

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	18,409	18,027	16,700	15,282	15,810	14,181	13,520	14,066
Land in farmsacres	10,811,604	10,974,396	11,094,700	11,731,228	12,008,137	12,024,661	9,624,463	9,989,073
Average size of farmacres	587	609	664	768	760	848	712	710
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,067,323	888,886	829,816	586,310	456,494	486,235	347,982	302,838
Average per acredollars	1,817	1,460	1,249	756	600	575	491	425
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	1,800,104	1,523,780	1,257,461	875,958	771,080	725,177	526,636	499,126
Average per farmdollars	97,789	84,537	75,365	62,600	48,784	51,148	39,126	35,685
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	6,181	5,205	4,194	3,673	3,243	2,590	2,262	2,365
10 to 49 acres	5,254	5,239	5,127	4,695	4,599	3,978	3,735	3,835
50 to 179 acres	3,159	3,499	3,354	2,937	3,245	3,245	3,176	3,437
180 to 499 acres	1,768	1,864	1,824	1,832	2,132	2,042	2,057	2,137
500 to 999 acres	784	892	856	895	953	945	927	941
1,000 to 1,999 acres	574	623	571	586	631	646	582	598
2,000 acres or more	689	705	735	703	712	735	781	753
Total croplandfarms	12,769	12,064	12,398	12,652	13,153	12,227	11,700	12,233
.....acres	1,654,371	1,645,898	1,837,904	2,067,437	2,078,213	2,069,751	2,093,779	2,028,537
Harvested cropland.....farms	11,086	10,729	10,259	9,661	11,042	10,393	10,173	10,752
.....acres	1,062,894	1,054,369	964,702	961,037	1,113,756	1,107,928	1,043,347	1,076,886
Irrigated landfarms	13,159	12,296	12,492	11,587	12,230	11,291	10,901	11,143
.....acres	1,097,219	1,104,257	1,134,144	1,091,011	1,218,474	1,212,201	1,142,514	1,161,207
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	1,838,610	1,816,147	1,415,678	1,115,898	888,579	877,295	725,159	617,882
Average per farmdollars	99,876	100,746	84,771	73,020	56,204	61,864	53,636	43,927
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	560,956	574,099	372,396	257,797	255,336	247,443	181,380	130,441
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	1,277,653	1,242,049	1,043,281	858,101	633,243	629,852	543,779	487,442
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	8,022	7,200	7,059	7,292	5,390	4,226	3,979	4,380
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,975	2,055	1,857	1,455	2,045	1,867	1,751	1,894
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,144	2,068	1,951	1,399	2,043	1,904	1,845	1,854
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2,157	2,180	1,994	1,733	2,347	2,270	2,217	2,272
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,205	1,424	1,363	1,028	1,395	1,328	1,241	1,272
\$50,000 to \$99,999	988	1,117	860	788	934	949	987	1,005
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,349	1,427	1,185	1,207	1,333	1,317	1,275	1,218
\$500,000 or more	569	556	431	380	323	320	225	171
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	14,826	14,575	13,614	13,108	12,955	11,503	11,030	11,660
Partnership	1,375	1,588	1,645	1,315	1,652	1,545	1,616	1,619
Corporation	1,404	1,147	1,014	630	870	828	665	599
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	804	717	427	229	333	305	209	188
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	1,566,044	1,588,996	1,215,579	933,114	717,675	699,532	602,812	494,641
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	142,405	114,862	132,323	158,687	83,669	82,463	103,978	84,657
Feed purchased\$1,000	482,845	611,302	389,568	244,175	201,875	198,854	135,079	101,717
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	60,560	59,867	34,635	23,771	23,524	22,174	17,412	13,229
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	77,984	96,270	82,307	42,227	38,834	37,590	34,722	29,726
Hired farm labor\$1,000	209,821	177,268	147,213	114,694	81,573	79,611	72,014	51,365
Interest expense\$1,000	72,503	66,974	58,768	48,332	52,344	50,664	42,771	47,504
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	24,463	21,471	14,033	11,110	9,824	9,374	8,569	8,604
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	8,026	8,625	7,581	6,688	8,636	7,986	7,530	7,854
.....number	764,725	776,833	843,474	876,951	906,956	916,090	860,830	855,338
Beef cowsfarms	6,508	6,827	5,589	5,055	5,749	5,306	5,306	5,430
.....number	338,572	369,670	364,744	349,309	377,048	383,790	356,971	346,462
Milk cowsfarms	445	477	450	680	919	891	1,082	1,447
.....number	98,389	90,449	85,262	90,904	92,391	92,953	80,369	76,610
Cattle and calves soldfarms	6,333	6,458	6,257	5,617	8,076	7,598	7,212	7,520
.....number	453,554	437,708	519,155	636,098	524,086	524,128	506,739	499,464
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	561	669	611	518	565	511	727	748
.....number	549,340	731,666	760,035	670,407	293,170	292,472	43,017	33,643
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	614	581	630	480	425	379	575	575
.....number	1,464,741	2,630,230	2,050,082	1,886,880	333,703	330,515	61,407	48,290
Layers inventory (see text)farms	2,553	2,398	1,310	1,089	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	4,480,850	3,814,859	3,584,791	3,426,388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	79	73	39	67	21	19	21	23
.....number	(D)	4,310	1,165	2,898	(D)	(D)	5,091	7,793
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	318	373	331	231	392	377	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	36,219	33,879	21,367	14,999	17,924	17,200	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	6,225,791	5,379,627	3,249,594	2,134,158	2,642,441	2,533,052	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	560	546	573	713	858	855	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	57,643	52,481	45,375	46,442	38,380	38,495	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	1,370,975	1,200,480	969,548	958,300	837,579	840,576	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	610	724	602	568	1,184	1,148	1,274	1,711
.....acres	145,388	138,100	137,404	112,714	183,231	182,372	177,360	191,384
.....bushels	6,419,102	6,034,525	5,771,071	3,847,763	7,968,490	7,832,313	6,295,501	7,149,004
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	130	151	86	127	282	278	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	12,679	13,315	7,458	10,469	18,826	18,779	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	731,685	535,746	384,604	409,768	919,432	910,295	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	521	632	546	492	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	132,709	124,785	129,946	102,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	5,687,417	5,498,779	5,386,467	3,437,995	(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	82	128	266	210	487	481	681	789
farms								
acres	2,107	2,973	4,833	3,788	9,178	9,208	11,923	11,107
bushels	157,953	207,071	367,230	302,019	638,172	643,121	669,910	699,305
Barley for grain	366	566	487	706	1,976	1,929	2,345	3,139
farms								
acres	19,976	25,908	22,124	33,330	95,447	94,072	104,213	126,345
bushels	1,535,353	1,957,673	1,833,678	2,172,458	7,539,950	7,422,580	7,879,596	9,506,857
Sorghum for grain	-	1	2	7	14	13	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	-	(D)	(D)	574	952	945	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	(D)	40,599	65,848	65,358	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	13	9	7	22	32	31	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	329	438	404	858	1,203	1,202	(NA)	(NA)
tons	2,835	1,745	6,408	9,500	15,087	15,143	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	3	-	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	176	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	6,006	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	9	4	16	10	22	22	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	(D)	(D)	1,627	277	5,201	5,201	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	3,863	(D)	6,994	4,410	43,568	43,568	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	9,849	9,435	8,930	8,606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	759,934	761,515	690,946	717,984	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	2,888,401	2,731,135	2,569,087	2,392,884	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	2	1	12	5	3	3	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	(D)	(D)	5,332	503	(D)	42	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	(D)	(D)	2,460,696	124,290	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	673	786	583	323	326	294	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	6,690	6,119	5,920	4,792	7,383	6,695	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	142	306	113	92	106	98	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	569	981	464	749	3,258	3,247	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	10	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	1	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	654	712	805	593	714	631	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	8,566	8,007	8,058	8,254	10,883	10,162	(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.