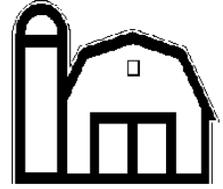


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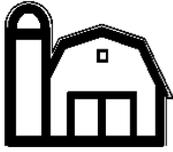
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Introduction

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	2 890	3 027	-4.5
Land in farms ----- acres	9 263 684	9 988 520	-7.3
Average size of farm ----- acres	3 205	3 300	-2.9
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	811 941	749 936	8.3
Average per acre ----- dollars	252	227	11.0
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars	60 260	52 474	14.8
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres -----	445	574	-22.5
10 to 49 acres -----	680	671	1.3
50 to 179 acres -----	599	574	4.4
180 to 499 acres -----	431	453	-4.9
500 to 999 acres -----	238	267	-10.9
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	175	154	13.6
2,000 acres or more -----	322	334	-3.6
Total cropland ----- farms	2 255	2 317	-2.7
----- acres	840 364	802 604	4.7
Harvested cropland ----- farms	1 753	1 884	-7.0
----- acres	408 568	526 067	-22.3
Irrigated land ----- farms	2 151	2 221	-3.2
----- acres	556 172	778 977	-28.6
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000	288 139	250 458	15.0
Average per farm ----- dollars	99 702	82 741	20.5
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000	79 957	75 685	5.6
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000	208 182	174 773	19.1
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	862	861	.1
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	305	353	-13.6
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	352	336	4.8
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	375	437	-14.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	250	278	-10.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	264	258	2.3
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	260	292	-11.0
\$250,000 to \$499,999 -----	106	123	-13.8
\$500,000 or more -----	116	89	30.3
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000	247 113	208 924	18.3
Average per farm ----- dollars	85 506	68 975	24.0
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ ----- farms	2 891	3 029	-4.6
----- \$1,000	40 728	42 975	-5.2
Average per farm ----- dollars	14 088	14 188	-7
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	1 656	1 675	-1.1
Other -----	1 234	1 352	-8.7
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	1 518	1 654	-8.2
200 days or more -----	910	1 042	-12.7
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms	1 652	1 819	-9.2
----- number	523 305	575 608	-9.1
Beef cows ----- farms	1 330	1 438	-7.5
----- number	265 690	305 018	-12.9
Milk cows ----- farms	208	274	-24.1
----- number	21 769	17 646	23.4
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms	1 538	1 733	-11.3
----- number	317 233	303 567	4.5
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms	154	149	3.4
----- number	7 636	16 505	-53.7
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms	102	128	-20.3
----- number	23 746	26 413	-10.1
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms	360	393	-8.4
----- number	122 188	99 768	22.5
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms	250	397	-37.0
----- number	14 826	18 245	-18.7
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms	7	10	-30.0
----- number	200	525	-61.9
Selected crops harvested:			
Wheat for grain ----- farms	57	114	-50.0
----- acres	9 968	15 052	-33.8
----- bushels	719 200	1 096 511	-34.4
Barley for grain ----- farms	36	115	-68.7
----- acres	4 613	9 150	-49.6
----- bushels	423 411	725 196	-41.6
Irish potatoes ----- farms	12	10	20.0
----- acres	8 111	7 501	8.1
----- cwt	3 035 277	2 561 680	18.5
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms	1 638	1 762	-7.0
----- acres	380 959	479 346	-20.5
----- tons, dry	1 082 233	1 223 895	-11.6

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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

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metric tons -----	9 219	15 789	-41.6
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