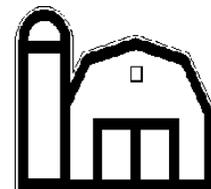


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# Introduction

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## HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

## USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

## AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

## FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first

used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

## COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION

**State data.** Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

**County data.** Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

## SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

## CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

–	Represents zero.
(D)	Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(H)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
(IC)	Independent city.
(L)	Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
(NA)	Not available.
(S)	Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
(X)	Not applicable.
(Z)	Less than half of the unit shown.
cwt	Hundredweight.
sq ft	Square feet.

# A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number .....	31 998	34 074	-6.1
Land in farms ----- acres .....	10 188 362	10 746 190	-5.2
Average size of farm ----- acres .....	318	315	1.0
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	248 479	215 209	15.5
Average per acre ----- dollars .....	777	697	11.5
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	40 616	34 900	16.4
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres ----- farms .....	1 122	1 387	-19.1
10 to 49 acres ----- farms .....	5 796	6 240	-7.1
50 to 179 acres ----- farms .....	12 797	13 506	-5.2
180 to 499 acres ----- farms .....	7 606	7 789	-2.3
500 to 999 acres ----- farms .....	2 524	2 884	-12.5
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- farms .....	1 365	1 445	-5.5
2,000 acres or more ----- farms .....	788	823	-4.3
Total cropland ----- farms .....	27 625	29 785	-7.3
Harvested cropland ----- acres .....	6 518 288	6 747 639	-3.4
Irrigated land ----- farms .....	22 245	24 305	-8.5
----- acres .....	4 404 612	4 272 651	3.1
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 .....	2 336 737	1 862 903	25.4
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	73 028	54 672	33.6
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 .....	1 146 450	913 913	25.4
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 .....	1 190 287	948 989	25.4
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 ----- farms .....	9 860	11 109	-11.2
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ----- farms .....	5 417	5 985	-9.5
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ----- farms .....	5 049	5 012	7.7
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ----- farms .....	4 119	4 070	1.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ----- farms .....	1 681	1 771	-5.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ----- farms .....	1 248	1 710	-27.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ----- farms .....	1 983	2 405	-17.5
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ----- farms .....	1 506	1 318	14.3
\$500,000 or more ----- farms .....	1 135	694	63.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000 .....	1 954 337	1 465 201	33.4
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	61 067	42 999	42.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> ----- farms .....	32 003	34 075	-6.1
----- \$1,000 .....	319 662	332 280	-3.8
Average per farm ----- dollars .....	9 989	9 751	2.4
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming ----- farms .....	14 463	15 111	-4.3
Other ----- farms .....	17 535	18 963	-7.5
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any ----- farms .....	17 241	19 421	-11.2
200 days or more ----- farms .....	12 119	13 518	-10.3
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms .....	21 070	22 482	-6.3
----- number .....	1 152 331	1 147 219	4.4
Beef cows ----- farms .....	18 855	19 008	-8.0
----- number .....	588 920	579 312	1.7
Milk cows ----- farms .....	1 216	1 643	-26.0
----- number .....	64 510	71 834	-10.2
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms .....	20 282	22 087	-8.2
----- number .....	580 526	638 685	-9.1
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms .....	1 270	2 237	-43.2
----- number .....	160 917	179 063	-10.1
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms .....	934	1 622	-42.4
----- number .....	278 764	284 630	-2.1
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms .....	237	218	8.7
----- number .....	6 447	5 395	19.5
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms .....	1 453	2 550	-43.0
----- number .....	6 841 469	7 027 574	-2.6
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms .....	1 211	1 129	7.3
----- number .....	388 128 497	276 652 292	40.3
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms .....	3 377	4 020	-16.0
----- acres .....	269 080	120 361	123.6
Sorghum for grain or seed ----- bushels .....	23 869 788	9 369 093	154.8
----- farms .....	662	1 414	-53.2
----- acres .....	105 151	111 250	-5.5
Wheat for grain ----- bushels .....	7 172 060	6 758 881	6.1
----- farms .....	1 064	1 991	-46.6
----- acres .....	180 840	283 477	-36.2
Rice ----- bushels .....	6 749 633	9 674 702	-30.2
----- farms .....	748	803	-6.8
----- acres .....	270 497	195 505	38.4
Cotton ----- cwt .....	15 630 876	10 466 632	49.3
----- farms .....	3 344	4 225	-20.9
----- acres .....	1 332 855	1 028 249	29.6
Soybeans for beans ----- bales .....	2 075 048	1 654 648	25.4
----- farms .....	4 644	6 475	-28.3
----- acres .....	1 652 840	2 006 263	-17.6
----- bushels .....	53 569 740	41 329 519	29.6
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms .....	15 121	15 501	-2.5
----- acres .....	639 152	585 346	9.2
----- tons, dry .....	1 317 502	1 092 059	20.6

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

## B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :			
Average per farm ..... dollars .....	40 616	34 900	16.4
Farms by size:			
.01 to 3.84 hectares .....	1 122	1 387	-19.1
3.85 to 20.04 hectares .....	5 796	6 240	-7.1
20.05 to 72.67 hectares .....	12 797	13 506	-5.2
72.68 to 202.22 hectares .....	7 606	7 789	-2.3
202.23 to 404.65 hectares .....	2 524	2 884	-12.5
404.66 to 809.51 hectares .....	1 365	1 445	-5.5
809.52 hectares or more .....	788	823	-4.3
Total cropland ..... farms .....	27 625	29 785	-7.3
..... hectares .....	2 637 951	2 730 770	-3.4
Harvested cropland ..... farms .....	22 245	24 305	-8.5
..... hectares .....	1 782 546	1 729 142	3.1
Irrigated land ..... farms .....	2 127	2 012	5.7
..... hectares .....	357 340	257 730	38.6
Market value of agricultural products sold ..... \$1,000 .....	2 336 737	1 862 903	25.4
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\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 681	1 771	-5.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 248	1 710	-27.0
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..... number .....	588 920	579 312	1.7
Milk cows ..... farms .....	1 216	1 643	-26.0
..... number .....	64 510	71 834	-10.2
Cattle and calves sold ..... farms .....	20 282	22 087	-8.2
..... number .....	580 526	638 685	-9.1
Hogs and pigs inventory ..... farms .....	1 270	2 237	-43.2
..... number .....	160 917	179 063	-10.1
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..... number .....	278 764	284 630	-2.1
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Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ..... farms .....	1 211	1 129	7.3
..... number .....	388 128 497	276 652 292	40.3
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ..... farms .....	3 377	4 020	-16.0
..... hectares .....	108 897	48 710	123.6
..... metric tons .....	606 321	237 986	154.8
Sorghum for grain or seed ..... farms .....	662	1 414	-53.2
..... hectares .....	42 555	45 023	-5.5
..... metric tons .....	182 179	171 684	6.1
Wheat for grain ..... farms .....	1 064	1 991	-46.6
..... hectares .....	73 186	114 723	-36.2
..... metric tons .....	183 695	263 302	-30.2
Rice ..... farms .....	748	803	-6.8
..... hectares .....	109 470	79 121	38.4
..... metric tons .....	709 005	474 759	49.3
Cotton ..... farms .....	3 344	4 225	-20.9
..... hectares .....	539 406	416 132	29.6
..... metric tons .....	451 789	360 257	25.4
Soybeans for beans ..... farms .....	4 644	6 475	-28.3
..... hectares .....	668 904	811 935	-17.6
..... metric tons .....	1 457 930	1 124 806	29.6
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ..... farms .....	15 121	15 501	-2.5
..... hectares .....	258 665	236 890	9.2
..... metric tons .....	1 195 218	990 700	20.6

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

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