

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	77,805	75,462	75,861	77,797	78,737	68,591	70,711	79,277
Land in farmsacres	13,965,295	13,960,604	13,956,563	14,583,435	14,738,028	14,103,085	14,247,969	14,997,381
Average size of farmacres	179	185	184	187	187	206	201	189
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,112,700	894,933	649,130	509,307	384,631	414,773	291,766	227,341
Average per acredollars	6,199	4,837	3,528	2,732	2,068	2,039	1,456	1,199
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	10,084,599	8,821,220	6,702,352	5,139,223	4,177,654	3,952,140	3,460,637	3,159,112
Average per farmdollars	129,614	116,899	88,352	68,119	53,070	57,624	48,982	39,979
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	10,333	6,796	7,767	7,471	7,023	5,271	5,417	6,007
10 to 49 acres	26,533	24,220	24,361	23,261	20,069	15,811	15,295	16,688
50 to 179 acres	23,671	26,890	25,809	27,427	30,291	26,658	27,868	32,074
180 to 499 acres	10,574	11,291	11,190	12,615	14,478	14,018	15,283	17,718
500 to 999 acres	3,955	3,674	4,020	4,309	4,569	4,587	4,793	5,072
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,958	1,845	2,062	2,107	1,846	1,792	1,719	1,485
2,000 acres or more	781	746	652	607	461	454	336	233
Total croplandfarms	66,292	64,248	64,775	69,620	71,293	63,669	66,353	74,376
.....acres	10,960,704	10,748,553	10,832,772	11,424,499	11,673,050	11,340,967	11,528,727	11,920,433
Harvested cropland.....farms	58,802	55,844	54,790	58,577	63,686	58,048	62,535	70,577
.....acres	10,190,952	10,122,245	9,991,007	10,041,416	10,070,813	9,900,570	9,790,327	9,297,596
Irrigated landfarms	2,935	2,462	2,402	2,623	1,967	1,778	1,755	1,562
.....acres	50,665	46,569	37,959	40,685	35,073	33,997	29,479	32,472
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	9,341,225	10,064,085	7,070,212	4,263,549	4,744,521	4,684,277	3,914,040	3,434,064
Average per farmdollars	120,059	133,366	93,200	54,804	60,258	68,293	55,353	43,317
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	5,426,253	6,597,946	4,109,722	2,304,895	2,871,092	2,827,924	2,195,985	1,750,783
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	3,914,972	3,466,139	2,960,490	1,958,654	1,873,429	1,856,353	1,718,055	1,683,281
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	27,164	25,198	27,556	28,918	23,104	15,967	13,930	17,263
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7,998	7,305	7,357	9,022	9,292	8,105	8,997	10,489
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8,171	7,220	7,793	8,718	9,407	8,645	9,827	11,664
\$10,000 to \$24,999	9,284	8,497	9,045	10,643	12,205	11,444	13,193	14,689
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,889	6,154	6,501	6,331	7,789	7,538	8,311	8,953
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,460	5,764	5,565	5,297	6,256	6,150	6,779	7,678
\$100,000 to \$499,999	9,561	10,685	8,957	7,672	9,269	9,359	8,779	7,971
\$500,000 or more	4,278	4,639	3,087	1,196	1,415	1,383	895	570
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	68,027	66,942	66,382	70,890	69,123	59,716	60,936	68,547
Partnership	4,786	4,626	5,737	4,549	6,986	6,471	7,690	8,757
Corporation	3,311	2,753	2,956	1,843	2,169	2,006	1,772	1,690
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	1,681	1,141	786	515	459	398	313	283
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	7,838,445	7,743,344	5,459,960	3,925,358	3,707,688	3,608,839	3,119,014	2,730,026
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	625,486	473,494	538,127	269,910	275,990	267,858	287,297	285,542
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,426,818	1,521,609	959,439	648,768	717,475	713,397	545,008	422,319
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	737,842	1,050,440	655,238	325,128	351,580	345,896	305,407	276,272
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	329,835	419,513	319,466	168,692	185,807	176,670	176,670	150,404
Hired farm labor\$1,000	611,084	527,247	411,941	362,702	323,689	314,865	259,501	218,106
Interest expense\$1,000	363,028	330,779	296,918	266,004	250,159	238,538	216,492	239,733
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	443,505	433,202	254,732	193,596	228,782	224,526	189,954	152,953
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	25,224	25,501	26,105	28,672	32,157	28,244	29,874	35,123
.....number	1,284,240	1,242,293	1,272,402	1,240,612	1,337,137	1,282,546	1,362,489	1,469,662
Beef cowsfarms	17,733	16,922	17,398	16,104	16,888	16,888	16,888	19,417
.....number	300,681	277,949	293,757	260,702	316,494	293,570	272,920	284,646
Milk cowsfarms	3,346	4,008	3,650	4,754	5,425	5,425	6,980	9,144
.....number	269,069	267,857	271,938	261,759	260,686	262,834	295,677	347,305
Cattle and calves soldfarms	19,588	19,953	21,438	22,938	29,107	26,278	27,852	33,250
.....number	780,535	786,708	793,955	728,224	746,886	711,149	772,063	899,517
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	3,484	3,494	3,718	4,286	6,637	5,952	9,392	11,421
.....number	2,561,252	2,058,503	1,831,084	1,422,966	1,687,708	1,700,491	1,957,945	2,059,174
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	3,951	3,372	4,505	4,976	6,499	5,938	9,640	11,752
.....number	9,187,326	6,693,226	5,881,107	4,609,153	3,525,835	3,531,228	3,936,095	3,810,492
Layers inventory (see text)farms	10,274	8,548	5,255	4,419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	28,868,147	28,312,692	27,070,109	30,759,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	1,408	1,275	791	968	603	496	532	525
.....number	97,878,519	62,527,924	49,656,074	28,764,494	42,240,562	41,135,469	25,257,739	8,967,735
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	21,339	24,789	24,436	23,898	32,740	31,517	37,341	45,702
.....acres	3,286,205	3,630,624	3,606,246	2,869,951	3,414,017	3,378,205	3,486,744	3,107,822
.....bushels	566,516,083	436,832,265	526,601,789	254,817,899	434,305,912	429,619,833	467,163,760	355,339,490
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	2,666	4,228	3,928	5,503	5,706	5,526	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	170,096	199,563	182,935	255,359	176,746	177,045	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	3,398,228	2,970,370	3,191,893	2,617,895	2,708,715	2,710,560	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	7,861	8,639	11,485	14,340	19,134	18,747	24,054	26,086
.....acres	462,579	469,840	732,106	796,085	1,003,596	994,276	1,089,529	838,496
.....bushels	33,664,938	31,022,186	42,997,358	46,929,358	55,644,968	55,105,157	54,020,364	42,452,489
Winter wheat for grainfarms	7,861	8,639	11,485	14,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	462,579	469,840	732,106	796,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	33,664,938	31,022,186	42,997,358	46,929,358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	1,276	3,160	2,800	3,865	5,728	5,728	8,048	13,494
.....acres	18,093	45,833	46,348	55,151	85,361	81,168	115,727	206,970
.....bushels	1,227,075	2,620,401	2,883,967	3,254,377	5,668,829	5,393,500	7,901,758	13,781,107

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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	167	295	210	489	604	553	(NA)	(NA)
farms	3,994	3,892	2,994	5,745	7,228	6,882	(NA)	(NA)
acres	269,592	218,648	159,965	312,127	407,518	388,203	(NA)	(NA)
bushels								
Sorghum for grain	14	21	16	21	29	24	(NA)	(NA)
farms	196	256	1,203	996	568	538	(NA)	(NA)
acres	9,696	11,797	50,854	62,303	41,145	40,105	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	68	157	122	110	145	137	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	1,395	3,061	2,718	1,861	2,449	2,337	(NA)	(NA)
farms	14,592	28,569	33,003	15,564	23,523	22,647	(NA)	(NA)
acres	25,636	24,704	23,892	26,327	29,365	28,554	31,635	36,570
Soybeans for beans	5,090,532	4,569,775	4,236,337	4,718,690	4,155,440	4,115,575	3,776,952	3,713,340
farms	247,567,008	202,032,493	191,559,567	149,809,069	174,584,429	172,972,596	145,432,936	132,974,160
bushels								
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	5	8	1	44	71	65	(NA)	(NA)
farms	212	107	(D)	3,988	3,013	2,873	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,268	2,488	(D)	118,072	40,752	38,851	(NA)	(NA)
cwt								
Tobacco	82	224	475	1,845	2,821	2,811	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,046	1,864	3,499	5,764	11,284	11,457	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,013,348	3,958,483	6,811,760	10,108,789	21,182,275	21,629,638	(NA)	(NA)
pounds								
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	34,230	32,032	31,440	33,939	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,116,016	1,092,183	1,156,523	1,271,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,862,365	2,520,414	2,807,279	3,085,746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	17	13	4	31	42	32	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	284	154	102	849	(D)	705	(NA)	(NA)
farms	371,096	128,000	143,800	868,377	(D)	737,936	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	2	-	21	34	33	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	(D)	-	1,530	1,854	1,824	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	-	(D)	-	32,380	33,202	32,282	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres								
tons								
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	2,916	2,440	2,873	2,323	2,566	2,177	(NA)	(NA)
farms	35,298	35,556	47,014	45,541	48,537	45,591	(NA)	(NA)
acres	613	717	631	314	333	281	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	2,111	2,074	2,943	4,865	5,245	5,182	(NA)	(NA)
farms	143	51	33	46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	39	39	12	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	1,801	1,406	1,462	1,654	1,709	1,395	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	8,984	9,484	10,367	13,144	15,546	14,078	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres								

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.