

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	58,569	61,773	65,531	64,414	65,476	61,593	63,278	68,579
Land in farmsacres	45,759,319	46,137,295	46,345,827	47,227,944	46,650,618	46,089,268	46,672,188	46,628,519
Average size of farmacres	781	747	707	733	712	748	738	680
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,443,891	1,218,662	644,039	505,999	417,704	430,533	343,312	278,047
Average per acredollars	1,848	1,632	911	687	586	577	463	413
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	10,582,702	9,682,116	7,487,669	5,983,765	4,742,477	4,560,051	3,713,712	3,447,663
Average per farmdollars	180,725	156,740	114,261	95,124	72,488	74,047	58,812	50,411
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2,665	1,975	2,123	1,578	2,647	2,223	2,632	3,689
10 to 49 acres	10,101	9,776	10,041	9,611	8,438	6,970	6,023	6,222
50 to 179 acres	16,654	17,927	18,992	17,300	17,075	15,118	14,221	15,510
180 to 499 acres	11,135	12,578	14,108	13,632	14,136	13,928	15,218	16,705
500 to 999 acres	6,192	7,208	7,932	8,641	9,468	9,687	10,817	12,093
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5,375	6,098	6,238	7,371	7,765	7,895	8,809	9,304
2,000 acres or more	6,447	6,211	6,097	6,281	5,947	5,772	5,558	5,056
Total croplandfarms	48,581	52,285	55,272	56,703	56,967	54,145	56,389	61,615
acres	29,125,505	28,503,265	28,216,064	29,542,022	31,064,605	30,020,580	31,119,250	31,385,090
Harvested cropland.....farms	40,180	41,927	43,553	44,073	50,176	48,280	52,348	57,822
acres	21,837,465	21,043,596	19,886,655	18,976,719	20,989,979	19,839,087	18,794,787	17,729,394
Irrigated landfarms	5,141	6,205	5,957	5,915	6,109	6,135	6,543	7,352
acres	2,503,386	2,881,292	2,762,748	2,678,277	2,695,816	2,707,489	2,680,343	2,463,073
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	18,782,726	18,460,564	14,413,182	8,746,244	9,312,865	9,207,130	8,315,965	6,476,669
Average per farmdollars	320,694	298,845	219,944	135,782	142,233	149,483	131,420	94,441
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	6,460,437	6,983,993	4,887,212	2,418,447	3,352,243	3,221,766	2,270,577	1,693,609
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	12,322,289	11,476,571	9,525,971	6,327,797	5,960,622	5,985,364	6,045,388	4,783,060
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	17,714	18,459	22,731	20,444	13,350	10,968	8,387	9,502
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,672	3,658	3,863	4,594	5,368	5,068	5,618	6,919
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,675	5,035	5,198	6,102	7,283	6,767	7,808	9,430
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6,795	7,047	7,844	9,256	10,856	10,293	12,132	14,070
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,538	6,147	6,097	6,717	7,674	7,757	9,387	10,282
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,146	5,662	5,609	6,282	7,497	7,304	8,277	8,997
\$100,000 to \$499,999	9,728	10,585	10,174	9,205	11,437	11,433	10,174	8,422
\$500,000 or more	5,301	5,180	4,015	1,814	2,011	2,003	1,495	957
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	49,556	53,387	55,706	57,238	56,736	53,196	54,952	60,202
Partnership	3,671	3,860	5,549	4,062	5,444	5,196	5,686	5,889
Corporation	3,110	2,835	2,774	2,242	2,624	2,576	2,222	2,100
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	2,232	1,691	1,502	872	672	625	418	388
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	16,990,456	16,726,876	12,364,531	8,443,180	7,381,093	7,290,703	6,920,528	5,516,518
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	6,312,155	5,440,898	5,192,954	3,554,091	2,689,819	2,687,621	3,193,374	2,426,149
Feed purchased\$1,000	3,183,636	4,207,051	2,237,287	1,410,837	1,507,130	1,506,407	1,146,620	887,270
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	976,106	1,179,717	840,338	413,519	391,113	373,353	280,102	216,166
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	589,564	710,412	574,447	309,599	303,541	294,353	284,197	243,568
Hired farm labor\$1,000	665,972	531,492	412,164	332,498	313,715	306,410	239,629	226,075
Interest expense\$1,000	453,546	408,926	408,926	409,944	359,114	351,690	318,599	314,163
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	852,544	703,310	358,384	200,234	227,901	224,156	161,750	125,003
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	26,740	27,568	30,017	32,525	37,518	36,244	37,889	40,785
number	6,278,772	5,922,187	6,669,163	6,321,138	6,437,839	6,506,089	6,066,493	5,539,292
Beef cowsfarms	23,682	23,272	25,776	27,616	30,218	30,308	31,475	31,475
number	1,499,843	1,270,538	1,516,374	1,539,636	1,424,975	1,466,429	1,434,017	1,354,649
Milk cowsfarms	639	858	776	1,042	1,481	1,466	2,165	3,093
number	160,671	131,688	115,634	113,388	80,495	82,080	85,132	96,675
Cattle and calves soldfarms	24,211	24,361	27,565	29,589	37,044	36,207	37,893	41,498
number	7,973,867	7,466,400	8,738,281	8,044,209	8,233,339	8,271,113	7,699,746	7,310,338
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	943	1,010	1,454	1,648	3,005	2,831	5,684	6,768
number	2,100,764	1,886,197	1,885,252	1,520,996	1,574,839	1,585,224	1,584,048	1,516,878
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,067	992	1,542	1,939	3,012	2,873	6,089	7,090
number	5,401,917	5,015,465	4,712,308	3,512,384	3,162,975	3,184,437	2,992,913	2,759,676
Layers inventory (see text)farms	3,967	3,781	2,634	1,961	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	214	269	158	183	102	93	80	132
number	22,153	51,374	26,941	91,894	37,700	35,018	88,483	176,061
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	12,556	11,684	11,236	9,552	10,434	10,833	9,604	8,944
acres	5,232,355	3,948,462	3,680,278	2,494,179	2,454,398	2,497,516	1,748,802	1,243,969
bushels	693,862,078	337,043,923	500,560,815	289,681,829	351,343,546	356,413,100	258,720,259	144,133,581
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	1,238	2,532	1,665	2,865	1,712	1,765	(NA)	(NA)
acres	174,879	337,083	166,018	307,303	116,152	117,472	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,977,689	3,286,522	2,988,294	3,213,232	2,022,960	2,042,941	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	15,658	21,528	22,630	24,236	31,852	30,392	36,623	38,638
acres	7,003,948	9,009,535	8,527,780	8,080,854	10,884,416	9,560,615	9,942,149	8,679,588
bushels	319,315,035	359,484,644	270,115,386	262,980,052	463,721,879	407,515,802	329,082,833	292,999,442
Winter wheat for grainfarms	15,658	21,528	22,630	24,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7,003,947	9,009,535	8,527,780	8,080,854	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	319,315,035	359,484,644	270,115,386	262,980,052	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	399	615	874	1,611	2,545	2,603	4,659	5,313
acres	25,256	29,802	29,761	53,765	77,923	79,163	118,788	128,091
bushels	1,325,952	1,386,113	1,363,381	2,403,129	4,413,607	4,530,823	6,024,886	4,775,729

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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	farms 56	92	157	81	156	152	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 3,816	7,110	13,109	4,193	8,499	8,203	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 152,938	333,607	692,044	154,233	344,173	336,453	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 7,294	8,893	11,379	15,086	20,578	20,398	23,820	32,492
	acres 2,430,570	2,103,921	2,625,920	2,863,487	3,106,172	3,077,984	2,957,276	3,399,564
	bushels 193,686,322	87,007,994	201,048,807	126,371,170	233,499,331	231,561,211	222,145,624	228,045,100
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 723	1,357	1,779	1,826	2,447	2,500	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 79,754	136,262	131,125	113,963	122,842	123,324	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 983,322	1,327,474	1,505,041	924,207	1,778,154	1,785,730	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 16,372	15,448	13,232	13,622	14,404	14,733	14,743	18,864
	acres 5,120,305	3,802,588	2,591,428	2,534,974	2,139,071	2,208,642	1,669,958	1,878,978
	bushels 196,810,212	83,696,476	82,719,224	57,946,285	76,267,366	78,563,054	56,854,327	55,789,994
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 27	21	33	80	118	118	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 7,331	7,293	5,955	17,494	17,609	17,767	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 231,653	104,582	134,719	297,133	358,533	362,021	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 221	153	106	162	43	45	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 96,521	52,098	40,924	55,953	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
	bales 187,728	67,327	54,814	75,581	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 25,831	25,710	29,266	29,760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,497,574	2,468,996	2,800,129	3,086,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 5,645,809	4,336,148	6,916,201	6,413,838	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 250	362	681	896	940	936	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 58,084	80,179	156,378	119,127	(D)	115,448	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 74,386,938	111,263,316	220,194,520	105,943,758	(D)	132,751,146	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 498	441	473	327	424	398	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 6,384	7,118	8,976	2,854	3,126	3,128	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 161	166	137	38	72	68	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 3,848	5,178	5,266	3,764	927	924	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 51	30	36	17	3	3	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 27	23	49	29	11	11	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 510	489	432	476	459	406	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,170	7,100	7,162	7,042	6,175	6,834	(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.