

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	24,996	24,816	25,349	25,017	25,590	22,314	22,124	24,142
Land in farmsacres	11,691,912	11,760,109	11,497,383	11,767,294	12,057,001	11,830,167	13,468,992	13,931,875
Average size of farmacres	468	474	454	470	471	530	609	577
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,340,738	1,052,941	894,497	613,303	487,885	536,521	410,206	336,615
Average per acredollars	2,866	2,222	1,972	1,270	1,035	1,017	682	572
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	4,397,906	3,569,402	2,899,269	2,071,614	1,847,075	1,740,107	1,496,916	1,330,607
Average per farmdollars	175,951	143,835	114,383	91,746	72,191	77,916	67,841	55,327
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	6,673	4,861	4,891	4,871	4,320	3,092	2,785	3,021
10 to 49 acres	7,337	7,031	7,497	7,439	6,857	5,621	5,017	5,268
50 to 179 acres	4,161	5,103	5,225	4,917	5,294	4,757	5,070	5,685
180 to 499 acres	2,786	3,575	3,445	3,279	4,016	3,812	4,182	4,716
500 to 999 acres	1,606	1,728	1,808	1,873	2,243	2,199	2,270	2,446
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,160	1,308	1,214	1,346	1,604	1,582	1,524	1,697
2,000 acres or more	1,273	1,210	1,269	1,292	1,256	1,251	1,276	1,309
Total croplandfarms	17,338	18,024	18,782	18,366	20,485	18,994	19,204	21,085
acres	5,894,676	5,793,347	5,918,899	6,152,611	6,435,446	6,308,877	6,301,862	6,742,285
Harvested cropland.....farms	15,028	15,104	13,975	13,444	16,388	15,494	16,023	18,270
acres	4,576,077	4,504,676	4,225,786	4,313,288	4,581,227	4,478,862	4,225,273	4,349,122
Irrigated landfarms	15,577	15,732	16,124	15,901	16,683	15,191	15,487	16,620
acres	3,398,266	3,365,292	3,299,889	3,288,522	3,543,805	3,493,542	3,260,006	3,219,192
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	7,567,439	7,801,446	5,688,765	3,908,262	3,388,296	3,345,864	2,964,216	2,269,404
Average per farmdollars	302,746	314,372	224,418	156,224	132,407	149,945	133,982	94,002
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	3,210,834	3,443,012	2,324,789	1,787,172	1,816,769	1,773,699	1,492,103	1,097,255
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	4,356,606	4,358,435	3,363,976	2,121,090	1,571,526	1,572,166	1,472,113	1,172,149
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	10,205	8,969	10,772	11,587	8,016	5,663	4,726	5,329
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,475	2,487	2,192	2,123	2,790	2,350	2,186	2,519
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,358	2,367	2,281	1,998	2,636	2,362	2,433	2,627
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,452	2,537	2,617	2,444	3,240	3,182	3,266	3,646
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,538	1,842	1,666	1,604	2,131	2,068	2,370	2,781
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,381	1,518	1,505	1,368	1,939	1,898	2,253	2,787
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,777	3,095	2,661	2,589	3,533	3,510	3,790	3,791
\$500,000 or more	1,810	2,001	1,655	1,304	1,305	1,281	1,100	662
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	20,633	20,716	21,308	22,041	21,669	18,631	18,534	20,368
Partnership	1,869	1,802	2,124	1,543	2,089	1,956	2,074	2,314
Corporation	1,882	1,792	1,533	1,218	1,523	1,459	1,287	1,207
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	612	506	384	215	309	268	229	253
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	6,651,559	6,642,131	4,604,040	3,440,579	2,758,962	2,705,028	2,445,017	1,862,264
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	616,455	633,046	584,795	616,224	470,769	469,600	527,312	394,684
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,794,336	1,921,092	1,137,906	646,250	451,913	450,829	347,903	230,572
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	506,953	593,119	370,237	202,192	252,241	245,440	190,698	148,396
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	248,007	318,433	220,007	109,251	103,631	100,076	95,329	83,022
Hired farm labor\$1,000	735,969	592,484	499,505	369,892	278,162	270,843	245,990	181,790
Interest expense\$1,000	253,538	233,928	220,279	192,730	183,432	178,482	158,965	158,965
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	286,983	267,849	160,030	120,830	122,359	118,406	82,374	65,098
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	10,076	10,957	10,621	10,902	13,317	12,063	12,527	13,481
number	2,435,137	2,397,541	2,236,147	1,989,548	1,862,639	1,908,097	1,812,720	1,772,756
Beef cowsfarms	8,149	8,336	7,365	7,902	8,405	8,393	8,604	8,604
number	497,984	485,025	476,292	502,024	531,661	555,676	565,016	558,229
Milk cowsfarms	785	934	811	982	1,504	1,404	1,990	2,769
number	603,817	578,761	536,463	390,600	265,038	265,854	181,785	157,665
Cattle and calves soldfarms	8,757	9,157	9,662	9,035	12,516	11,684	12,230	13,321
number	1,870,607	1,838,956	1,829,456	1,856,342	1,567,003	1,578,375	1,646,112	1,502,218
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	606	680	657	841	917	714	1,141	1,258
number	35,634	(D)	32,794	23,352	33,875	29,026	67,343	76,882
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	699	683	728	980	729	573	940	1,113
number	105,161	144,932	65,618	39,482	52,023	44,626	104,723	119,188
Layers inventory (see text)farms	3,579	3,005	1,610	1,318	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	472,192	655,346	(D)	907,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	213	202	125	131	71	55	59	85
number	17,852	10,053	7,937	7,475	7,743	6,043	27,206	8,733
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	713	965	691	462	705	694	(NA)	(NA)
acres	143,263	135,010	104,570	42,209	41,369	41,162	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	27,925,762	26,226,728	17,752,526	6,561,733	6,429,983	6,390,279	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	1,031	1,077	1,115	1,021	1,053	1,041	(NA)	(NA)
acres	275,136	232,143	211,748	134,133	80,983	79,086	(NA)	(NA)
tons	8,047,967	6,320,137	5,695,090	3,490,255	2,044,572	1,991,808	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	2,585	3,145	2,850	2,736	5,381	5,199	6,106	7,706
acres	1,182,797	1,250,494	1,191,086	1,201,942	1,458,097	1,410,978	1,384,893	1,239,480
bushels	94,183,336	96,837,345	84,614,401	78,507,447	112,491,692	108,941,849	94,094,326	83,250,152
Durum wheat for grainfarms	82	17	32	29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	23,590	12,517	14,485	8,434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,914,309	767,326	1,166,722	620,629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	1,301	1,604	1,423	1,505	2,797	2,708	(NA)	(NA)
acres	438,899	499,623	446,897	518,218	581,392	567,869	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	34,495,375	36,302,985	30,456,106	30,244,525	46,213,277	45,270,813	(NA)	(NA)

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain	farms 1,775	2,222	2,059	1,923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 720,308	738,354	729,704	675,290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 57,773,652	59,767,034	52,991,573	47,642,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 124	265	298	393	547	549	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 10,416	14,899	19,629	18,179	20,701	20,406	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 661,344	1,078,637	1,178,663	1,244,462	1,500,159	1,472,775	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 1,669	2,347	2,146	2,447	4,259	4,178	5,149	7,852
	acres 524,307	593,469	547,928	634,476	736,771	711,504	691,273	833,225
	bushels 50,452,071	51,147,054	42,464,856	47,865,297	56,147,263	54,317,070	48,647,384	59,437,911
Sorghum for grain	farms 6	3	-	1	1	2	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 469	26	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 43,610	2,306	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 21	8	3	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,559	1,117	170	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 22,489	22,046	2,070	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 2	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 506	947	641	762	1,188	1,138	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 69,020	140,472	88,987	79,791	95,409	92,743	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 1,757,790	2,878,053	1,646,970	1,665,528	2,090,601	2,036,315	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 12,276	11,930	11,159	10,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,509,295	1,376,632	1,316,296	1,335,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 5,833,186	5,041,850	5,198,288	4,856,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 3	3	1	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	140	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 454,518	7,960	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	farms 460	531	507	655	926	921	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 168,376	184,510	163,598	202,932	195,869	195,651	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 6,521,838	6,474,139	5,631,170	4,934,966	5,084,196	5,078,013	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,209	1,307	1,137	427	674	645	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 354,278	369,480	377,062	26,010	38,695	37,783	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 684	794	703	818	1,435	1,402	1,616	1,792
	acres 335,042	345,217	350,905	364,229	398,498	394,977	372,028	352,670
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 576	482	485	442	429	377	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,708	6,529	7,682	7,172	10,660	9,903	(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.