

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

All farms	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
					1997	1992	1987	1982
Farms ..... number	2,109,303	2,204,792	2,128,982	2,215,876	1,911,859	1,925,300	2,087,759	2,240,976
Land in farms ..... acres	914,527,657	922,095,840	938,279,056	954,752,502	931,795,255	945,531,506	964,470,625	986,796,579
Average size of farm ..... acres	434	418	441	431	487	491	462	440
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ..... dollars	1,075,491	791,138	537,833	416,007	449,748	357,056	289,387	345,869
Average per acre ..... dollars	2,481	1,892	1,213	967	933	727	627	784
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	243,966,688	194,783,471	136,624,880	119,302,923	110,256,802	93,316,496	85,801,360	93,662,947
Average per farm ..... dollars	115,706	88,357	66,570	53,861	57,678	48,605	41,227	41,919
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	223,634	232,849	179,346	205,390	153,515	166,496	183,257	187,665
10 to 49 acres .....	589,549	620,283	563,772	530,902	410,833	387,711	412,437	449,252
50 to 179 acres .....	634,047	660,530	658,705	694,489	592,972	584,146	644,849	711,652
180 to 499 acres .....	346,038	368,368	388,617	428,215	402,769	427,648	478,294	526,510
500 to 999 acres .....	142,555	149,713	161,552	179,447	175,690	186,387	200,058	203,925
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	91,273	92,656	99,020	103,007	101,468	101,923	102,078	97,395
2,000 acres or more .....	82,207	80,393	77,970	74,426	74,612	70,989	66,786	64,577
Total cropland ..... farms	1,551,654	1,685,339	1,751,450	1,857,239	1,661,395	1,697,137	1,848,574	2,010,609
..... acres	389,690,414	406,424,909	434,164,946	445,324,765	431,144,896	435,365,878	443,318,233	445,362,028
Harvested cropland ..... farms	1,288,875	1,328,004	1,362,608	1,545,681	1,410,606	1,491,786	1,643,633	1,809,756
..... acres	314,964,600	309,607,601	302,697,252	318,937,401	309,395,475	295,936,976	282,223,880	326,306,462
Irrigated land ..... farms	296,303	301,028	299,583	308,818	279,442	279,357	291,628	278,277
..... acres	55,822,231	56,599,305	55,311,236	56,289,172	55,058,128	49,404,030	46,386,201	49,002,433
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) ..... \$1,000	394,644,481	297,220,491	200,646,355	201,379,812	196,864,649	162,608,334	136,048,516	131,900,223
Average per farm ..... dollars	187,097	134,807	94,245	90,880	102,970	84,459	65,165	58,858
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... \$1,000	212,397,074	143,657,928	95,151,954	100,668,794	98,055,656	75,228,256	58,931,085	62,256,087
Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... \$1,000	182,247,407	153,562,563	105,494,401	100,711,018	98,808,993	87,380,078	77,117,431	69,644,136
Farms by value of sales <sup>2</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 .....	788,310	900,327	826,558	693,026	496,514	422,767	490,296	536,327
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	191,422	200,302	213,326	265,667	228,477	231,867	262,918	278,208
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	214,245	218,531	223,168	267,575	237,975	251,883	274,972	281,802
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	244,954	248,285	256,157	293,639	274,040	301,804	326,166	340,254
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	152,873	154,732	157,906	179,629	170,705	195,354	219,636	248,828
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	129,366	125,456	140,479	163,510	158,160	187,760	218,050	251,501
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	232,955	240,873	240,746	282,422	277,194	286,951	263,698	274,580
\$500,000 or more .....	155,178	116,286	70,642	70,408	68,794	46,914	32,023	27,800
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text):								
Family or individual .....	1,828,946	1,906,335	1,909,598	1,922,590	1,643,424	1,653,491	1,809,324	1,945,639
Partnership .....	137,987	174,247	129,593	185,607	169,462	186,806	199,559	223,274
Corporation .....	106,716	96,074	73,752	90,432	84,002	72,567	66,969	59,792
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc .....	35,654	28,136	16,039	17,247	14,971	12,436	11,907	12,271
Principal operator by days of work off farm <sup>3</sup> :								
None .....	823,659	777,747	962,200	832,585	755,254	801,881	844,476	861,798
Any .....	1,285,644	1,427,045	1,166,782	1,254,537	1,042,158	992,773	1,115,560	1,187,374
200 days or more .....	842,600	876,301	832,348	870,945	709,279	665,570	737,206	774,844
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming .....	1,007,904	993,881	1,224,246	1,044,388	961,560	1,053,150	1,138,179	1,234,787
Other .....	1,101,399	1,210,911	904,736	1,171,488	950,299	872,150	949,580	1,006,189
Average age of principal operator ..... years	58.3	57.1	55.3	54.0	54.3	53.3	52.0	50.5
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000	328,939,354	241,113,666	173,199,216	157,752,357	150,590,993	130,779,261	108,138,053	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ..... \$1,000	41,586,018	38,003,682	27,420,965	22,213,229	21,614,559	23,043,431	19,344,645	17,174,334
Feed purchased ..... \$1,000	75,706,467	49,095,106	31,694,850	34,749,048	32,759,966	24,084,507	19,163,364	18,591,984
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>4 5</sup> ..... \$1,000	28,532,713	18,107,194	9,751,460	9,999,752	9,597,128	8,204,324	6,684,944	7,689,365
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased ..... \$1,000	16,573,188	12,912,179	6,675,419	6,715,936	6,371,515	6,120,452	5,277,227	7,888,052
Hired farm labor ..... \$1,000	26,986,669	21,877,661	18,568,446	15,457,896	14,841,036	12,961,639	10,866,236	8,441,180
Interest expense <sup>6</sup> ..... \$1,000	12,123,573	10,880,731	9,571,577	9,392,431	8,928,107	8,111,337	8,158,268	11,668,942
Chemicals purchased <sup>4</sup> ..... \$1,000	16,459,840	10,074,914	7,608,921	7,934,936	7,581,424	6,133,705	4,690,243	4,282,213
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....	913,246	963,669	1,018,359	1,188,659	1,046,863	1,074,349	1,176,346	1,354,992
..... farms	89,994,614	96,347,858	95,497,994	99,907,017	98,989,244	96,135,825	95,847,299	104,475,827
..... number	727,906	764,984	796,436	899,756	804,595	803,241	841,778	957,698
Beef cows .....	28,956,553	32,834,801	33,399,271	34,193,965	34,066,615	32,545,976	31,652,593	34,202,607
..... farms	64,098	69,890	91,989	125,041	116,874	155,339	202,068	277,762
..... number	9,252,272	9,266,574	9,103,959	9,139,812	9,095,439	9,491,818	10,084,697	10,849,890
Cattle and calves sold .....	740,978	798,290	851,971	1,121,003	1,011,809	1,034,189	1,150,523	1,278,609
..... farms	69,759,776	74,071,936	73,509,165	75,005,184	74,089,046	70,562,908	72,603,841	71,216,727
..... number	63,246	75,442	78,895	124,889	109,754	191,347	243,398	329,833
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	66,026,785	67,786,318	60,405,103	61,188,149	61,206,236	57,563,118	52,271,120	55,366,205
..... farms	55,882	74,789	82,028	112,377	102,106	188,167	238,819	315,095
..... number	199,115,305	206,807,181	184,997,686	142,956,569	142,611,882	111,326,807	96,569,359	94,783,598

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