

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	95,320	99,171	107,825	106,797	110,986	98,860	98,082	106,105
Land in farmsacres	27,781,883	28,266,137	29,026,573	29,946,035	30,202,772	28,826,188	28,546,875	29,209,187
Average size of farmacres	291	285	269	280	272	292	291	275
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	986,481	795,444	586,478	424,347	294,636	309,430	225,015	175,612
Average per acredollars	3,385	2,791	2,179	1,508	1,084	1,069	774	640
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	9,919,476	8,822,239	7,350,255	5,162,542	4,336,960	4,058,126	3,537,197	3,007,852
Average per farmdollars	104,066	88,960	68,171	49,940	39,084	41,051	36,155	28,432
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5,574	3,544	3,868	3,057	3,956	3,148	3,926	4,960
10 to 49 acres	22,676	21,706	25,186	21,639	20,686	16,714	16,211	17,028
50 to 179 acres	33,356	37,013	40,246	39,678	41,552	36,346	34,654	37,413
180 to 499 acres	20,511	23,301	24,537	27,496	29,163	27,298	27,573	30,423
500 to 999 acres	7,310	7,819	8,180	9,163	10,063	9,854	10,292	11,413
1,000 to 1,999 acres	3,603	3,757	3,887	4,079	4,235	4,183	4,289	3,990
2,000 acres or more	2,290	2,031	1,921	1,685	1,331	1,317	1,137	878
Total croplandfarms	72,188	76,746	86,299	89,662	95,406	87,092	86,617	93,434
.....acres	15,599,446	15,259,319	16,405,595	18,884,920	19,926,421	19,229,468	19,228,832	19,378,031
Harvested cropland.....farms	62,776	64,722	69,585	71,698	77,808	72,316	74,240	80,396
.....acres	13,486,275	12,917,688	12,980,113	13,137,184	12,850,509	12,449,272	12,158,832	11,655,304
Irrigated landfarms	3,523	3,727	3,613	3,304	3,108	2,914	2,914	2,823
.....acres	1,529,155	1,180,886	1,199,981	1,032,973	921,113	881,924	708,864	534,795
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	10,525,938	9,164,886	7,512,926	4,983,255	5,466,009	5,367,813	4,303,148	3,644,988
Average per farmdollars	110,427	92,415	69,677	46,661	49,250	54,297	43,873	34,353
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	5,476,314	4,566,953	3,494,938	1,992,446	2,389,939	2,307,009	1,861,613	1,460,850
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	5,049,623	4,597,933	4,017,988	2,990,809	3,076,070	3,060,803	2,441,535	2,184,138
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	31,897	33,002	39,479	36,109	32,948	25,039	20,638	23,075
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8,359	8,520	10,172	11,663	15,480	13,981	13,881	15,353
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10,910	11,206	12,872	15,249	17,107	15,962	16,350	17,881
\$10,000 to \$24,999	13,671	15,841	16,261	18,087	18,748	17,863	18,998	20,749
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10,551	10,822	10,563	9,342	9,159	8,801	10,090	11,212
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,858	7,365	6,634	6,931	6,738	6,529	7,525	8,943
\$100,000 to \$499,999	8,378	8,629	8,647	7,784	9,115	8,994	9,573	8,399
\$500,000 or more	4,696	3,786	3,197	1,632	1,691	1,691	1,027	493
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	84,536	88,713	94,818	98,435	99,050	87,919	86,776	94,574
Partnership	5,004	5,421	8,202	5,563	8,402	7,708	8,537	9,050
Corporation	3,560	3,099	3,063	2,174	2,748	2,543	2,283	2,096
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	2,220	1,938	1,742	625	786	690	486	385
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	8,524,426	8,290,499	6,135,205	4,578,834	4,354,355	4,214,996	3,395,093	2,804,630
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	858,466	906,474	761,333	546,196	588,488	574,610	469,893	397,299
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,629,153	1,989,225	1,383,506	1,136,939	1,077,369	1,056,896	751,669	552,814
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	854,116	953,730	671,131	355,973	357,629	345,941	301,298	239,254
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	435,590	507,282	412,227	205,423	216,771	208,015	193,235	176,852
Hired farm labor\$1,000	534,671	405,792	325,526	287,744	261,304	253,888	190,051	163,868
Interest expense\$1,000	470,828	423,275	388,746	362,803	330,315	312,483	288,478	277,614
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	601,022	486,213	250,883	190,396	237,981	230,054	170,477	135,348
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	53,497	53,401	58,645	64,862	72,236	67,198	68,413	73,738
.....number	4,060,220	3,703,120	4,292,702	4,460,495	4,353,214	4,312,716	4,165,357	4,158,226
Beef cowsfarms	48,122	46,161	51,289	56,057	62,009	57,935	58,024	61,049
.....number	2,163,755	1,683,731	2,089,181	2,108,452	2,048,277	2,023,187	1,876,845	1,818,969
Milk cowsfarms	2,280	2,451	2,621	3,775	4,351	4,175	5,626	7,712
.....number	84,977	92,952	110,358	162,469	173,340	174,669	215,920	242,039
Cattle and calves soldfarms	45,856	46,909	52,060	57,957	70,736	66,350	67,044	73,947
.....number	2,144,440	2,297,985	2,462,198	2,491,094	2,528,572	2,494,869	2,349,975	2,514,867
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	2,687	2,128	2,999	3,449	5,593	5,419	11,894	14,985
.....number	3,150,133	2,774,597	3,101,469	2,909,609	3,529,932	3,546,972	2,908,509	2,581,954
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	2,601	1,852	2,971	3,752	5,299	5,183	12,133	15,306
.....number	13,063,669	9,727,491	9,073,468	9,288,986	8,524,793	8,540,647	5,547,530	4,804,123
Layers inventory (see text)farms	9,052	8,150	6,099	4,625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	11,306,386	8,276,409	7,249,420	6,978,102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	747	784	644	812	481	451	341	316
.....number	286,139,429	272,389,497	279,937,641	273,135,329	205,091,259	202,970,912	82,990,149	40,991,224
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	13,184	15,101	15,375	15,655	19,162	18,417	21,382	25,921
.....acres	3,365,392	3,302,499	3,256,195	2,677,491	2,555,175	2,477,027	2,445,489	2,069,238
.....bushels	563,873,264	226,370,607	439,417,160	268,224,535	282,896,729	274,381,159	308,784,225	218,093,408
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	1,058	2,485	1,704	1,803	2,030	2,021	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	59,949	148,805	69,353	71,185	75,674	76,404	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	1,031,954	1,239,611	1,041,591	942,789	1,042,596	1,048,825	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	3,817	6,270	7,640	8,475	12,928	12,394	16,970	12,683
.....acres	552,829	690,245	881,227	811,586	1,091,842	1,055,664	1,319,575	750,208
.....bushels	37,529,305	38,087,065	36,293,751	34,888,755	53,942,442	52,178,347	58,143,633	31,939,663
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	-	9	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	-	280	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	-	9,617	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	3,817	6,261	7,640	8,475	12,928	12,394	16,970	12,683
.....acres	552,829	689,965	881,227	811,586	1,091,842	1,055,664	1,319,575	750,208
.....bushels	37,529,305	38,077,448	36,293,751	34,888,755	53,942,442	52,178,347	58,143,633	31,939,663

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
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Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Oats for grain								
farms	491	542	459	1,300	1,283	1,254	2,402	3,480
acres	11,303	8,072	7,894	25,037	24,209	23,339	46,262	66,414
bushels	766,298	417,591	382,149	1,290,427	1,382,377	1,312,430	2,363,989	2,712,430
Barley for grain								
farms	111	53	56	170	94	93	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,728	1,236	1,531	3,847	2,729	2,664	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	193,929	75,257	59,238	174,512	140,765	137,135	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain								
farms	371	625	1,085	2,020	3,714	3,566	6,998	9,258
acres	22,852	54,885	105,483	204,007	325,237	311,511	586,559	625,047
bushels	2,213,533	3,150,174	9,922,598	16,603,961	28,028,020	26,886,487	53,046,665	50,759,064
Sorghum for silage or greenchop								
farms	106	238	174	197	253	253	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5,089	7,873	6,533	4,993	7,555	7,581	(NA)	(NA)
tons	105,947	72,070	79,962	47,636	86,068	86,937	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans								
farms	17,992	19,823	18,388	21,687	25,387	24,201	26,600	33,489
acres	5,868,690	5,250,275	4,672,738	5,001,858	4,853,457	4,671,797	4,208,729	4,827,272
bushels	280,615,134	148,826,538	165,947,323	165,048,253	170,632,278	164,562,845	150,385,224	148,272,506
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)								
farms	-	2	2	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	(D)	725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	-	(D)	(D)	27,177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all								
farms	377	409	511	596	906	863	(NA)	(NA)
acres	304,196	350,782	377,960	395,880	394,153	388,725	(NA)	(NA)
bales	735,832	721,705	723,043	608,280	561,229	554,360	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco								
farms	7	33	111	338	495	481	(NA)	(NA)
acres	127	427	1,577	1,460	2,782	2,677	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	263,300	789,837	3,557,585	3,228,580	6,677,460	6,430,795	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)								
farms	49,767	50,279	57,184	57,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3,366,938	3,349,348	3,895,401	4,142,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	6,388,944	5,271,715	7,182,875	8,101,048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice								
farms	327	386	435	445	457	418	(NA)	(NA)
acres	167,643	174,559	179,300	167,716	124,258	117,595	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	12,427,891	12,206,338	12,266,645	9,965,432	6,596,060	6,261,457	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all								
farms	19	10	28	62	24	24	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,105	895	1,963	3,668	(D)	1,523	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	1,710,498	740,440	2,456,340	3,158,151	(D)	2,098,065	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts								
farms	5	2	1	1	1	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	6,523,592	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)								
farms	1,449	1,215	1,335	938	948	858	(NA)	(NA)
acres	18,487	20,213	32,837	27,404	21,804	21,007	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes								
farms	373	418	313	156	83	79	(NA)	(NA)
acres	8,553	9,056	6,127	5,256	5,982	5,979	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes								
farms	126	37	46	60	20	19	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	54	73	39	39	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴								
farms	1,359	1,197	1,345	1,267	1,127	1,004	(NA)	(NA)
acres	14,739	18,769	22,447	21,755	17,359	16,525	(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.