

**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	26,364	30,961	31,970	30,619	32,348	30,504	31,123	35,289
Land in farms .....acres	39,341,591	39,262,613	39,674,586	39,294,879	39,678,169	39,359,346	39,438,144	40,336,869
Average size of farm .....acres	1,492	1,268	1,241	1,283	1,227	1,290	1,267	1,143
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	2,546,783	1,808,801	957,053	517,448	495,730	512,734	422,936	366,475
Average per acre .....dollars	1,707	1,426	771	404	406	401	335	319
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	9,907,233	9,297,134	5,584,253	3,695,269	3,516,814	3,415,776	2,715,228	2,734,073
Average per farm .....dollars	375,872	300,334	174,683	124,298	108,745	112,015	87,290	77,505
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....farms	571	689	387	277	617	545	785	876
10 to 49 acres .....farms	2,514	2,711	2,268	1,763	1,692	1,420	1,264	1,596
50 to 179 acres .....farms	4,988	6,557	6,068	5,204	4,169	3,573	2,945	3,025
180 to 499 acres .....farms	4,549	5,906	6,710	5,978	6,080	5,459	4,985	6,148
500 to 999 acres .....farms	3,184	4,237	4,687	4,919	6,185	5,867	6,714	8,637
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....farms	3,837	4,424	5,369	5,994	7,548	7,499	8,740	10,013
2,000 acres or more .....farms	6,721	6,437	6,481	6,484	6,057	6,141	5,690	4,994
Total cropland .....farms	23,450	27,440	29,378	28,502	29,414	27,994	28,967	33,179
Harvested cropland .....acres	27,951,676	27,147,240	27,527,180	26,506,477	27,384,403	27,024,895	27,469,875	28,208,099
Irrigated land .....acres	18,017	19,391	20,408	20,789	25,813	25,153	27,804	32,360
Irrigated land .....farms	23,976,011	23,469,816	22,035,717	19,908,697	20,674,991	20,438,149	19,216,531	18,363,910
Irrigated land .....acres	764	744	795	659	730	710	816	809
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	8,234,102	10,950,680	6,084,218	3,233,366	2,908,049	2,869,322	2,745,752	2,188,158
Average per farm .....dollars	312,324	353,693	190,310	105,600	89,899	94,064	88,223	62,007
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	6,680,614	9,664,285	5,038,521	2,460,372	2,229,835	2,193,672	2,030,900	1,497,212
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	1,553,488	1,286,395	1,045,697	772,994	678,214	675,649	714,852	690,946
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....farms	7,928	10,447	11,386	9,311	5,318	4,164	2,139	2,260
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....farms	888	976	868	1,004	1,469	1,313	1,363	1,750
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....farms	1,091	1,275	1,215	1,471	2,220	2,104	2,191	2,982
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....farms	1,606	1,816	1,967	3,080	4,479	4,365	4,851	6,817
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....farms	1,703	1,817	2,163	3,073	4,694	4,558	5,399	7,725
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....farms	1,889	2,074	2,891	3,851	5,425	5,341	6,502	7,808
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....farms	6,112	6,460	7,855	7,602	8,041	7,961	8,165	5,701
\$500,000 or more .....farms	5,147	6,096	3,625	1,227	702	698	513	246
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....farms	22,746	27,578	28,079	27,578	28,323	26,660	27,093	31,153
Partnership .....farms	2,213	2,124	2,834	2,289	3,218	3,075	3,504	3,692
Corporation .....farms	776	707	560	446	560	551	349	293
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....farms	629	552	497	306	247	218	177	151
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	7,062,175	7,296,140	4,239,872	2,706,081	2,496,055	2,453,342	2,090,938	1,846,305
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000	286,024	291,801	204,142	124,054	108,364	106,412	143,982	128,202
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	266,066	324,796	158,337	118,559	127,602	125,867	104,335	75,149
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	936,358	1,256,230	674,950	293,625	312,367	306,933	200,797	178,957
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	395,284	538,408	374,451	169,655	189,409	186,278	181,040	176,838
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	340,368	280,464	169,978	140,999	123,393	122,283	99,790	92,847
Interest expense .....\$1,000	367,906	334,271	258,449	222,187	238,378	234,100	213,388	214,381
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	761,592	799,532	428,021	258,775	221,914	217,605	161,765	143,598
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	8,777	9,868	10,508	11,705	14,694	14,232	15,183	17,154
Beef cows .....number	1,835,682	1,809,613	1,811,523	1,873,191	1,813,276	1,810,409	1,723,920	1,873,839
Milk cows .....number	8,245	8,964	9,667	10,691	13,117	12,744	13,216	14,414
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	984,687	881,682	930,023	982,270	921,588	920,559	837,716	886,585
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	156	243	402	633	1,190	1,170	1,925	2,839
Hogs and pigs sold .....number	16,470	17,876	26,479	34,505	53,835	54,024	74,885	96,366
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	8,335	8,925	10,025	10,944	14,853	14,426	15,249	17,428
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	1,146,693	964,746	1,109,460	1,100,004	1,059,624	1,055,343	978,947	1,106,924
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....number	156	218	350	433	838	797	1,932	2,365
Layers inventory (see text) .....number	148,231	133,653	181,679	138,838	199,750	197,372	346,082	294,427
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	182	193	351	474	851	814	2,033	2,412
Layers inventory (see text) .....number	1,135,962	831,123	675,808	393,422	380,155	374,733	603,910	500,107
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	743	840	516	424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....number	81,364	92,754	109,344	200,440	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	85	87	75	84	90	83	160	305
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....number	17,773	60,366	14,442	185,702	197,516	193,401	38,573	52,677
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	5,548	6,651	5,809	3,540	2,875	2,812	3,353	5,313
Corn for grain .....acres	3,276,548	3,465,997	2,348,171	991,390	592,078	578,953	595,347	533,379
Corn for grain .....bushels	452,800,789	406,059,209	275,329,681	111,380,248	56,335,638	54,996,430	37,487,419	46,983,098
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	1,277	1,455	1,707	1,768	2,008	2,024	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....acres	159,026	151,096	180,634	171,810	161,299	164,276	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....tons	1,896,603	1,770,976	1,965,111	1,291,392	1,148,578	1,162,005	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	8,197	10,370	12,303	12,908	19,767	19,488	22,918	28,245
Wheat for grain, all .....acres	6,385,595	7,767,484	8,428,462	7,909,124	11,000,606	10,874,126	10,627,608	8,778,869
Wheat for grain, all .....bushels	249,635,485	328,269,437	293,464,779	215,655,462	264,011,225	260,522,260	409,882,271	248,678,425
Durum wheat for grain .....farms	1,653	2,177	2,487	3,807	5,590	5,457	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain .....acres	1,243,994	1,329,835	1,462,666	1,945,910	2,626,753	2,540,885	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain .....bushels	33,439,749	46,156,379	42,689,608	48,877,517	58,285,243	56,415,384	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	7,259	8,692	10,670	10,988	17,104	16,915	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....acres	5,104,219	5,708,405	6,519,681	5,897,249	8,310,684	8,270,597	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....bushels	214,882,883	243,202,977	229,438,870	164,622,247	204,316,133	202,714,112	(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.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain ..... farms	170	1,769	1,434	315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	37,382	729,244	446,115	65,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,312,853	38,910,081	21,336,301	2,155,698	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain ..... farms	714	1,162	2,513	3,108	4,932	4,937	7,843	9,748
acres	84,981	109,519	257,021	302,455	421,688	423,877	557,388	657,196
bushels	5,045,515	6,791,676	14,862,093	12,456,205	18,541,558	18,616,546	33,414,633	31,162,857
Barley for grain ..... farms	1,470	3,148	4,855	5,218	9,636	9,565	13,979	20,825
acres	446,974	1,006,554	1,384,689	1,303,723	2,187,449	2,178,700	2,388,696	2,690,972
bushels	29,258,528	60,177,807	75,444,593	56,810,477	99,094,251	98,641,946	142,747,145	120,600,254
Sorghum for grain ..... farms	3	-	-	18	28	28	(NA)	(NA)
acres	87	-	-	1,439	2,186	2,186	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	5,910	-	-	47,785	80,400	80,400	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop ..... farms	14	4	17	112	103	104	(NA)	(NA)
acres	919	831	1,122	7,028	6,325	6,361	(NA)	(NA)
tons	8,060	2,156	6,464	30,801	28,502	28,806	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans ..... farms	8,396	7,223	5,779	5,308	3,584	3,405	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7,085,740	4,729,137	3,073,981	2,629,364	1,143,902	1,062,624	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	240,871,646	153,601,859	106,556,290	87,793,840	33,401,430	31,069,124	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) ..... farms	1,318	1,567	1,682	1,999	2,075	2,043	(NA)	(NA)
acres	658,063	681,778	664,389	661,379	568,459	565,407	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	12,396,276	11,925,965	10,745,281	10,104,405	7,147,961	7,105,599	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... farms	10,433	10,141	11,561	12,545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,580,672	2,172,738	2,525,213	2,827,815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	3,494,281	3,139,320	4,832,502	3,525,003	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all ..... farms	914	2,060	3,000	3,555	5,121	5,069	5,287	7,043
acres	397,840	849,274	1,054,584	1,128,498	(D)	1,347,376	1,130,593	1,407,115
pounds	666,737,139	1,413,089,090	1,496,184,686	1,409,006,958	(D)	1,678,505,673	1,260,442,267	1,916,363,928
Sugarbeets for sugar ..... farms	515	528	553	694	901	873	(NA)	(NA)
acres	225,080	227,771	245,735	260,235	239,006	235,121	(NA)	(NA)
tons	6,518,467	6,033,807	5,695,862	4,811,685	4,259,981	4,191,298	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) ..... farms	245	262	224	69	128	123	(NA)	(NA)
acres	79,004	88,762	94,543	655	921	903	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes ..... farms	190	189	152	216	286	280	(NA)	(NA)
acres	77,614	85,844	91,855	105,367	110,410	109,777	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes ..... farms	3	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> ..... farms	78	54	41	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	124	145	118	16	(NA)	(NA)	(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.