

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	248,416	248,809	247,437	228,926	228,173	194,301	180,644	188,788
Land in farmsacres	127,036,184	130,153,438	130,398,753	129,877,666	133,956,359	131,308,286	130,886,608	130,502,792
Average size of farmacres	511	523	527	567	587	676	725	691
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	980,409	876,614	669,154	439,066	361,821	398,126	360,153	374,742
Average per acredollars	1,917	1,676	1,270	768	616	593	499	544
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	20,773,993	17,958,942	15,920,800	9,217,812	8,619,863	7,781,878	5,964,679	5,702,706
Average per farmdollars	83,627	72,185	64,350	40,553	37,795	40,062	33,206	30,351
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acresfarms	27,889	20,825	21,024	13,669	16,485	11,930	11,122	12,770
10 to 49 acresfarms	81,616	72,856	72,837	61,015	54,090	41,615	34,514	37,063
50 to 179 acresfarms	67,015	73,868	71,264	70,580	70,919	59,420	54,214	57,666
180 to 499 acresfarms	36,372	42,002	42,131	42,475	44,194	39,674	38,602	39,143
500 to 999 acresfarms	15,024	17,309	17,843	18,625	19,513	18,495	18,800	19,327
1,000 to 1,999 acresfarms	9,463	11,139	11,326	12,049	12,375	12,310	12,720	12,629
2,000 acres or morefarms	11,037	10,810	11,012	10,513	10,597	10,857	10,672	10,190
Total croplandfarms	127,510	138,929	153,276	160,352	166,630	149,104	140,222	147,174
Harvested croplandacres	29,360,229	29,147,537	33,667,177	38,657,710	39,051,211	37,662,040	36,381,847	35,610,951
Irrigated landacres	17,595,330	16,458,332	19,174,301	17,750,938	20,357,767	19,607,847	18,136,653	16,521,315
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	24,924,041	25,375,581	21,001,074	14,134,744	14,016,017	13,766,527	12,004,385	10,548,907
Average per farmdollars	100,332	101,988	84,874	61,744	61,427	70,852	66,453	55,877
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	6,894,307	7,366,993	6,565,576	3,731,751	4,475,682	4,293,474	3,334,065	2,962,663
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	18,029,734	18,008,588	14,435,499	10,402,993	9,540,334	9,473,054	8,670,320	7,586,244
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500farms	121,375	112,775	116,887	102,073	89,119	67,440	52,446	58,693
\$2,500 to \$4,999farms	28,876	29,961	28,630	32,353	36,716	31,746	28,770	31,227
\$5,000 to \$9,999farms	30,375	32,144	30,256	29,248	34,428	30,136	29,303	30,076
\$10,000 to \$24,999farms	28,494	31,781	30,100	28,592	28,920	27,410	29,226	28,350
\$25,000 to \$49,999farms	14,449	15,505	15,210	13,227	13,040	12,317	13,701	13,467
\$50,000 to \$99,999farms	8,536	9,154	8,774	8,769	8,612	8,252	10,147	10,598
\$100,000 to \$499,999farms	10,201	11,477	11,534	11,301	13,521	13,196	14,293	14,235
\$500,000 or morefarms	6,110	6,012	6,046	3,363	3,817	3,804	2,758	2,142
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individualfarms	223,284	222,580	218,126	210,409	201,896	170,640	158,121	167,602
Partnershipfarms	14,211	16,660	20,657	12,720	18,658	16,776	16,182	15,946
Corporationfarms	7,267	6,859	5,706	4,298	5,745	5,269	4,893	3,945
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.farms	3,654	2,710	2,948	1,499	1,874	1,616	1,448	1,295
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	22,909,279	25,404,943	19,223,099	13,734,706	12,036,327	11,636,594	10,431,343	8,911,631
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	5,855,780	6,860,573	6,017,794	4,524,369	3,257,339	3,221,969	3,516,453	3,134,939
Feed purchased\$1,000	5,206,042	7,272,692	4,226,444	2,700,281	2,949,085	2,868,805	2,063,320	1,565,112
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	1,050,689	1,136,833	931,140	555,239	548,517	526,663	445,433	339,641
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	988,676	1,164,301	1,053,222	533,321	554,841	524,744	486,457	416,266
Hired farm labor\$1,000	1,736,122	1,544,572	1,169,767	969,979	816,590	785,447	729,915	630,271
Interest expense\$1,000	724,769	734,330	676,379	523,438	527,989	498,389	451,603	486,757
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	750,063	649,134	492,500	345,210	364,471	345,517	288,639	246,176
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	152,882	151,362	152,102	150,577	165,188	144,354	134,669	142,244
Beef cowsfarms	12,573,876	11,159,747	13,709,543	13,978,987	14,504,444	14,532,814	13,242,832	13,020,910
Milk cowsfarms	134,250	133,924	131,769	131,506	141,385	124,980	118,728	123,291
Cattle and calves soldfarms	4,572,742	4,329,341	5,259,843	5,545,824	5,333,740	5,347,457	5,186,359	5,138,558
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	467	985	1,293	2,080	4,078	5,381	5,899	5,899
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	531,849	434,928	404,399	309,058	370,283	374,816	394,587	356,538
Layers inventory (see text)farms	114,079	116,891	116,626	125,518	155,117	138,701	130,386	139,727
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	10,478,530	10,784,116	11,841,250	12,603,171	13,075,614	13,028,674	11,468,849	12,120,310
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	4,175	4,045	4,543	5,102	6,261	5,855	7,393	9,131
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	2,212,502	1,620,460	1,963,640	1,815,560	1,703,214	1,656,229	1,549,680	1,227,335
Wheat for grain, allfarms	286,762,080	204,454,091	286,386,341	197,109,321	224,990,592	219,361,590	180,025,937	123,806,676
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	602	622	560	686	612	580	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	211,261	186,995	151,091	141,431	102,839	102,005	(NA)	(NA)
Barleyfarms	4,275,156	3,454,188	3,417,965	2,680,497	2,161,247	2,142,336	(NA)	(NA)
Oatsfarms	5,520	7,409	8,565	9,031	14,284	13,669	14,877	19,386
Ryefarms	2,503,239	2,993,969	3,844,241	2,664,425	3,916,066	3,860,325	3,726,217	3,649,104
Sorghumfarms	71,422,796	97,403,853	134,643,897	75,131,556	109,796,707	108,242,787	111,202,412	98,226,965
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	69	49	78	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	7,163	4,856	18,660	920	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barleyfarms	207,244	140,686	573,344	30,122	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oatsfarms	5,463	7,366	8,493	9,028	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Ryefarms	2,496,076	2,989,113	3,825,581	2,663,505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghumfarms	71,215,552	97,263,167	134,070,553	75,101,434	(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 474	809	1,109	1,977	2,220	2,131	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 60,598	74,446	92,653	127,900	128,557	125,595	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 2,721,640	3,805,187	3,663,002	5,334,886	5,792,388	5,627,557	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 55	58	28	27	47	45	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 13,391	6,952	2,090	2,002	2,581	2,347	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 828,443	230,996	141,999	116,013	115,972	102,576	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 3,156	4,521	5,975	7,235	11,133	10,438	13,942	15,935
	acres 1,509,785	1,898,726	2,427,580	2,297,102	3,144,530	3,041,937	3,984,934	2,665,237
	bushels 95,396,048	114,949,113	153,531,033	114,127,221	180,865,739	175,279,096	222,512,221	155,573,425
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 287	552	697	905	789	752	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 66,729	110,679	121,393	105,277	76,497	74,861	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 920,271	1,392,933	1,705,391	1,195,133	879,700	863,520	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 565	451	371	902	1,823	1,705	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 181,579	107,909	93,453	196,340	396,502	381,187	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 6,781,615	2,790,641	3,439,765	5,415,147	10,507,744	10,114,310	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 60	51	58	218	100	86	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,197	2,918	6,675	25,906	4,883	4,782	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 24,324	34,620	127,400	286,553	63,986	62,792	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 6,212	7,029	7,225	8,897	12,046	10,971	11,237	16,557
	acres 5,778,244	3,844,464	4,674,229	4,657,029	5,612,685	5,221,561	3,620,070	4,349,755
	bales 8,923,912	4,760,737	8,147,970	5,060,144	5,197,938	4,828,062	3,212,770	4,071,552
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 80,028	86,456	90,860	83,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,441,854	5,069,579	5,264,287	4,982,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 9,126,789	9,543,773	14,477,068	11,407,323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 272	364	385	629	892	843	1,276	1,212
	acres 155,829	134,189	145,006	204,069	287,822	280,676	369,539	299,388
	cwt 10,534,423	8,792,098	9,472,871	14,590,204	15,728,874	15,348,483	20,026,016	16,345,153
Sunflower seed, all	farms 109	198	118	122	346	320	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 42,481	88,623	35,309	25,447	(D)	63,496	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 61,406,833	103,518,889	45,693,688	20,808,808	(D)	59,527,397	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	farms 103	117	114	166	102	103	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 41,495	44,577	(D)	(D)	26,615	26,688	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 1,646,457	(D)	(D)	(D)	767,146	769,117	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 576	552	784	1,231	1,902	1,790	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 209,984	148,795	192,291	259,419	294,017	283,847	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 670,674,188	547,106,308	699,723,146	807,510,593	784,266,043	760,067,849	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 2,248	2,296	2,353	2,506	2,929	2,432	3,286	3,237
	acres 102,202	130,326	128,108	126,043	150,106	140,522	189,997	201,702
Potatoes	farms 470	577	330	250	248	211	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 22,829	22,535	17,129	18,504	17,245	17,016	(NA)	(NA)
	farms 75	45	45	86	104	92	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 622	1,447	2,006	2,192	5,239	4,913	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 7,598	6,966	8,848	9,567	10,476	8,804	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 176,837	204,305	215,794	224,271	228,972	211,938	(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.