

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	42,439	42,257	47,846	49,311	49,343	40,334	40,759	43,552
Land in farmsacres	9,953,730	9,620,836	10,150,539	10,744,239	11,262,838	10,671,246	10,025,581	10,744,718
Average size of farmacres	235	228	212	218	228	265	246	247
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	822,958	702,282	661,201	457,427	362,690	392,577	280,562	226,217
Average per acredollars	3,509	3,085	3,117	2,112	1,550	1,505	1,131	920
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	4,912,939	3,935,960	3,681,670	2,416,555	2,073,886	1,791,247	1,421,195	1,409,250
Average per farmdollars	115,773	93,146	76,948	51,847	42,061	44,392	34,904	32,477
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4,516	3,025	3,504	3,569	3,442	2,399	2,859	2,875
10 to 49 acres	13,444	13,834	16,243	15,759	14,169	10,255	10,443	10,953
50 to 179 acres	13,479	14,671	16,244	17,160	18,126	14,677	14,470	15,602
180 to 499 acres	6,514	6,334	7,432	7,962	8,518	7,910	7,987	8,868
500 to 999 acres	2,233	2,284	2,470	2,735	2,791	2,795	2,972	3,197
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,498	1,375	1,253	1,394	1,526	1,543	1,407	1,453
2,000 acres or more	755	734	700	732	771	755	621	604
Total croplandfarms	27,815	28,360	31,924	34,660	37,503	32,816	34,600	37,689
.....acres	4,372,134	4,190,918	4,478,168	4,676,567	5,572,570	5,370,844	5,475,712	5,780,330
Harvested cropland.....farms	22,704	22,347	23,179	24,424	27,810	25,082	27,177	30,301
.....acres	3,628,707	3,609,788	3,390,437	3,245,784	3,894,737	3,762,559	3,332,666	3,298,268
Irrigated landfarms	6,191	5,230	5,716	5,369	4,752	4,701	4,985	4,985
.....acres	1,287,541	1,125,355	1,017,773	870,810	773,066	748,520	724,792	640,256
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	9,573,252	9,255,125	7,112,866	4,911,752	5,182,676	4,992,918	3,521,217	2,814,592
Average per farmdollars	225,577	219,020	148,662	99,608	105,034	123,789	86,391	64,626
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	3,271,940	3,670,455	2,142,270	1,579,596	1,995,404	1,920,598	1,428,964	1,005,664
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	6,301,312	5,584,670	4,970,596	3,332,156	3,187,272	3,072,320	2,092,253	1,808,928
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	18,594	18,372	23,391	23,986	19,552	13,731	12,070	13,176
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,216	3,951	4,450	5,046	6,758	5,503	5,983	6,460
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,492	4,139	4,527	5,131	6,053	5,154	5,402	5,805
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,789	4,704	4,906	4,878	5,052	4,694	5,200	5,320
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,335	2,232	2,308	2,406	2,369	2,174	2,659	3,012
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,498	1,552	1,491	1,592	2,088	1,908	2,397	2,883
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,257	2,144	3,414	3,801	4,693	4,472	5,354	5,961
\$500,000 or more	4,258	5,163	3,359	2,471	2,778	2,698	1,694	935
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	36,233	36,863	41,703	45,050	43,523	35,206	35,985	38,806
Partnership	2,733	2,535	3,850	2,490	3,560	3,105	3,173	3,382
Corporation	2,882	2,410	1,909	1,484	1,891	1,706	1,297	1,106
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	591	449	384	287	369	317	304	258
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	7,113,138	7,488,510	5,982,253	3,845,512	4,321,340	3,840,117	2,867,358	2,338,551
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	1,004,687	927,465	871,341	372,108	434,150	396,933	317,816	307,677
Feed purchased\$1,000	2,264,683	2,913,851	2,121,379	1,365,162	1,630,861	1,427,778	909,360	755,609
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	452,329	499,665	353,104	190,338	244,907	219,398	191,665	156,412
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	283,525	346,738	301,942	149,582	154,820	136,653	125,189	102,026
Hired farm labor\$1,000	518,543	447,136	361,419	326,621	315,101	285,883	252,721	209,647
Interest expense\$1,000	211,364	228,123	225,086	193,171	193,283	170,943	147,611	130,645
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	410,369	398,050	250,881	197,468	223,875	196,778	148,906	108,992
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	17,387	17,188	20,647	24,554	26,938	21,874	23,339	25,349
.....number	1,059,672	1,033,717	1,117,087	1,272,291	1,289,428	1,244,489	1,258,062	1,266,679
Beef cowsfarms	14,869	15,175	17,721	21,576	23,047	19,180	20,549	21,952
.....number	488,415	469,942	554,099	629,127	624,891	613,731	599,899	606,750
Milk cowsfarms	572	348	639	841	1,188	984	1,168	1,475
.....number	85,554	79,492	77,193	85,075	100,306	98,931	102,001	97,763
Cattle and calves soldfarms	13,234	13,982	16,261	18,770	24,782	21,015	22,162	24,604
.....number	505,563	537,089	595,273	565,767	642,462	613,950	612,588	681,238
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,091	866	1,111	1,148	2,280	1,764	3,844	5,805
.....number	81,197	153,733	263,471	347,816	539,913	514,029	1,000,813	1,060,377
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	811	600	830	995	1,909	1,561	3,745	5,634
.....number	573,727	696,608	942,400	1,179,137	1,075,860	1,030,187	1,865,702	1,869,236
Layers inventory (see text)farms	4,743	3,483	2,870	1,274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	17,966,521	17,445,067	19,273,181	20,022,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	2,104	2,743	2,265	2,758	2,478	2,245	2,407	2,815
.....number	1,380,543,983	1,369,162,943	1,398,912,031	1,288,543,081	1,069,285,689	1,017,501,305	749,018,187	609,503,009
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	2,103	2,619	3,114	3,070	5,579	5,196	7,896	10,561
.....acres	259,315	311,125	449,007	252,176	411,608	404,268	647,833	548,498
.....bushels	44,834,066	52,451,141	54,137,330	26,720,244	41,144,090	40,568,303	60,513,790	43,332,343
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	287	238	284	282	351	330	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	45,784	31,216	38,657	30,847	32,803	32,304	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	910,803	653,545	676,293	541,116	511,356	503,805	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	475	1,480	1,332	1,305	2,155	2,115	2,332	4,704
.....acres	69,740	227,087	228,959	185,301	300,860	299,188	292,362	416,997
.....bushels	3,241,330	10,870,821	9,206,001	7,664,451	12,768,987	12,691,834	12,371,069	13,269,742
Winter wheat for grainfarms	475	1,480	1,332	1,305	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	69,740	227,087	228,959	185,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	3,241,330	10,870,821	9,206,001	7,664,451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	184	316	476	573	570	554	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	14,538	20,087	28,770	23,056	22,105	22,341	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	707,310	992,230	1,535,663	1,287,164	1,211,952	1,243,367	(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.								
Barley for grain	9	22	13	13	28	28	(NA)	(NA)
farms	426	646	537	(D)	1,583	1,504	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16,890	32,210	30,326	19,437	88,092	81,992	(NA)	(NA)
bushels								
Sorghum for grain	116	371	428	314	361	360	(NA)	(NA)
farms	11,442	39,082	44,694	25,904	27,672	27,786	(NA)	(NA)
acres	568,440	1,924,241	1,935,793	1,019,355	1,311,440	1,314,386	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	57	106	106	135	42	43	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	7,608	14,613	9,982	12,541	3,904	3,919	(NA)	(NA)
farms	97,814	272,150	119,277	151,413	37,566	37,866	(NA)	(NA)
acres	947	1,470	1,617	1,108	2,921	2,864	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	150,222	215,133	280,220	136,138	349,098	351,359	513,781	759,582
farms	5,975,406	7,808,576	7,970,113	3,083,878	7,047,160	7,078,444	14,391,870	16,725,741
acres	2,550	2,616	2,577	3,216	4,410	4,188	2,015	1,733
bushels	1,270,652	1,279,400	996,427	1,267,150	1,464,105	1,367,620	431,625	231,635
Cotton, all	2,220,541	2,719,600	1,628,260	1,564,995	1,918,779	1,764,127	668,950	286,188
bales								
Tobacco	106	102	224	822	1,256	1,180	(NA)	(NA)
farms	12,905	9,882	17,989	25,060	42,795	41,083	(NA)	(NA)
acres	26,994,944	22,710,058	39,810,076	49,998,195	89,318,476	85,789,611	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	13,557	13,404	14,556	14,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	663,516	602,994	663,750	614,719	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,763,548	1,486,225	1,380,403	1,465,735	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent								
Sunflower seed, all	64	22	35	45	17	15	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,196	1,301	2,150	553	(D)	273	(NA)	(NA)
acres	762,117	1,271,852	(D)	518,969	(D)	238,114	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Peanuts for nuts	2,838	2,833	2,762	3,290	4,850	4,695	(NA)	(NA)
farms	827,627	731,946	518,719	467,712	520,283	511,954	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,582,574,205	3,236,937,533	1,634,837,229	1,173,877,160	1,306,964,722	1,284,532,488	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	1,946	1,562	1,445	1,668	2,068	1,797	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	108,673	99,492	128,720	149,556	123,082	118,806	(NA)	(NA)
farms	317	323	122	62	70	61	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,871	3,634	380	948	1,068	1,054	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	145	76	69	90	98	87	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	800	934	573	634	712	665	(NA)	(NA)
farms	145	76	69	90	98	87	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,107	3,353	3,745	4,273	4,199	3,541	4,146	4,137
Sweet potatoes	182,259	139,111	129,921	145,602	160,049	155,984	153,247	149,014
farms								
acres								
Land in orchards ⁴								
farms								
acres								

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.