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Introduction

HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first

used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data. Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data. Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (H) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
- (IC) Independent city.
- (L) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
- (NA) Not available.
- (S) Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- cwt Hundredweight.
- sq ft Square feet.

A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		
	1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms ----- number -----	44 870	51 549	-13.0
Land in farms ----- acres -----	7 189 541	7 866 289	-8.6
Average size of farm ----- acres -----	160	153	4.6
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	328 795	239 333	37.4
Average per acre ----- dollars -----	2 056	1 579	30.2
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :			
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	49 383	41 641	18.6
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres -----	3 005	3 759	-20.1
10 to 49 acres -----	9 095	10 264	-11.4
50 to 179 acres -----	20 136	23 696	-15.0
180 to 499 acres -----	10 286	11 453	-10.2
500 to 999 acres -----	1 880	1 961	-4.1
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	391	350	11.7
2,000 acres or more -----	77	66	16.7
Total cropland ----- farms -----	42 390	48 546	-12.7
Harvested cropland ----- acres -----	5 021 773	5 398 072	-7.0
Irrigated land ----- farms -----	40 090	46 157	-13.1
----- acres -----	3 861 435	4 080 153	-5.4
Market value of agricultural products sold ----- \$1,000 -----	3 570 191	3 077 523	16.0
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	79 567	59 701	33.3
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 -----	1 042 050	826 666	26.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 -----	2 528 141	2 250 857	12.3
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500 -----	9 634	12 747	-24.4
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 314	6 517	-18.5
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	5 555	6 378	-12.9
\$10,000 to \$24,999 -----	6 199	6 720	-7.8
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	3 915	4 680	-16.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	5 241	6 893	-24.0
\$100,000 to \$249,999 -----	6 291	5 500	14.4
\$250,000 to \$499,999 -----	1 707	1 346	26.8
\$500,000 or more -----	1 014	768	32.0
Total farm production expenses ¹ ----- \$1,000 -----	2 775 313	2 386 060	16.3
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	61 859	46 287	33.6
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ ----- farms -----	44 866	51 549	-13.0
----- \$1,000 -----	758 341	661 804	14.6
Average per farm ----- dollars -----	16 902	12 838	31.7
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming -----	26 959	29 797	-9.5
Other -----	17 911	21 752	-17.7
Operators by days worked off farm:			
Any -----	21 243	26 610	-20.2
200 days or more -----	13 501	17 104	-21.1
Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms -----	27 984	33 381	-16.2
----- number -----	1 699 820	1 745 617	-2.6
Beef cows ----- farms -----	11 461	13 429	-14.7
----- number -----	157 773	160 694	-1.8
Milk cows ----- farms -----	12 448	15 096	-17.5
----- number -----	625 165	673 054	-7.1
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms -----	26 008	31 243	-16.8
----- number -----	954 013	975 472	-2.2
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms -----	5 097	6 983	-27.0
----- number -----	1 074 574	919 755	16.8
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms -----	4 577	6 495	-29.5
----- number -----	2 263 427	1 997 713	13.3
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms -----	2 922	3 314	-11.8
----- number -----	108 040	113 223	-4.6
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms -----	3 784	5 963	-36.5
----- number -----	29 682 108	25 548 494	16.2
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms -----	839	1 052	-20.2
----- number -----	108 113 026	106 382 310	1.6
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms -----	21 610	26 968	-19.9
----- acres -----	1 012 263	1 070 293	-5.4
Corn for silage or green chop ----- bushels -----	112 034 518	99 282 796	12.8
----- farms -----	13 267	15 127	-12.3
----- acres -----	389 977	438 212	-11.0
Wheat for grain ----- tons, green -----	6 136 435	6 219 500	-1.3
----- acres -----	7 734	9 719	-20.4
Oats for grain ----- bushels -----	182 021	186 100	-2.2
----- farms -----	8 670 089	7 663 537	13.1
----- acres -----	11 205	14 900	-24.8
Irish potatoes ----- bushels -----	184 186	243 257	-24.3
----- farms -----	11 064 027	13 881 340	-20.3
----- acres -----	956	1 113	-14.1
Hay--alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms -----	17 393	21 707	-19.9
----- acres -----	4 030 015	4 428 958	-9.0
----- tons, dry -----	32 640	38 129	-14.4
Land in orchards ----- farms -----	1 787 980	1 915 370	-6.7
----- acres -----	4 091 919	4 477 463	-8.6
----- farms -----	2 317	2 805	-17.4
----- acres -----	57 656	66 537	-13.3

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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B. Highlights of the State’s Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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Farms by size:			
01 to 3.84 hectares -----	3 005	3 759	-20.1
3.85 to 20.04 hectares -----	9 095	10 264	-11.4
20.05 to 72.67 hectares -----	20 136	23 696	-15.0
72.68 to 202.22 hectares -----	10 286	11 453	-10.2
202.23 to 404.65 hectares -----	1 880	1 961	-4.1
404.66 to 809.51 hectares -----	391	350	11.7
809.52 hectares or more -----	77	66	16.7
Total cropland ----- farms -----	42 390	48 546	-12.7
----- hectares -----	2 032 312	2 184 600	-7.0
Harvested cropland ----- farms -----	40 090	46 157	-13.1
----- hectares -----	1 562 723	1 651 238	-5.4
Irrigated land ----- farms -----	2 121	2 208	-3.9
----- hectares -----	9 347	11 941	-21.7
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Livestock and poultry:			
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms -----	27 984	33 381	-16.2
----- number -----	1 699 820	1 745 617	-2.6
Beef cows ----- farms -----	11 461	13 429	-14.7
----- number -----	157 773	160 694	-1.8
Milk cows ----- farms -----	12 448	15 096	-17.5
----- number -----	625 165	673 054	-7.1
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms -----	26 008	31 243	-16.8
----- number -----	954 013	975 472	-2.2
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms -----	5 097	6 983	-27.0
----- number -----	1 074 574	919 755	16.8
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms -----	4 577	6 495	-29.5
----- number -----	2 263 427	1 997 713	13.3
Sheep and lambs inventory ----- farms -----	2 922	3 314	-11.8
----- number -----	108 040	113 223	-4.6
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory ----- farms -----	3 784	5 963	-36.5
----- number -----	29 682 108	25 548 494	16.2
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms -----	839	1 052	-20.2
----- number -----	108 113 026	106 382 310	1.6
Selected crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms -----	21 610	26 968	-19.9
----- hectares -----	409 663	433 148	-5.4
metric tons -----	2 845 809	2 521 900	12.8
Corn for silage or green chop ----- farms -----	13 267	15 127	-12.3
----- hectares -----	157 824	177 344	-11.0
metric tons -----	5 566 882	5 642 237	-1.3
Wheat for grain ----- farms -----	7 734	9 719	-20.4
----- hectares -----	73 664	75 315	-2.2
metric tons -----	235 961	208 567	13.1
Oats for grain ----- farms -----	11 205	14 900	-24.8
----- hectares -----	74 540	98 446	-24.3
metric tons -----	160 594	201 487	-20.3
Irish potatoes ----- farms -----	956	1 113	-14.1
----- hectares -----	7 039	8 785	-19.9
metric tons -----	182 798	200 894	-9.0
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms -----	32 640	38 129	-14.4
----- hectares -----	723 596	775 150	-6.7
metric tons -----	3 712 128	4 061 887	-8.6
Land in orchards ----- farms -----	2 317	2 805	-17.4
----- hectares -----	23 333	26 928	-13.4

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

