

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	78,531	80,245	86,565	83,300	84,028	74,214	66,937	70,228
Land in farmsacres	34,156,290	34,356,110	35,087,269	33,661,826	34,069,201	33,218,677	32,143,030	31,541,977
Average size of farmacres	435	428	405	404	405	448	480	449
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	754,099	573,858	468,809	285,730	257,665	271,996	235,359	215,024
Average per acredollars	1,734	1,340	1,157	699	628	610	496	480
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	7,102,490	5,954,923	5,508,048	3,350,879	3,015,448	2,741,400	2,134,331	2,063,371
Average per farmdollars	90,442	74,212	63,642	42,155	35,893	36,936	31,943	29,465
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acresfarms	4,853	3,724	3,802	3,091	3,354	2,505	2,832	3,666
10 to 49 acresacres	18,402	16,327	18,700	17,072	16,132	12,673	9,614	10,134
50 to 179 acresfarms	24,980	27,418	29,719	28,776	28,842	24,681	21,099	22,331
180 to 499 acresacres	15,656	17,546	19,140	19,357	19,749	18,288	17,234	18,006
500 to 999 acresfarms	6,575	7,401	7,484	7,668	8,149	8,155	8,202	8,405
1,000 to 1,999 acresacres	4,428	4,311	4,165	4,119	4,795	4,973	5,133	5,132
2,000 acres or morefarms	3,637	3,518	3,555	3,217	3,007	2,825	2,554	2,554
Total croplandfarms	46,801	49,150	59,040	61,779	64,133	58,741	53,197	55,783
Harvested croplandacres	11,715,717	11,279,031	13,007,625	14,843,357	15,478,091	14,843,823	14,520,063	14,443,459
Irrigated landfarms	38,606	40,246	46,224	43,930	48,060	44,786	42,015	43,522
acres	7,812,594	8,074,733	7,650,080	7,705,860	8,964,248	8,462,079	8,272,889	7,319,193
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	7,465,512	7,129,584	5,806,061	4,456,404	4,253,753	4,146,351	3,562,646	2,714,892
Average per farmdollars	95,065	88,848	67,072	53,498	50,623	55,870	53,224	38,658
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	1,516,751	1,875,569	1,187,625	819,078	951,705	907,865	778,813	610,050
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	5,948,761	5,254,015	4,618,436	3,637,326	3,302,048	3,238,485	2,783,832	2,104,842
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500farms	29,701	29,794	34,669	29,927	26,997	20,476	15,902	18,501
\$2,500 to \$4,999acres	7,644	8,032	9,059	9,925	12,992	11,713	10,189	11,073
\$5,000 to \$9,999farms	9,627	9,680	10,731	12,452	13,384	12,341	11,208	11,999
\$10,000 to \$24,999acres	11,574	12,437	13,494	12,833	13,382	12,869	12,543	12,805
\$25,000 to \$49,999farms	6,888	7,070	6,886	7,373	6,388	6,234	6,493	6,300
\$50,000 to \$99,999acres	4,947	5,198	4,563	4,340	4,458	4,285	4,609	4,479
\$100,000 to \$499,999farms	6,010	5,893	5,326	5,256	5,371	5,252	5,260	4,606
\$500,000 or moreacres	2,140	2,141	1,837	1,194	1,056	1,044	733	465
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individualfarms	71,811	73,364	77,412	78,197	76,373	67,226	60,304	64,099
Partnershipacres	3,146	3,605	5,905	3,392	5,437	4,963	4,985	4,711
Corporationfarms	2,023	1,931	1,769	1,116	1,520	1,416	1,196	1,049
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.farms	1,551	1,345	1,479	595	698	609	452	369
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	6,643,914	6,682,769	5,223,365	4,069,112	3,784,514	3,576,456	3,117,869	2,359,468
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	1,728,859	1,696,662	1,463,556	1,244,354	1,138,481	1,100,066	1,103,395	745,844
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,683,093	2,017,049	1,307,568	917,560	967,014	900,546	628,412	439,530
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	322,910	352,950	286,976	168,328	175,692	163,334	140,995	102,292
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	326,900	315,180	316,477	173,813	167,206	156,445	146,709	128,203
Hired farm labor\$1,000	336,632	309,657	255,062	237,162	191,754	183,170	144,750	124,732
Interest expense\$1,000	290,618	293,742	287,123	243,623	239,768	224,537	195,857	189,200
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	205,670	169,206	90,112	60,663	70,673	65,621	57,080	54,052
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	52,048	51,043	55,105	59,155	63,439	58,023	52,241	53,544
number	5,090,919	4,245,970	5,391,337	5,324,240	5,378,950	5,321,161	4,736,594	4,537,774
Beef cowsfarms	46,080	44,106	47,059	50,465	53,502	49,284	44,115	44,130
number	2,129,403	1,677,903	2,063,613	2,050,866	1,947,902	1,931,805	1,728,273	1,630,425
Milk cowsfarms	471	756	981	1,828	2,118	1,921	2,297	2,828
number	46,369	45,885	66,023	86,270	88,351	87,647	90,312	90,499
Cattle and calves soldfarms	42,857	41,492	45,512	51,414	60,973	56,600	51,240	53,577
number	3,601,637	3,255,675	3,895,053	4,218,687	4,383,068	4,346,420	3,953,960	3,630,285
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	2,264	1,947	2,702	2,491	3,575	3,002	3,415	3,710
number	2,165,552	2,304,740	2,398,372	2,246,926	1,697,850	1,689,700	260,682	187,351
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,956	1,466	2,274	2,256	2,417	2,082	2,776	3,090
number	9,098,282	7,707,814	9,010,682	7,264,319	3,979,738	3,943,563	500,299	346,686
Layers inventory (see text)farms	9,894	6,760	5,235	4,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	3,354,460	3,121,799	3,323,802	4,200,104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	679	606	636	871	751	632	529	556
number	197,594,939	211,214,930	242,228,335	231,877,714	197,077,480	169,292,948	138,607,293	89,704,380
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	788	877	913	740	714	706	(NA)	(NA)
acres	301,070	294,133	270,838	182,777	151,007	150,404	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	42,705,835	30,391,761	38,603,555	23,642,448	20,964,252	20,917,282	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	135	149	185	189	216	211	(NA)	(NA)
acres	24,529	27,493	30,163	29,204	23,519	23,361	(NA)	(NA)
tons	388,999	393,609	567,496	548,478	393,674	391,670	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	6,510	9,946	8,744	9,611	14,881	13,935	16,716	18,644
acres	3,044,731	4,291,939	3,421,098	3,592,828	5,298,901	4,825,074	5,197,545	4,276,344
bushels	100,720,047	139,417,085	89,968,524	102,044,001	155,472,171	141,302,977	138,121,986	113,464,955
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	2	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	6,510	9,946	8,744	9,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	4,291,939	3,421,098	3,592,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	139,417,085	89,968,524	102,044,001	(NA)	(NA)	(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.								
Oats for grain	farms 136	237	172	334	693	676	1,006	1,114
	acres 14,364	10,139	14,816	16,326	30,377	30,391	37,838	40,105
	bushels 686,921	414,730	462,865	608,263	1,160,755	1,159,885	1,278,578	1,277,283
Barley for grain	farms 50	22	42	58	53	52	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,175	3,963	5,038	2,343	2,817	2,809	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 321,630	167,923	207,751	98,417	113,448	113,200	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 911	954	966	1,264	2,650	2,557	2,076	2,961
	acres 310,316	200,532	219,883	262,032	427,925	417,872	281,244	339,368
	bushels 16,586,845	5,132,364	11,682,402	11,166,761	19,346,930	18,863,920	13,933,273	15,114,650
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 61	99	164	190	275	277	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,161	8,940	13,661	13,345	19,629	20,060	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 88,510	60,950	68,537	135,882	225,499	227,000	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 1,750	1,039	813	1,167	1,975	1,921	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 638,816	259,921	180,878	246,962	325,539	323,082	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 19,109,904	3,639,154	4,559,245	6,218,396	9,544,400	9,498,068	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 9	1	7	3	5	5	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,295	(D)	150	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 14,038	(D)	2,792	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 808	451	420	581	823	849	1,726	2,913
	acres 552,521	139,740	164,273	172,228	172,340	176,962	296,484	360,299
	bales 951,980	153,250	279,871	210,027	185,799	190,186	212,041	306,388
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 32,987	32,781	39,449	36,898	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,844,623	2,705,150	3,231,691	3,084,888	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 4,943,883	3,761,205	6,718,879	5,802,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms -	-	3	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt -	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 36	11	20	23	8	7	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 9,615	2,074	3,626	4,711	(D)	348	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 11,381,779	2,310,603	6,574,767	8,000,456	(D)	297,467	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 115	166	148	418	667	662	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 19,871	21,926	16,319	53,390	67,620	68,340	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 77,160,309	76,491,464	55,039,635	144,450,348	161,610,559	163,572,035	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 504	492	834	582	684	629	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 6,861	10,255	18,013	18,565	19,646	19,240	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 138	185	215	67	38	35	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,193	489	307	434	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 27	13	29	12	9	7	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 957	(D)	13	21	11	10	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 2,550	2,736	4,036	3,279	3,072	2,733	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 98,716	105,728	143,892	88,088	88,735	86,272	(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.