

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Farmsnumber	42,625	45,071	49,346	47,483	49,493	45,142	43,937	48,242
Land in farmsacres	13,888,929	13,810,786	13,872,862	14,502,793	14,823,865	14,364,955	14,127,711	14,355,611
Average size of farmacres	326	306	281	305	300	318	322	298
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,030,741	807,965	658,732	447,104	354,095	360,114	282,389	225,604
Average per acredollars	3,163	2,637	2,343	1,469	1,157	1,151	880	761
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	5,389,926	5,202,799	4,481,741	3,007,394	2,749,848	2,510,490	1,957,035	1,661,321
Average per farmdollars	126,667	115,438	90,823	65,299	55,572	55,619	44,601	34,505
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,520	1,918	2,581	1,728	2,043	1,686	1,727	2,249
10 to 49 acres	10,404	11,947	15,119	11,222	10,760	9,186	8,295	9,723
50 to 179 acres	14,838	16,631	16,916	17,297	18,241	16,450	15,771	17,551
180 to 499 acres	8,827	8,722	8,590	10,369	10,975	10,437	10,719	11,173
500 to 999 acres	2,975	2,598	2,959	3,526	4,103	4,049	4,188	4,371
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,597	1,760	1,803	2,122	2,326	2,298	2,287	2,304
2,000 acres or more	1,464	1,495	1,378	1,219	1,045	1,036	950	871
Total croplandfarms	27,080	29,380	35,154	36,908	39,704	37,205	37,408	40,536
.....acres	7,825,947	7,931,111	8,432,221	9,576,047	10,271,653	10,062,289	10,064,948	9,950,401
Harvested cropland.....farms	23,665	25,535	29,050	29,466	31,847	30,125	30,441	32,248
.....acres	7,098,672	7,316,469	7,367,068	7,457,599	7,814,711	7,665,490	7,295,095	6,477,365
Irrigated landfarms	4,475	5,084	5,393	5,847	6,887	6,593	6,682	7,269
.....acres	4,855,143	4,803,902	4,460,682	4,149,766	3,785,338	3,717,217	2,701,651	2,406,338
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	9,651,160	9,775,758	7,508,806	4,950,397	5,613,156	5,479,692	4,159,505	3,320,258
Average per farmdollars	226,420	216,897	152,166	104,256	113,413	121,388	94,670	68,825
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	3,624,930	4,834,879	2,900,973	1,620,384	2,232,440	2,188,026	1,714,842	1,246,686
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	6,026,230	4,940,880	4,607,833	3,330,014	3,380,717	3,291,665	2,444,663	2,073,572
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	14,775	15,268	17,810	16,408	13,179	11,029	9,566	12,130
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,027	4,497	5,353	5,975	7,533	6,901	6,405	7,609
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,296	5,455	6,263	6,237	7,509	6,723	6,844	7,101
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6,388	6,788	7,147	6,308	6,446	6,071	6,071	6,088
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3,221	3,529	3,018	2,176	2,448	2,408	2,717	2,885
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,945	2,028	1,685	1,865	2,075	1,978	2,614	3,329
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,292	2,386	3,471	5,775	7,056	6,832	7,900	8,197
\$500,000 or more	4,681	5,120	4,599	2,739	3,247	3,200	1,820	903
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	36,982	39,351	42,470	43,458	43,020	39,009	38,221	42,885
Partnership	2,715	3,344	4,667	2,626	4,095	3,891	3,824	3,626
Corporation	2,090	1,842	1,854	1,182	2,142	2,025	1,714	1,542
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	838	534	355	217	236	217	178	189
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	7,095,900	7,701,266	6,134,870	3,898,297	4,709,755	4,161,029	3,245,341	2,454,097
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	1,006,252	891,909	828,459	515,620	512,770	467,737	414,337	368,424
Feed purchased\$1,000	2,134,507	2,617,016	2,023,611	1,250,849	1,954,542	1,654,949	964,146	774,203
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	447,414	629,255	437,022	216,013	233,756	213,542	184,504	123,230
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	366,375	510,909	395,167	188,568	200,723	181,212	169,025	136,284
Hired farm labor\$1,000	371,625	342,712	268,860	253,395	259,973	238,733	223,124	198,167
Interest expense\$1,000	249,344	245,943	231,796	203,361	211,518	192,005	165,014	135,440
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	509,281	505,519	327,730	245,100	263,161	237,031	201,753	115,386
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	25,372	25,866	28,292	29,925	32,775	30,369	29,162	31,606
.....number	1,759,375	1,615,774	1,802,653	1,842,273	1,784,191	1,770,248	1,632,666	1,562,247
Beef cowsfarms	23,036	23,385	25,361	26,526	28,818	26,981	26,011	27,293
.....number	927,278	813,250	947,765	951,803	924,826	927,357	826,306	786,183
Milk cowsfarms	72	100	339	486	1,260	1,193	1,688	2,252
.....number	6,114	8,972	16,718	30,414	49,280	49,012	64,427	70,926
Cattle and calves soldfarms	21,360	22,116	23,731	25,955	32,044	29,903	28,545	31,315
.....number	937,533	954,433	992,422	932,963	992,313	978,007	817,838	888,755
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,021	752	1,142	846	1,369	1,247	1,883	2,467
.....number	130,774	109,316	289,342	305,659	866,082	858,741	725,497	452,930
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	797	540	954	867	1,106	1,019	1,666	2,168
.....number	1,192,402	1,144,573	1,866,416	2,408,257	2,792,531	2,762,914	2,016,536	1,211,130
Layers inventory (see text)farms	4,249	3,549	3,047	1,905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	12,285,533	12,545,952	13,977,804	13,189,901	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	2,134	2,109	2,485	3,520	3,882	3,650	3,666	4,132
.....number	1,066,200,182	975,950,973	1,171,556,369	1,181,907,700	1,046,510,017	1,003,161,769	862,403,824	719,764,548
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	1,440	1,712	1,395	800	851	831	622	748
.....acres	594,773	695,003	584,629	238,554	185,251	184,079	94,606	53,672
.....bushels	108,957,355	124,688,804	99,778,632	31,747,203	22,080,806	21,901,248	12,139,499	5,802,912
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	37	47	30	31	36	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	2,627	4,208	1,887	(D)	3,442	3,442	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	49,419	29,156	26,326	(D)	41,671	41,671	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	434	1,631	2,112	2,971	3,490	3,361	4,134	5,329
.....acres	124,698	448,235	696,681	770,551	775,040	763,388	815,096	859,405
.....bushels	6,866,145	25,253,539	27,859,060	34,967,687	35,833,441	35,361,702	35,234,257	33,241,332
Winter wheat for grainfarms	434	1,631	2,112	2,971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	124,698	448,235	696,681	770,551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	6,866,145	25,253,539	27,859,060	34,967,687	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	39	45	57	104	103	100	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	7,328	6,006	6,431	7,950	8,127	8,062	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	588,423	578,583	601,737	615,630	581,000	578,205	(NA)	(NA)

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
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Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Sorghum for grain	farms 57	525	697	813	902	875	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 6,983	133,660	216,432	203,527	132,474	130,948	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 553,910	11,426,434	20,761,820	15,738,086	9,072,357	8,988,578	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 7	28	34	29	49	49	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,021	3,397	2,073	1,656	2,704	2,714	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 13,570	19,423	27,488	9,158	28,033	28,413	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 3,757	4,154	4,610	5,250	7,227	6,889	7,604	8,983
	acres 3,498,157	3,154,061	2,819,478	2,888,018	3,638,298	3,571,342	3,164,168	3,160,746
	bushels 177,961,347	136,482,368	98,903,025	96,257,992	104,706,642	103,074,994	99,219,546	73,279,691
Cotton, all	farms 531	701	915	1,192	1,820	1,730	2,279	2,479
	acres 439,582	586,351	854,410	921,316	996,820	962,272	947,973	529,636
	bales 1,068,379	1,253,037	1,902,073	1,655,956	1,681,803	1,621,344	1,574,664	816,723
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 18,591	20,158	22,939	22,755	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,343,033	1,286,688	1,334,153	1,414,857	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 2,696,209	1,639,109	2,966,184	3,219,368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 1,877	2,345	2,752	3,573	4,325	4,207	4,924	5,613
	acres 1,103,733	1,285,381	1,326,377	1,506,615	1,404,942	1,384,969	1,363,237	1,041,433
	cwt 82,835,358	96,847,596	96,033,069	97,254,798	80,020,635	78,882,488	75,410,027	54,663,266
Sunflower seed, all	farms 1	-	1	5	8	7	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	-	(D)	174	(D)	44	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds (D)	-	(D)	155,298	(D)	43,220	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 77	36	1	15	30	29	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 29,104	13,594	(D)	1,413	1,636	1,616	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 154,507,444	59,109,271	(D)	3,757,277	4,239,590	4,209,590	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 748	625	804	482	584	536	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 11,062	11,111	14,146	13,443	14,897	14,480	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 149	173	168	43	42	39	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 67	60	76	36	141	135	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 75	17	53	50	45	40	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,598	2,410	3,125	1,164	172	164	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 752	536	666	565	705	646	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 17,938	13,681	13,932	14,487	14,713	14,334	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

² Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

³ Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.

⁴ Data for 2012 and prior years exclude pineapples.