

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years**

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

All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Farms .....number	70,521	77,857	81,033	79,631	87,991	74,126	77,669	83,217
Land in farms .....acres	24,522,801	25,569,001	25,364,695	27,589,027	28,795,834	27,698,779	28,978,997	30,598,178
Average size of farm .....acres	348	328	313	346	327	374	373	368
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	3,252,414	2,061,792	2,005,768	1,206,822	839,126	941,170	820,063	583,668
Average per acre .....dollars	9,353	6,278	6,408	3,526	2,643	2,605	2,213	1,575
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	11,640,729	9,709,545	8,761,575	6,325,990	5,463,053	5,155,473	4,363,190	4,081,738
Average per farm .....dollars	165,070	124,720	108,145	81,933	62,129	69,590	56,485	49,223
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....farms	23,400	24,637	25,278	21,827	27,151	20,662	21,485	22,697
10 to 49 acres .....farms	21,756	25,811	28,080	27,307	28,613	24,250	26,089	28,498
50 to 179 acres .....farms	11,474	13,056	12,939	14,356	14,874	13,288	13,883	15,017
180 to 499 acres .....farms	6,364	6,649	7,014	7,741	8,055	7,270	7,512	8,028
500 to 999 acres .....farms	3,072	3,230	3,267	3,604	3,912	3,572	3,702	3,804
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....farms	2,061	2,040	2,194	2,374	2,683	2,439	2,411	2,544
2,000 acres or more .....farms	2,394	2,434	2,261	2,422	2,703	2,645	2,587	2,629
Total cropland .....farms	52,860	57,731	61,215	61,810	70,231	62,269	64,417	68,266
acres	9,597,439	9,591,783	9,464,647	10,994,161	11,062,811	10,803,804	10,479,268	10,894,503
Harvested cropland .....farms	49,533	53,372	53,000	54,115	62,031	55,590	56,785	59,259
acres	7,857,512	8,007,461	7,633,173	8,466,321	8,676,242	8,543,159	7,760,773	7,676,287
Irrigated land .....farms	52,362	53,546	53,400	55,596	63,226	55,920	56,546	58,868
acres	7,833,593	7,861,964	8,016,159	8,709,353	8,886,693	8,712,893	7,571,313	7,596,091
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	45,154,359	42,627,472	33,885,064	25,737,173	23,280,110	23,032,259	17,051,912	13,922,234
Average per farm .....dollars	640,297	547,510	418,164	323,205	264,574	310,718	219,546	167,300
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	33,353,834	30,366,898	22,903,021	19,152,722	17,201,736	17,033,714	11,747,474	9,269,389
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	11,800,525	12,260,574	10,982,043	6,584,451	6,078,374	5,998,545	5,304,438	4,652,845
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....farms	19,111	19,986	23,965	23,362	28,871	19,473	22,692	23,187
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....farms	4,972	5,736	6,548	6,038	7,470	6,516	7,160	8,661
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....farms	6,689	7,718	7,208	7,262	7,560	6,498	7,417	8,512
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....farms	8,306	10,137	10,481	9,455	9,685	8,621	9,324	11,028
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....farms	5,952	7,043	7,578	7,131	7,360	6,747	6,899	7,863
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....farms	5,667	6,679	6,212	6,798	6,909	6,544	6,360	6,895
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....farms	10,344	11,039	10,461	11,426	12,159	11,823	11,143	11,430
\$500,000 or more .....farms	9,480	9,519	8,580	8,159	7,977	7,904	6,674	5,641
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....farms	52,390	59,732	64,001	64,442	69,154	56,755	60,187	64,928
Partnership .....farms	8,021	8,984	9,552	8,953	11,836	10,813	11,350	12,127
Corporation .....farms	7,271	6,361	5,750	5,070	5,504	5,252	5,067	5,367
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....farms	2,839	2,780	1,730	1,166	1,497	1,306	1,065	795
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	37,775,929	35,455,667	26,962,641	20,527,198	17,085,533	16,817,253	13,804,983	10,917,593
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000	1,567,663	1,254,286	1,264,818	949,697	774,047	759,223	935,152	776,540
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	5,127,443	6,069,374	4,274,263	2,494,806	2,616,926	2,588,982	2,108,719	1,707,608
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	2,082,908	1,806,062	1,314,175	834,536	757,065	746,325	568,772	427,924
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	1,386,886	1,552,328	1,124,340	610,228	500,700	488,226	414,984	332,166
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	6,978,923	5,877,973	5,015,513	4,317,078	3,435,777	3,392,577	2,922,390	2,385,242
Interest expense .....\$1,000	1,233,854	1,217,781	1,099,536	930,722	978,929	958,431	738,910	697,449
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	2,409,928	2,190,674	1,369,132	1,102,974	970,316	957,006	694,549	544,779
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	13,694	16,764	16,638	17,379	21,522	17,335	19,097	22,119
number	5,185,593	5,370,531	5,498,025	5,234,177	5,121,933	4,968,679	4,702,114	4,570,667
Beef cows .....farms	10,254	10,925	11,827	12,497	15,172	12,158	10,175	14,966
number	682,372	583,594	662,423	735,045	959,772	890,805	862,971	906,006
Milk cows .....farms	1,653	1,931	2,165	2,923	2,650	2,922	3,124	3,631
number	1,750,329	1,815,655	1,840,730	1,644,692	1,406,884	1,403,217	1,249,038	1,070,366
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	10,267	12,594	12,681	12,897	19,134	16,007	17,205	20,486
number	3,073,094	3,671,078	3,553,530	3,157,013	3,191,996	3,107,562	2,993,538	3,097,084
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	1,389	1,437	1,389	1,521	2,351	1,593	2,221	2,699
number	96,456	111,893	153,983	163,465	221,174	212,088	258,130	150,931
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	1,236	1,163	1,267	1,513	1,638	1,193	1,761	2,297
number	207,768	290,488	296,378	308,769	396,891	373,352	481,270	303,406
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	6,546	6,744	5,098	3,244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	14,194,957	19,000,779	21,091,629	22,768,304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	366	421	229	338	323	240	298	298
number	288,000,313	273,277,272	280,512,754	260,447,483	244,056,157	237,723,294	225,074,862	209,376,014
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	335	733	606	592	987	958	(NA)	(NA)
acres	94,541	180,672	189,965	168,354	258,501	256,292	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	15,521,012	31,922,610	34,602,626	28,395,621	42,632,526	42,230,303	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	1,456	1,895	1,975	2,012	2,046	1,985	(NA)	(NA)
acres	404,211	487,570	460,614	393,694	317,367	314,357	(NA)	(NA)
tons	10,151,199	12,575,973	12,019,578	10,117,296	7,533,442	7,451,051	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	713	1,503	1,191	1,573	2,107	2,065	2,236	2,841
acres	227,712	491,846	354,165	410,369	581,692	581,071	569,044	562,302
bushels	17,904,328	42,955,324	30,224,394	33,590,674	42,544,545	42,372,177	39,456,581	40,004,786
Durum wheat for grain .....farms	206	375	239	321	360	353	(NA)	(NA)
acres	45,664	135,540	(D)	88,399	136,155	134,710	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	4,115,938	13,529,651	7,821,257	8,963,903	12,635,526	12,490,437	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	88	179	114	83	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	13,030	40,197	(D)	8,475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	1,056,939	3,393,174	2,245,585	691,713	(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.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain	483 farms	1,020	879	1,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	169,018 acres	316,109	249,704	313,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	12,731,451 bushels	26,032,499	20,157,552	23,935,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	126 farms	240	299	429	206	193	(NA)	(NA)
	11,208 acres	25,065	25,993	34,319	24,762	24,167	(NA)	(NA)
	733,938 bushels	2,246,420	2,595,144	2,798,145	2,033,506	1,991,198	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	160 farms	264	161	343	584	574	933	1,431
	46,843 acres	81,954	44,125	74,721	129,524	129,549	204,119	269,845
	3,407,553 bushels	5,312,595	2,872,476	5,266,774	7,630,739	7,475,447	12,183,472	14,560,411
Sorghum for grain	25 farms	74	58	66	77	76	(NA)	(NA)
	4,488 acres	13,908	10,909	10,676	13,322	13,568	(NA)	(NA)
	322,804 bushels	1,263,924	909,160	807,824	977,600	990,634	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	119 farms	239	195	68	11	12	(NA)	(NA)
	25,038 acres	41,953	30,085	6,020	2,219	2,259	(NA)	(NA)
	436,700 tons	634,648	536,162	94,009	41,424	42,584	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	- farms	2	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	- acres	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	- bushels	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	163 farms	308	239	385	440	413	(NA)	(NA)
	12,485 acres	39,511	34,002	58,420	60,933	60,153	(NA)	(NA)
	222,791 cwt	955,995	709,841	1,234,989	1,189,658	1,173,449	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	501 farms	630	855	1,393	1,872	1,833	2,351	3,037
	301,665 acres	367,766	471,378	694,653	1,043,208	1,036,316	1,066,060	1,083,811
	861,449 bales	1,201,860	1,418,751	2,056,964	2,559,842	2,543,194	2,792,443	2,619,934
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	6,807 farms	7,903	7,411	8,273	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	1,555,233 acres	1,670,027	1,723,147	1,952,522	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	8,472,919 tons, dry equivalent	9,363,421	10,642,531	11,202,962	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	1,100 farms	1,392	1,304	1,473	1,567	1,544	1,575	1,654
	436,710 acres	561,968	531,075	531,314	514,281	514,081	401,194	399,193
	34,121,711 cwt	46,692,580	43,018,947	43,581,796	41,474,551	41,457,650	31,865,036	28,566,209
Sunflower seed, all	151 farms	197	111	154	143	135	(NA)	(NA)
	54,209 acres	49,749	27,913	18,129	(D)	23,780	(NA)	(NA)
	49,871,358 pounds	68,792,639	29,776,645	21,455,613	(D)	29,689,822	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	54 farms	58	155	228	456	449	(NA)	(NA)
	(D) acres	27,193	42,984	55,692	104,354	103,611	(NA)	(NA)
	1,049,008 tons	1,179,753	1,539,394	2,063,080	2,947,634	2,924,151	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	5 farms	15	11	16	3	3	(NA)	(NA)
	20 acres	27	14	22	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
	89,890 pounds	84,093	28,000	38,600	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text)	4,868 farms	6,055	3,868	3,858	5,105	4,490	3,713	3,787
	1,170,573 acres	1,175,249	1,169,786	1,197,481	1,228,721	1,209,259	1,016,744	882,741
Potatoes	507 farms	441	224	269	354	304	(NA)	(NA)
	41,413 acres	42,660	37,858	48,217	44,343	43,503	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	260 farms	188	92	133	109	100	(NA)	(NA)
	21,565 acres	18,189	13,644	10,007	7,112	7,010	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup>	37,327 farms	38,098	39,484	38,693	43,957	38,747	40,298	41,021
	3,636,336 acres	3,138,943	2,826,291	2,871,626	2,652,993	2,582,084	2,245,781	2,152,664

<sup>1</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.

<sup>4</sup> Data for 2012 and prior years exclude pineapples.