

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| All farms  | 2017        | 2012        | 2007        | 2002        | 1997        | Not adjusted for coverage |             |            |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
|  |             |             |             |             |             | 1997                      | 1992        | 1987       |
| Farms .....number  | 24,791      | 25,266      | 25,867      | 24,541      | 25,807      | 20,189                    | 20,242      | 20,517     |
| Land in farms .....acres   | 4,744,913   | 4,971,244   | 4,889,339   | 4,845,923   | 4,974,138   | 4,593,452                 | 4,472,569   | 4,758,631  |
| Average size of farm .....acres  | 191         | 197         | 189         | 197         | 193         | 228                       | 221         | 232        |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :  |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Average per farm .....dollars  | 683,873     | 586,518     | 540,200     | 410,897     | 293,342     | 324,834                   | 251,583     | 201,169    |
| Average per acre .....dollars  | 3,573       | 2,981       | 2,858       | 2,067       | 1,552       | 1,482                     | 1,137       | 871        |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000                        | 2,059,479   | 1,829,250   | 1,680,701   | 1,208,945   | 1,055,358   | 902,193                   | 667,725     | 639,734    |
| Average per farm .....dollars  | 83,077      | 72,400      | 64,977      | 53,108      | 40,896      | 44,687                    | 33,077      | 31,252     |
| Farms by size:   |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| 1 to 9 acres .....farms  | 3,289       | 2,135       | 1,970       | 1,706       | 1,843       | 1,224                     | 1,302       | 1,337      |
| 10 to 49 acres .....farms  | 9,063       | 8,996       | 8,959       | 8,536       | 8,124       | 5,712                     | 5,495       | 5,437      |
| 50 to 179 acres .....farms   | 7,278       | 8,364       | 9,033       | 8,504       | 9,637       | 7,502                     | 7,591       | 7,742      |
| 180 to 499 acres .....farms  | 3,192       | 3,731       | 3,981       | 3,749       | 4,043       | 3,611                     | 3,699       | 3,762      |
| 500 to 999 acres .....farms  | 1,028       | 1,121       | 1,059       | 1,107       | 1,254       | 1,225                     | 1,263       | 1,303      |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres .....farms  | 579         | 555         | 553         | 626         | 629         | 638                       | 642         | 673        |
| 2,000 acres or more .....farms   | 362         | 364         | 312         | 313         | 277         | 277                       | 250         | 263        |
| Total cropland .....farms  | 16,397      | 16,853      | 18,534      | 19,450      | 21,181      | 17,514                    | 18,037      | 18,578     |
| Harvested cropland .....acres  | 2,035,329   | 1,967,288   | 2,151,219   | 2,270,084   | 2,603,915   | 2,462,818                 | 2,588,525   | 2,686,117  |
| Irrigated land .....farms  | 13,118      | 13,135      | 12,962      | 13,321      | 15,972      | 13,426                    | 14,587      | 15,556     |
| .....acres   | 1,599,887   | 1,634,706   | 1,551,670   | 1,374,617   | 1,732,870   | 1,654,535                 | 1,590,794   | 1,589,636  |
| .....farms   | 2,167       | 1,973       | 2,030       | 1,918       | 1,435       | 1,248                     | 1,219       | 1,216      |
| .....acres   | 210,437     | 159,239     | 132,439     | 95,642      | 88,898      | 86,477                    | 75,681      | 80,689     |
| Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000                                     | 3,008,739   | 3,040,069   | 2,352,681   | 1,489,750   | 1,679,193   | 1,588,173                 | 1,066,079   | 878,683    |
| Average per farm .....dollars  | 121,364     | 120,323     | 90,953      | 60,705      | 65,067      | 78,665                    | 52,667      | 42,827     |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000   | 1,096,245   | 1,293,558   | 798,490     | 593,245     | 821,107     | 791,104                   | 562,036     | 451,285    |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000  | 1,912,494   | 1,746,511   | 1,554,190   | 896,505     | 858,086     | 797,069                   | 504,043     | 427,398    |
| Farms by value of sales:   |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Less than \$2,500 .....farms   | 13,163      | 13,133      | 14,336      | 14,496      | 11,602      | 8,155                     | 7,341       | 7,419      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 .....farms  | 2,597       | 2,630       | 2,609       | 2,543       | 3,940       | 3,060                     | 3,317       | 3,516      |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....farms  | 2,584       | 2,671       | 2,875       | 2,204       | 3,335       | 2,714                     | 2,897       | 2,900      |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 .....farms  | 2,489       | 2,608       | 2,289       | 2,117       | 2,603       | 2,274                     | 2,428       | 2,547      |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 .....farms  | 1,132       | 1,211       | 1,289       | 921         | 1,137       | 1,003                     | 1,301       | 1,276      |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 .....farms  | 738         | 852         | 664         | 600         | 776         | 703                       | 937         | 954        |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999 .....farms  | 892         | 909         | 844         | 970         | 1,515       | 1,432                     | 1,554       | 1,592      |
| \$500,000 or more .....farms   | 1,196       | 1,252       | 961         | 690         | 899         | 848                       | 467         | 313        |
| Farms by legal status for tax purposes:  |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Family or individual .....farms  | 21,711      | 22,393      | 22,989      | 22,755      | 23,328      | 18,078                    | 17,933      | 18,337     |
| Partnership .....farms   | 1,397       | 1,482       | 1,827       | 1,050       | 1,576       | 1,337                     | 1,621       | 1,583      |
| Corporation .....farms   | 1,351       | 1,108       | 845         | 556         | 746         | 649                       | 547         | 488        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....farms | 332         | 283         | 206         | 180         | 157         | 125                       | 141         | 109        |
| Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000   | 2,387,031   | 2,575,752   | 2,012,179   | 1,313,233   | 1,361,270   | 1,233,736                 | 897,923     | 736,918    |
| Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :   |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000   | 265,737     | 209,463     | 170,676     | 97,058      | 98,683      | 88,949                    | 66,195      | 62,818     |
| Feed purchased .....\$1,000  | 755,027     | 917,181     | 761,414     | 369,275     | 453,846     | 410,005                   | 199,673     | 170,086    |
| Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000                            | 164,037     | 196,212     | 143,408     | 86,434      | 99,913      | 92,169                    | 83,614      | 68,222     |
| Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000   | 102,642     | 134,969     | 102,948     | 59,334      | 65,681      | 59,101                    | 54,384      | 41,808     |
| Hired farm labor .....\$1,000  | 209,945     | 227,501     | 173,196     | 158,993     | 140,709     | 129,512                   | 111,836     | 92,317     |
| Interest expense .....\$1,000  | 67,430      | 78,517      | 58,971      | 55,104      | 52,833      | 47,350                    | 42,733      | 42,815     |
| Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000   | 124,589     | 146,452     | 73,930      | 62,783      | 82,265      | 76,319                    | 57,191      | 42,545     |
| Livestock and poultry:   |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Cattle and calves inventory .....farms   | 7,868       | 8,121       | 8,835       | 10,000      | 12,600      | 9,902                     | 10,026      | 10,227     |
| .....number  | 326,114     | 297,286     | 400,996     | 432,265     | 479,758     | 453,631                   | 451,719     | 428,491    |
| Beef cows .....farms   | 6,917       | 7,232       | 8,177       | 8,730       | 10,867      | 8,998                     | 8,998       | 8,903      |
| .....number  | 176,801     | 166,745     | 230,419     | 218,650     | 242,808     | 229,048                   | 222,566     | 205,344    |
| Milk cows .....farms   | 215         | 193         | 106         | 326         | 498         | 394                       | 540         | 697        |
| .....number  | 15,310      | 15,997      | 17,830      | 20,182      | 25,240      | 24,766                    | 31,923      | 40,113     |
| Cattle and calves sold .....farms  | 5,384       | 5,778       | 6,782       | 7,139       | 11,610      | 9,287                     | 9,635       | 9,635      |
| .....number  | 158,279     | 134,445     | 187,787     | 179,594     | 234,940     | 216,812                   | 200,396     | 218,766    |
| Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms   | 1,005       | 838         | 812         | 900         | 1,420       | 1,226                     | 1,226       | 3,249      |
| .....number  | 183,069     | 224,076     | 293,793     | 291,743     | 311,650     | 304,793                   | 327,572     | 352,413    |
| Hogs and pigs sold .....farms  | 735         | 571         | 700         | 736         | 1,183       | 1,031                     | 2,048       | 3,031      |
| .....number  | 536,221     | 758,876     | 1,091,982   | 1,065,420   | 754,048     | 711,109                   | 637,592     | 619,986    |
| Layers inventory (see text) .....farms   | 3,466       | 3,060       | 1,756       | 1,107       | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....number  | 4,002,121   | 4,231,250   | 4,714,337   | 5,583,892   | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms  | 564         | 539         | 453         | 426         | 447         | 366                       | 292         | 227        |
| .....number  | 241,390,536 | 225,882,950 | 236,209,584 | 181,792,956 | 183,717,630 | 158,678,646               | 106,171,059 | 60,295,197 |
| Selected crops harvested:  |             |             |             |             |             |                           |             |            |
| Corn for grain .....farms  | 2,303       | 2,449       | 2,601       | 2,243       | 4,083       | 3,531                     | 4,346       | 6,292      |
| .....acres   | 337,849     | 309,810     | 372,558     | 240,085     | 314,566     | 300,934                   | 311,947     | 309,791    |
| .....bushels   | 44,396,455  | 35,597,075  | 35,122,617  | 11,147,604  | 29,125,176  | 28,107,576                | 27,192,657  | 22,143,190 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms  | 88          | 112         | 121         | 140         | 248         | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....acres   | 12,666      | 11,051      | 13,392      | 13,890      | 20,471      | 20,124                    | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....tons  | 189,440     | 173,255     | 184,659     | 147,218     | 285,840     | 280,856                   | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| Wheat for grain, all .....farms  | 452         | 1,152       | 726         | 967         | 2,384       | 2,138                     | 2,237       | 3,097      |
| .....acres   | 81,865      | 215,708     | 136,766     | 155,776     | 318,466     | 306,935                   | 240,634     | 213,374    |
| .....bushels   | 3,961,882   | 11,268,376  | 3,986,026   | 5,710,029   | 14,994,429  | 14,500,101                | 10,470,395  | 7,558,179  |
| Winter wheat for grain .....farms  | 452         | 1,152       | 726         | 967         | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....acres   | 81,865      | 215,708     | 136,766     | 155,776     | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....bushels   | 3,961,882   | 11,268,376  | 3,986,026   | 5,710,029   | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| Oats for grain .....farms  | 189         | 344         | 579         | 706         | 625         | (NA)                      | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....acres   | 8,084       | 15,464      | 13,279      | 21,202      | 18,236      | 17,281                    | (NA)        | (NA)       |
| .....bushels   | 429,809     | 770,398     | 559,906     | 975,883     | 1,006,683   | 961,509                   | (NA)        | (NA)       |

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| All farms   | 2017                         | 2012        | 2007        | 2002       | 1997        | Not adjusted for coverage |            |            |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|
|   |                              |             |             |            |             | 1997                      | 1992       | 1987       |
| Selected crops harvested: - Con.  |                              |             |             |            |             |                           |            |            |
| Barley for grain .....  | farms 11                     | 15          | 29          | 36         | 76          | 67                        | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 674                    | 729         | 747         | 1,790      | 3,129       | 2,976                     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | bushels 50,034               | 40,643      | 44,457      | 87,645     | 183,964     | 172,365                   | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Sorghum for grain .....   | farms 57                     | 143         | 91          | 60         | 102         | 89                        | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 8,019                  | 14,012      | 5,996       | 3,467      | 4,039       | 3,955                     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | bushels 452,261              | 679,603     | 210,854     | 100,221    | 172,874     | 171,073                   | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....   | farms 11                     | 43          | 25          | 56         | 16          | 16                        | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 2,863                  | 6,694       | 1,898       | 3,885      | 1,053       | 1,053                     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | tons 31,736                  | 84,097      | 13,596      | 26,447     | 12,926      | 12,926                    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Soybeans for beans .....  | farms 1,602                  | 1,760       | 1,920       | 1,741      | 3,468       | 3,044                     | 4,015      | 5,220      |
|   | acres 390,234                | 369,462     | 442,461     | 350,272    | 529,238     | 507,687                   | 532,909    | 597,258    |
|   | bushels 13,981,782           | 12,267,729  | 7,833,696   | 5,897,022  | 11,991,017  | 11,554,522                | 11,521,171 | 12,872,219 |
| Cotton, all .....   | farms 613                    | 783         | 458         | 497        | 949         | 894                       | 861        | 744        |
|   | acres 248,887                | 300,036     | 158,296     | 208,420    | 290,281     | 285,858                   | 191,690    | 116,424    |
|   | bales 451,108                | 587,589     | 159,213     | 134,886    | 404,212     | 397,545                   | 223,658    | 102,078    |
| Tobacco .....   | farms 117                    | 136         | 260         | 873        | 1,403       | 1,275                     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 12,176                 | 12,155      | 20,084      | 30,241     | 56,512      | 54,660                    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | pounds 23,930,711            | 25,920,734  | 44,660,005  | 57,551,827 | 129,155,994 | 125,220,334               | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage,<br>grass silage, and greenchop (see text) ..... | farms 7,866                  | 7,929       | 7,830       | 7,985      | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 342,124                | 335,811     | 340,951     | 342,207    | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | tons, dry equivalent 759,222 | 722,352     | 591,501     | 684,149    | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Rice .....  | farms 3                      | 1           | -           | -          | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres (D)                    | (D)         | -           | -          | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | cwt (D)                      | (D)         | -           | -          | (NA)        | (NA)                      | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Sunflower seed, all .....   | farms 47                     | 45          | 39          | 83         | 12          | 11                        | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 446                    | 1,293       | 764         | 516        | (D)         | 212                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | pounds 278,230               | 326,350     | 249,094     | 111,550    | (D)         | 197,950                   | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Peanuts for nuts .....  | farms 477                    | 493         | 327         | 178        | 161         | 146                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 119,589                | 106,746     | 56,332      | 10,344     | 10,114      | 10,097                    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | pounds 471,588,750           | 413,287,984 | 178,352,360 | 24,466,790 | 28,308,874  | 28,250,921                | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....                                 | farms 1,704                  | 1,407       | 1,520       | 1,046      | 1,213       | 1,040                     | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 30,318                 | 28,508      | 28,275      | 30,362     | 30,894      | 28,774                    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Potatoes .....  | farms 224                    | 342         | 226         | 77         | 75          | 60                        | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres (D)                    | 308         | 154         | 305        | 369         | 355                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Sweet potatoes .....  | farms 198                    | 79          | 107         | 119        | 134         | 112                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 1,300                  | 747         | 497         | 847        | 816         | 753                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....   | farms 1,123                  | 1,122       | 1,125       | 1,297      | 1,046       | 885                       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|   | acres 22,410                 | 23,059      | 22,185      | 24,389     | 25,953      | 24,775                    | (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.