

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	37,616	35,439	38,553	40,033	39,975	34,030	31,892	32,014
Land in farmsacres	15,962,322	16,301,578	16,399,647	17,080,422	17,658,213	17,449,293	17,609,497	17,809,165
Average size of farmacres	424	460	425	427	442	513	552	556
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,032,545	865,613	804,145	508,882	444,005	479,385	370,938	299,755
Average per acredollars	2,433	1,882	1,890	1,202	1,025	960	663	542
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	3,773,935	3,197,391	3,052,449	2,377,364	2,052,531	1,885,620	1,532,094	1,211,480
Average per farmdollars	100,328	90,222	79,175	63,462	51,358	55,401	48,223	37,982
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	12,536	9,119	9,546	9,377	9,136	7,202	6,319	5,476
10 to 49 acres	12,707	12,663	14,142	15,628	14,639	11,954	11,235	11,448
50 to 179 acres	6,051	6,932	7,430	7,509	8,070	7,120	6,748	7,219
180 to 499 acres	2,689	2,978	3,340	3,419	3,678	3,369	3,390	3,617
500 to 999 acres	1,288	1,389	1,531	1,546	1,673	1,601	1,508	1,560
1,000 to 1,999 acres	846	880	998	985	1,050	1,035	997	1,008
2,000 acres or more	1,499	1,478	1,566	1,569	1,729	1,749	1,695	1,686
Total croplandfarms	24,948	23,829	26,650	30,305	31,194	28,101	26,508	27,318
.....acres	4,726,109	4,690,420	5,010,408	5,417,387	5,479,479	5,285,659	5,037,764	5,236,393
Harvested cropland.....farms	21,861	21,316	22,131	23,013	24,392	22,312	20,743	21,712
.....acres	2,965,392	2,966,351	3,037,261	3,119,384	3,258,082	3,154,523	2,823,972	2,832,663
Irrigated landfarms	16,291	14,975	16,792	17,776	17,016	15,348	15,002	14,411
.....acres	1,664,921	1,629,735	1,845,194	1,907,627	1,963,478	1,948,739	1,622,235	1,648,205
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	5,006,822	4,883,674	4,386,143	3,195,497	3,036,767	2,969,194	2,292,973	1,846,067
Average per farmdollars	133,104	137,805	113,769	79,822	75,967	87,252	71,898	57,664
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	3,283,355	3,247,432	2,976,087	2,194,911	2,180,412	2,114,196	1,452,213	1,048,616
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	1,723,466	1,636,242	1,410,055	1,000,586	856,355	854,998	840,760	797,451
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	16,951	14,260	17,450	18,873	15,818	12,021	11,490	11,751
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,525	4,468	4,651	4,737	5,901	5,027	4,569	4,785
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,159	4,096	3,934	4,043	4,565	3,971	3,734	3,770
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,695	4,011	3,730	3,911	4,413	4,121	3,801	3,697
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,096	2,217	2,272	2,406	2,609	2,418	2,183	2,194
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,626	1,741	1,838	1,876	1,995	1,904	1,940	1,972
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,844	2,849	3,016	3,048	3,464	3,376	3,273	3,224
\$500,000 or more	1,720	1,797	1,662	1,139	1,210	1,192	902	621
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	31,673	29,858	32,793	35,375	34,489	28,965	27,506	27,766
Partnership	2,362	2,330	2,907	2,284	2,778	2,527	2,481	2,603
Corporation	2,752	2,540	2,507	2,064	2,316	2,182	1,672	1,490
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	829	711	346	310	392	356	233	155
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	4,660,754	4,389,377	3,734,859	2,786,838	2,304,915	2,210,747	1,881,731	1,535,162
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	302,430	293,739	281,444	201,604	148,297	144,065	160,847	195,278
Feed purchased\$1,000	599,459	628,524	454,733	259,418	234,488	229,748	230,557	170,426
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	294,786	323,200	245,374	147,940	156,550	150,171	119,158	97,839
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	188,163	232,078	190,604	98,710	93,527	88,887	80,192	65,914
Hired farm labor\$1,000	1,008,113	836,191	817,277	620,422	495,823	478,595	367,047	257,760
Interest expense\$1,000	188,488	196,025	162,360	160,325	151,901	133,197	131,483	131,483
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	243,277	224,851	165,957	130,190	131,221	124,154	104,042	79,341
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	13,880	14,351	16,062	16,481	20,207	17,122	17,088	17,515
.....number	1,243,916	1,297,945	1,389,189	1,360,025	1,522,751	1,559,162	1,465,444	1,503,625
Beef cowsfarms	11,548	11,557	12,876	13,063	15,462	13,393	13,105	13,369
.....number	538,702	504,279	604,069	585,733	672,447	695,635	629,625	618,857
Milk cowsfarms	645	686	596	1,133	1,052	1,194	1,541	1,937
.....number	128,284	125,767	116,788	116,423	86,137	86,747	99,035	95,325
Cattle and calves soldfarms	11,180	11,638	13,077	13,654	18,176	15,980	15,608	16,812
.....number	910,169	879,251	1,020,380	975,593	966,678	979,199	899,088	955,484
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,177	1,124	1,283	1,283	1,709	1,383	1,669	1,482
.....number	11,218	12,693	21,125	20,941	36,617	33,152	58,276	86,293
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,575	1,172	1,466	1,558	1,435	1,182	1,463	1,400
.....number	23,498	23,063	(D)	43,008	60,598	54,864	97,427	143,661
Layers inventory (see text)farms	7,442	5,774	4,386	3,820	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	2,491,379	2,420,907	2,736,464	2,877,868	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	547	487	270	403	196	156	208	225
.....number	16,465,498	22,789,036	24,625,417	17,296,520	19,046,578	18,966,576	18,921,442	14,244,387
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	265	425	248	178	262	244	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	52,308	53,359	35,271	19,308	27,879	27,029	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	11,562,061	10,951,598	7,008,419	3,097,418	5,262,315	5,132,811	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	221	283	247	335	370	360	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	38,354	33,955	25,386	25,377	23,120	21,592	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	1,041,131	883,577	633,222	590,650	575,571	534,454	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	1,311	1,968	1,406	1,823	2,698	2,531	3,025	3,890
.....acres	850,953	906,013	855,052	837,251	932,435	882,862	924,855	838,849
.....bushels	49,838,651	57,512,480	43,969,219	34,080,499	57,614,403	54,694,903	46,527,762	51,875,186
Durum wheat for grainfarms	3	7	5	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	3	907	165	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	300	57,699	13,380	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	392	648	525	585	813	786	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	77,694	122,897	118,329	125,342	121,016	117,363	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	4,278,213	7,791,093	5,778,241	4,542,897	6,575,557	6,401,636	(NA)	(NA)

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain	farms 1,118	1,653	1,151	1,566	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 773,256	782,209	736,558	711,909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 45,560,138	49,663,688	38,177,598	29,537,602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 155	271	259	425	605	570	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 10,040	18,899	17,958	29,968	31,884	30,173	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 711,988	1,646,734	1,417,220	2,495,654	2,903,622	2,742,017	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 199	335	339	397	782	750	1,096	1,805
	acres 38,872	53,898	53,216	63,116	115,712	109,108	127,185	186,504
	bushels 2,193,158	3,898,375	2,798,280	3,408,683	7,924,337	7,568,675	7,787,057	12,272,482
Sorghum for grain	farms 1	1	3	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	(D)	87	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels (D)	(D)	8,189	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 4	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 158	565	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 2,296	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 5	4	2	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	63	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels (D)	999	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 59	116	49	79	109	101	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 7,934	10,742	7,559	8,478	8,944	8,081	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 204,472	263,968	149,465	144,260	172,426	161,643	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 12,655	12,193	12,590	12,697	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,074,220	1,005,036	1,038,735	1,110,395	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 3,077,855	2,792,123	3,129,873	3,307,921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 12	9	13	4	9	9	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,000	830	611	13	(D)	34	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 1,233,188	1,008,500	427,968	(D)	(D)	31,800	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	farms 58	75	73	101	173	167	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 9,475	11,731	11,232	11,313	19,568	19,126	(NA)	(NA)
	tons (D)	405,718	346,233	313,222	539,277	526,585	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,923	1,889	1,519	1,708	1,553	1,432	1,509	1,529
	acres 154,027	148,915	149,665	121,338	159,081	155,242	147,616	142,236
Potatoes	farms 376	616	345	278	369	342	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 46,300	41,667	36,361	47,828	59,178	57,653	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 22	3	1	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	(D)	9	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 4,679	3,594	4,004	4,109	4,350	3,869	4,200	4,410
	acres 133,377	98,211	99,614	96,243	103,117	96,270	96,166	91,101

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.