

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
Farmsnumber	69,983	68,050	79,280	87,595	91,536	76,818	75,076	79,711
Land in farmsacres	10,874,238	10,867,812	10,969,798	11,681,533	11,986,258	11,122,363	11,169,086	11,731,386
Average size of farmacres	155	160	138	133	131	145	149	147
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	608,739	569,416	467,420	325,783	245,186	261,209	186,171	146,126
Average per acredollars	3,918	3,565	3,378	2,405	1,859	1,808	1,245	1,001
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	5,629,954	4,712,059	4,668,199	3,844,998	2,875,913	2,547,208	1,906,868	1,803,541
Average per farmdollars	80,447	69,248	58,882	45,263	31,425	33,158	25,520	22,700
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5,803	3,230	5,814	6,066	7,923	5,919	7,336	7,306
10 to 49 acres	25,836	23,563	29,396	32,116	31,254	24,401	22,173	23,209
50 to 179 acres	25,147	27,037	29,588	34,272	35,829	30,719	29,572	32,266
180 to 499 acres	9,204	10,464	10,847	11,357	12,644	11,924	11,873	12,697
500 to 999 acres	2,408	2,268	2,287	2,446	2,550	2,544	2,707	2,906
1,000 to 1,999 acres	992	956	892	896	969	945	1,062	984
2,000 acres or more	593	532	456	442	367	366	353	343
Total croplandfarms	51,216	51,019	61,274	74,086	79,858	69,393	69,297	73,703
Harvested cropland.....acres	5,286,321	5,329,692	6,047,348	6,992,992	7,451,482	7,069,470	7,086,879	7,185,903
Irrigated landfarms	44,704	44,908	48,292	56,316	62,999	56,016	58,527	63,754
Irrigated landacres	4,566,352	4,546,788	4,226,440	4,365,360	4,233,018	4,064,058	3,817,720	3,854,302
Total croplandfarms	2,011	2,146	2,453	2,592	1,985	1,768	1,544	1,899
Total croplandacres	184,899	146,442	81,405	61,217	47,010	45,581	36,974	37,776
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	3,798,934	3,611,037	2,617,394	2,199,814	2,263,035	2,178,389	1,933,506	1,617,636
Average per farmdollars	54,284	53,064	33,015	25,113	24,723	28,358	25,754	20,294
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	2,182,397	2,086,472	1,147,786	1,072,548	1,173,774	1,143,674	969,439	701,828
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	1,616,537	1,524,565	1,469,608	1,127,266	1,089,261	1,034,714	964,067	915,807
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	30,890	30,632	38,522	42,741	36,808	27,201	21,446	27,451
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8,563	8,016	9,539	12,859	16,847	14,578	14,365	16,106
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9,522	8,852	11,217	12,311	15,548	13,751	14,918	14,398
\$10,000 to \$24,999	9,568	9,699	9,488	10,012	11,975	11,217	13,088	11,446
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,874	4,624	4,712	3,691	4,096	3,987	4,641	4,127
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,284	2,067	2,001	2,133	2,277	2,176	2,681	2,719
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,650	2,551	2,586	3,046	3,209	3,138	3,448	3,168
\$500,000 or more	1,632	1,609	1,215	802	776	770	489	296
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	65,172	63,175	72,675	82,866	83,403	69,585	66,992	71,976
Partnership	2,989	3,419	5,568	3,996	7,031	6,275	7,234	6,947
Corporation	1,211	963	865	452	769	681	556	496
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	611	493	172	281	333	277	294	292
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	3,360,912	3,174,788	2,620,841	1,996,798	1,785,713	1,641,727	1,492,457	1,282,885
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	342,237	283,304	213,700	175,145	165,461	148,848	153,877	142,988
Feed purchased\$1,000	533,854	679,459	547,993	386,790	353,956	312,849	266,443	237,592
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	382,152	411,915	301,586	171,689	168,679	160,025	148,377	119,418
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	177,872	197,953	160,637	93,416	92,683	85,428	83,727	72,838
Hired farm labor\$1,000	310,544	252,642	214,487	173,255	166,163	159,187	138,434	117,140
Interest expense\$1,000	173,256	160,109	158,689	147,275	126,260	113,698	110,900	115,019
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	218,006	196,390	126,529	101,619	99,379	94,026	79,851	57,923
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	37,288	38,826	46,719	50,471	58,623	51,089	50,592	52,965
Beef cowsnumber	1,820,101	1,856,316	2,122,018	2,233,988	2,213,719	2,145,405	2,162,660	2,008,570
Milk cowsfarms	32,960	33,556	42,344	44,249	49,979	43,244	43,333	43,616
Cattle and calves soldnumber	906,108	874,630	1,179,102	1,093,059	1,058,870	1,039,583	988,550	894,348
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	986	1,230	1,427	1,225	2,096	3,295	4,781	4,781
Hogs and pigs soldnumber	40,623	47,978	61,131	84,017	110,022	111,985	152,067	180,390
Layers inventory (see text)farms	30,462	32,852	38,961	42,017	55,611	49,234	47,955	51,558
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	931,330	960,682	1,095,372	1,126,131	1,178,979	1,126,232	1,043,627	1,077,665
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldnumber	1,898	1,297	1,566	1,491	2,532	2,043	4,912	8,465
Hogs and pigs soldnumber	225,044	147,795	138,207	230,532	342,805	321,806	604,613	774,530
Layers inventory (see text)farms	1,429	812	1,160	1,130	1,909	1,579	4,522	7,874
Layers inventory (see text)number	867,856	344,574	470,213	635,014	756,354	714,999	1,293,654	1,484,049
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	8,830	6,487	3,551	3,551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldnumber	1,986,321	1,675,399	1,713,388	1,160,590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	3,172	4,301	4,653	4,249	6,308	5,854	9,143	13,715
Corn for grainacres	716,733	960,721	780,608	593,564	590,024	575,878	605,287	553,943
Corn for silage or greenchopbushels	120,728,158	81,645,799	83,636,352	64,081,209	59,605,812	58,459,483	67,755,811	47,899,079
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	547	776	884	1,126	1,288	1,253	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopacres	32,950	48,509	52,565	66,010	69,309	68,482	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, alltons	628,063	630,517	577,940	928,810	965,115	958,535	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	1,221	1,493	1,358	1,780	2,518	2,360	3,011	4,579
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)acres	312,973	328,209	254,944	279,978	311,764	305,175	276,243	324,984
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)bushels	21,479,714	20,315,789	10,445,442	13,061,055	13,744,203	13,482,402	12,175,250	12,749,682
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	3	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)acres	180	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)bushels	5,400	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	1,218	1,493	1,358	1,780	2,518	2,360	3,011	4,579
Winter wheat for grainacres	312,793	328,209	254,944	279,978	311,764	305,175	276,243	324,984
Winter wheat for grainbushels	21,474,314	20,315,789	10,445,442	13,061,055	13,744,203	13,482,402	12,175,250	12,749,682

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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 55	98	78	113	147	133	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 581	1,405	1,679	2,135	1,684	1,581	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 48,175	88,272	83,840	131,167	80,167	74,403	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 17	23	18	12	28	27	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 842	2,101	997	1,221	942	918	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 51,550	136,962	45,265	69,530	49,272	47,592	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 60	79	72	139	118	113	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 9,716	11,496	10,107	19,389	10,074	9,958	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 573,764	840,448	831,540	1,554,244	610,539	604,949	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 15	25	48	52	13	13	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 493	1,104	1,533	1,427	590	590	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 4,811	14,529	8,961	17,656	6,730	6,730	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 3,846	3,656	2,967	3,974	5,411	4,926	5,232	7,797
	acres 1,643,153	1,229,385	976,011	1,088,889	1,192,312	1,156,282	915,223	1,184,778
	bushels 78,555,989	45,165,597	18,552,793	33,646,638	39,021,072	37,976,452	30,313,156	27,367,017
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 1	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt (D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 504	546	779	920	1,271	1,156	2,137	2,545
	acres 343,114	376,997	504,057	533,755	496,843	472,165	598,838	411,100
	bales 727,324	701,581	581,236	813,853	662,888	629,487	793,302	566,890
Tobacco	farms 598	935	1,610	8,206	15,608	14,995	22,953	25,052
	acres 20,751	23,801	20,109	35,960	60,414	59,427	75,621	51,578
	pounds 42,877,610	49,576,260	38,652,986	73,563,865	108,175,585	106,785,282	139,367,463	85,715,814
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 38,680	39,339	42,280	46,957	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,655,152	1,742,486	1,784,808	1,917,323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 3,490,016	3,729,026	2,732,930	4,011,467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 5	6	6	4	2	2	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 610	645	2,317	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt (D)	53,411	240,029	34,550	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 4	10	8	-	11	10	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 25	610	23	-	(D)	44	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 4,870	246,455	20,500	-	(D)	57,400	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 3	22	19	23	20	17	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	26	23	23	26	22	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 4,194	30,860	14,610	23,828	20,782	16,982	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,961	1,284	1,543	1,501	1,326	1,162	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 27,689	32,854	34,013	39,502	35,451	34,609	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 431	450	398	192	437	376	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 276	359	304	423	706	611	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 194	59	57	64	90	78	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 224	161	166	279	457	424	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 1,340	719	786	688	1,293	1,043	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,233	3,036	2,866	3,268	5,298	4,427	(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.