

**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
Farms .....number	27,386	28,093	30,106	27,413	30,425	23,823	25,652	27,350
Land in farms .....acres	7,997,511	7,900,864	8,109,975	7,830,664	8,367,843	7,876,528	7,837,545	8,007,173
Average size of farm .....acres	292	281	269	286	275	331	306	293
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	889,146	718,179	554,270	444,007	338,828	380,871	291,332	268,630
Average per acre .....dollars	3,045	2,554	2,058	1,534	1,236	1,206	972	940
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	3,332,874	2,933,418	2,378,327	1,694,916	1,654,927	1,414,014	1,186,601	1,046,373
Average per farm .....dollars	121,758	104,418	78,998	64,379	54,406	59,330	46,299	38,323
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	3,735	2,967	3,282	2,526	2,525	1,650	1,934	2,066
10 to 49 acres .....	9,008	9,309	10,394	8,766	9,488	6,485	6,895	7,799
50 to 179 acres .....	7,655	8,723	8,457	8,100	9,530	7,429	7,891	8,248
180 to 499 acres .....	3,640	3,845	4,550	4,202	4,651	4,128	4,553	4,811
500 to 999 acres .....	1,275	1,323	1,501	1,828	2,124	2,029	2,471	2,602
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,114	1,051	1,103	1,253	1,386	1,388	1,345	1,279
2,000 acres or more .....	959	875	819	738	721	714	563	545
Total cropland .....farms	16,009	16,597	19,866	20,368	23,275	19,333	21,777	23,273
Harvested cropland.....acres	4,345,843	4,275,637	4,691,344	5,071,537	5,567,627	5,331,411	5,552,733	5,562,736
Irrigated land .....acres	12,559	12,918	13,783	14,017	17,679	15,115	17,171	18,644
Irrigated land .....farms	3,314,955	3,447,617	3,342,048	3,332,146	4,022,664	3,882,648	3,810,690	3,599,678
Irrigated land .....acres	3,102	3,015	3,218	3,496	3,784	3,400	3,929	4,064
Irrigated land .....dollars	1,235,752	1,092,881	954,353	938,841	960,831	942,528	897,641	646,677
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	3,172,978	3,809,401	2,617,981	1,815,803	2,142,630	2,031,277	1,607,511	1,340,162
Average per farm .....dollars	115,861	135,600	86,959	66,239	70,423	85,265	62,666	49,000
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	2,060,951	2,783,610	1,604,647	1,065,611	1,457,793	1,411,472	1,111,346	929,858
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	1,112,027	1,025,791	1,013,334	750,192	684,837	619,805	496,165	410,304
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	12,802	12,750	14,626	11,838	11,578	7,755	8,008	9,283
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	2,751	2,934	2,934	3,203	4,345	3,389	3,664	4,021
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3,114	3,140	3,295	3,194	3,902	3,097	3,407	3,448
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	2,869	3,262	3,167	3,039	3,323	2,825	3,149	3,050
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1,705	1,632	1,771	1,419	1,521	1,358	1,593	1,477
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1,036	1,087	1,091	1,295	1,332	1,207	1,670	2,063
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	1,414	1,409	1,817	2,473	3,313	3,126	3,545	3,323
\$500,000 or more .....	1,695	1,879	1,405	952	1,111	1,066	616	386
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....	23,336	24,525	25,716	24,915	26,736	20,633	22,310	24,322
Partnership .....	1,942	1,788	2,395	1,323	2,141	1,850	2,032	1,926
Corporation .....	1,706	1,552	1,775	1,041	1,334	1,164	1,105	905
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....	402	228	220	134	214	176	205	197
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	2,610,874	2,820,092	2,118,965	1,615,624	1,657,726	1,466,483	1,309,012	1,022,931
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000	169,839	134,875	120,621	89,122	84,341	73,786	63,257	55,167
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	270,870	452,403	369,975	260,900	290,852	247,019	171,376	135,012
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	268,861	315,831	228,664	126,666	142,397	128,104	121,097	86,079
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	186,541	235,089	179,282	89,018	96,514	85,572	91,578	74,326
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	273,908	251,287	191,748	181,647	179,549	163,558	146,667	121,984
Interest expense .....\$1,000	74,844	81,570	69,870	73,597	85,849	75,495	70,931	72,918
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	281,742	280,126	179,158	159,159	192,734	173,185	170,327	112,347
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	13,449	13,687	14,075	15,022	18,525	14,589	15,036	16,033
number	801,163	788,967	878,664	855,717	930,114	877,124	844,260	813,295
Beef cows .....farms	12,051	12,115	12,355	12,775	15,701	12,669	13,112	13,551
number	469,483	434,252	510,837	478,428	504,611	490,437	441,725	422,604
Milk cows .....farms	132	121	298	422	1,176	982	1,279	1,581
number	12,328	16,089	28,338	44,519	68,205	64,888	78,976	83,381
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	9,913	10,121	10,977	11,925	17,231	13,953	14,131	15,248
number	369,217	364,436	403,495	408,531	449,689	418,642	375,903	402,235
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	874	658	718	680	906	633	844	1,262
number	6,281	6,806	10,615	18,262	25,229	20,338	37,519	51,857
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	559	382	525	540	516	373	534	807
number	7,498	7,636	15,513	(D)	37,689	28,527	57,244	72,940
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	3,048	2,303	1,450	1,034	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	1,970,896	1,910,683	1,991,941	2,098,325	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	359	314	308	567	372	319	313	312
number	156,348,601	151,933,586	187,733,125	216,941,912	143,187,649	123,132,021	115,258,369	96,147,369
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	982	1,009	1,331	1,198	1,593	1,462	1,452	1,663
acres	488,581	524,008	722,387	461,782	422,420	411,072	269,642	189,772
Corn for silage or greenchop .....bushels	89,938,190	92,016,083	114,674,506	54,944,774	49,256,383	47,951,435	31,066,873	19,097,307
farms	13	42	39	68	136	127	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	4,706	4,087	6,661	9,933	9,799	(NA)	(NA)
tons	22,245	73,499	69,995	66,951	137,888	135,938	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	69	849	815	690	572	528	682	1,067
acres	12,335	275,408	215,177	148,926	103,154	98,911	119,304	151,251
bushels	567,411	13,509,354	11,502,018	5,708,218	3,897,331	3,755,759	4,432,764	4,654,627
Winter wheat for grain .....farms	69	849	815	690	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	12,335	275,408	215,177	148,926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	567,411	13,509,354	11,502,018	5,708,218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....farms	10	18	30	48	46	38	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,653	2,868	1,549	2,107	2,038	1,857	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	117,930	182,727	131,809	144,198	136,128	126,478	(NA)	(NA)

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Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Sorghum for grain .....								
farms	65	387	615	465	399	370	(NA)	(NA)
acres	12,378	125,098	245,384	120,732	81,272	78,445	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,139,052	12,523,687	22,397,992	9,356,983	5,757,669	5,557,996	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....								
farms	3	6	12	8	26	25	(NA)	(NA)
acres	780	306	467	323	971	870	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	4,636	2,089	4,360	9,952	8,942	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....								
farms	1,839	1,933	1,455	1,840	3,912	3,511	3,903	5,017
acres	1,250,093	1,113,650	593,815	660,650	1,314,310	1,260,523	1,112,815	1,540,372
bushels	66,842,369	51,467,676	24,717,263	20,736,686	37,571,260	36,152,458	33,360,521	40,524,474
Cotton, all .....								
farms	347	467	645	1,072	1,711	1,586	2,599	2,675
acres	216,670	226,718	333,804	474,784	660,039	647,257	827,792	590,257
bales	414,978	476,370	698,557	737,641	985,690	970,097	1,219,599	921,867
Tobacco .....								
farms	1	-	-	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	(D)	-	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....								
farms	8,020	8,376	8,798	7,999	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	445,446	467,676	463,695	406,827	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	1,094,420	1,139,938	1,176,324	1,022,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice .....								
farms	823	822	848	1,448	1,844	1,736	2,197	2,273
acres	397,653	395,063	377,115	538,518	583,734	579,299	589,752	417,411
cwt	26,813,204	25,490,218	23,122,031	29,612,936	26,744,677	26,474,660	26,906,404	17,970,394
Sunflower seed, all .....								
farms	-	3	1	4	4	4	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	43	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	160,550	(D)	38,886	(D)	38,700	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar .....								
farms	391	386	461	665	802	705	755	687
acres	415,501	398,800	405,433	471,628	410,368	395,588	356,349	264,466
tons	13,522,323	13,853,665	14,086,448	15,367,635	12,616,545	12,187,651	9,131,174	6,877,798
Peanuts for nuts .....								
farms	7	11	8	1	18	14	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,754	2,775	(D)	(D)	888	871	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	8,302,500	13,511,146	(D)	(D)	2,606,083	2,578,083	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....								
farms	786	661	759	550	588	441	(NA)	(NA)
acres	12,919	12,185	18,912	5,154	6,872	5,641	(NA)	(NA)
farms	127	190	97	32	65	51	(NA)	(NA)
acres	81	(D)	123	114	256	226	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....								
farms	69	37	120	145	177	138	(NA)	(NA)
acres	9,314	9,314	14,863	16,877	21,082	18,483	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....								
farms	1,093	1,007	1,050	1,022	1,047	821	(NA)	(NA)
acres	15,583	17,936	18,201	15,778	18,941	16,842	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.

<sup>4</sup> Data for 2012 and prior years exclude pineapples.