

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms number	1,243	1,219	858	994	735	649	701	728
Land in farms acres	69,589	67,819	61,223	65,083	55,256	49,601	58,685	62,466
Average size of farm acres	56	56	71	65	75	76	84	86
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars	786,093	936,229	658,290	401,259	442,402	481,783	420,279	237,141
Average per acre dollars	14,041	16,828	9,225	6,128	5,885	6,304	4,748	2,760
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000	69,689	79,457	47,926	34,283	28,517	24,479	25,178	18,824
Average per farm dollars	56,065	65,343	57,882	34,490	38,799	37,718	35,918	25,893
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	433	353	208	258	181	128	131	113
10 to 49 acres	451	484	305	369	237	237	250	273
50 to 179 acres	278	308	271	286	221	215	241	251
180 to 499 acres	70	67	63	66	61	57	66	82
500 to 999 acres	7	5	6	13	13	10	11	6
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1	-	4	1	1	2	2	3
2,000 acres or more	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
Total cropland farms	806	926	688	867	661	591	597	655
acres	22,593	24,457	23,506	29,750	25,611	24,411	26,121	28,180
Harvested cropland farms	746	823	628	778	606	517	523	576
acres	18,933	19,325	17,820	21,537	19,019	18,136	18,498	21,252
Irrigated land farms	325	313	264	211	180	132	105	84
acres	3,954	4,306	3,963	3,333	3,265	2,979	3,494	2,224
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000	59,652	65,908	55,546	51,133	48,200	39,512	37,786	30,376
Average per farm dollars	47,990	54,067	64,740	51,442	65,578	60,882	53,903	41,726
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	48,981	55,602	47,138	41,472	39,423	27,431	26,685	18,139
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	10,671	10,306	8,408	9,661	8,777	12,082	11,100	12,237
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	451	487	287	363	210	175	290	271
\$2,500 to \$4,999	186	140	110	123	91	115	79	95
\$5,000 to \$9,999	162	147	98	111	91	85	82	91
\$10,000 to \$24,999	179	179	130	135	109	99	79	92
\$25,000 to \$49,999	68	93	65	82	73	49	41	52
\$50,000 to \$99,999	89	56	56	76	64	49	55	58
\$100,000 to \$499,999	84	88	84	85	78	57	58	55
\$500,000 or more	24	29	28	19	19	20	17	14
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual	919	918	699	789	573	529	567	620
Partnership	144	110	52	66	54	42	45	52
Corporation	149	176	90	127	98	73	80	51
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	31	15	17	12	10	5	9	5
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	454	396	392	416	328	293	265	271
Any	789	823	466	547	381	323	395	413
200 days or more	521	500	324	382	260	202	262	299
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	619	621	442	467	370	333	345	346
Other	624	598	416	527	365	316	356	382
Average age of principal operator years	56.7	56.3	54.3	54.0	54.1	53.4	52.7	52.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	68,335	65,062	48,029	38,759	35,350	32,436	29,736	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased \$1,000	1,023	748	730	975	848	1,130	1,146	1,271
Feed purchased \$1,000	6,287	5,171	3,121	3,275	2,924	4,320	3,684	5,347
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ^{4 5} \$1,000	2,960	3,175	1,853	1,613	1,528	1,332	1,335	1,125
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased \$1,000	5,296	3,950	1,823	1,820	1,642	1,487	1,390	1,819
Hired farm labor \$1,000	19,889	16,165	13,508	11,258	10,755	9,076	9,536	5,559
Interest expense ⁶ \$1,000	2,649	3,159	1,455	2,003	1,744	1,473	1,298	1,569
Chemicals purchased ⁴ \$1,000	1,760	1,441	1,047	857	824	904	778	647
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms	300	276	225	300	200	208	253	340
number	4,667	5,085	5,308	6,524	5,749	6,057	6,930	8,997
Beef cows farms	212	227	163	193	129	133	156	192
number	1,447	1,800	1,481	1,342	1,062	967	1,133	1,251
Milk cows farms	30	39	43	60	45	55	70	123
number	1,209	1,325	1,828	2,355	2,239	2,565	2,975	3,872
Cattle and calves sold farms	161	148	118	207	158	162	206	260
number	1,578	1,629	1,479	2,586	2,315	2,509	3,259	3,544
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	77	103	64	89	60	48	59	73
number	1,830	2,316	2,381	3,763	2,764	5,488	4,719	3,030
Hogs and pigs sold farms	66	81	51	60	45	41	49	45
number	4,477	4,526	3,041	7,578	4,951	6,011	4,990	3,269

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
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Livestock and poultry: - Con.								
Layers inventory (see text) farms	327	154	138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	69,662	45,825	38,223	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	57	12	8	7	5	5	6	4
number	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	58,714	(D)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain farms	15	4	5	11	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	240	41	41	48	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	35,570	3,207	3,616	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop farms	27	39	54	58	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	1,653	2,356	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons	(D)	32,886	38,923	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all farms	4	-	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,024	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	48,332	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain farms	4	-	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,024	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	48,332	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain farms	-	2	5	4	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	44	28	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	(D)	1,798	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans farms	1	-	1	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) farms								
acres	285	351	251	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry	8,220	9,304	7,417	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms	243	203	141	134	126	126	99	120
acres	2,397	2,418	1,961	1,966	1,907	1,868	1,947	1,908
Potatoes farms	69	30	15	21	16	19	22	21
acres	558	542	525	797	788	1,310	1,410	2,879
Sweet potatoes farms	7	5	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2	1	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards farms	74	100	72	61	54	72	83	79
acres	378	580	464	417	389	664	856	827

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

² Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.

³ Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁴ Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.

⁵ Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

⁶ Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁷ Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.