476	6,370	5,839	5,990	6,428
..... number	1,307,731	1,311,799	1,297,042	1,660,900	1,690,264	1,424,002	1,412,901	1,509,913
Beef cows farms	5,080	4,870	4,590	5,582	5,526	5,114	5,082	5,310
..... number	664,254	732,141	732,546	847,520	862,639	746,789	689,166	718,771
Milk cows farms	206	122	265	353	337	523	788	1,273
..... number	6,194	6,644	4,214	6,298	6,254	7,596	9,287	13,315
Cattle and calves sold farms	5,271	4,880	4,997	6,356	6,295	5,866	5,965	6,269
..... number	1,067,003	1,036,661	1,127,826	1,122,270	1,130,839	1,014,982	956,523	981,010
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	270	272	184	307	296	379	474	567
..... number	85,432	107,180	114,047	91,107	91,135	39,128	28,437	30,375
Hogs and pigs sold farms	288	368	247	255	246	342	407	480
..... number	456,300	330,377	356,435	227,762	227,835	60,335	54,255	57,700

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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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	1,324	776	574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	26,612	16,238	14,567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	90	41	44	17	17	8	37	40
number	4,567	1,890	2,227	914	914	382	9,491	2,135
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	388	344	265	442	442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	60,349	54,567	34,095	50,242	49,717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	8,472,807	6,858,369	3,788,534	6,319,193	6,261,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	255	265	314	330	326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	34,332	32,146	38,782	29,295	28,747	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	681,210	646,760	705,759	563,972	554,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	375	347	315	659	656	670	924	1,095
acres	131,905	127,051	129,979	221,599	221,041	211,312	252,784	355,938
bushels	3,697,368	2,978,072	2,213,032	6,537,732	6,520,663	5,264,505	7,207,742	9,169,664
Winter wheat for grain farms	298	314	294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	120,113	120,970	127,643	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	3,215,169	2,809,154	2,148,529	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain farms	28	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	110,367	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain farms	60	37	25	155	154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	6,081	2,336	15,027	14,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	371,832	168,918	64,503	488,518	487,188	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	117	154	197	501	490	620	795	1,017
acres	5,886	8,040	13,544	36,698	33,973	31,757	41,987	47,012
bushels	321,163	382,864	640,707	1,881,837	1,770,424	1,723,289	1,893,335	2,286,662
Barley for grain farms	408	342	364	732	721	857	1,190	1,311
acres	62,590	52,457	62,834	96,953	93,095	104,167	127,366	136,748
bushels	5,543,278	4,485,775	4,568,059	7,576,660	7,251,158	8,178,366	8,654,469	8,791,442
Sorghum for grain farms	1	-	1	15	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	(D)	2,472	2,357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	(D)	157,251	153,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop farms	5	10	5	14	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	416	450	338	1,499	1,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	3,569	7,514	5,530	29,430	29,430	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding limas farms	267	193	227	324	317	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	41,618	24,197	30,151	29,968	29,326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	990,319	566,459	612,503	646,901	630,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	5,158	5,276	4,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	1,053,646	1,192,019	938,695	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all farms	2,069,934	2,426,555	1,572,870	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	34	21	14	9	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,019	4,668	3,313	(D)	1,382	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	7,470,979	3,292,514	1,531,650	(D)	1,423,920	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar farms	140	139	181	360	356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	31,302	30,782	36,105	65,318	63,732	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	875,118	675,601	683,010	1,321,689	1,285,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷ farms								
acres	53	46	18	24	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	906	952	128	93	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes farms	31	20	11	16	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	865	843	711	754	704	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	43	25	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	109	73	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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.