

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	38,893	36,180	37,054	31,369	30,197	28,268	27,152	27,284
Land in farmsacres	31,820,957	31,886,676	31,604,911	31,093,336	32,349,832	32,634,221	33,983,029	34,048,433
Average size of farmacres	818	881	853	991	1,071	1,154	1,252	1,248
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,315,440	1,128,277	892,170	757,613	671,446	707,165	536,510	458,906
Average per acredollars	1,608	1,280	1,046	756	629	618	426	369
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	4,559,965	3,953,022	3,680,884	2,585,783	2,079,906	2,019,029	1,485,320	1,347,073
Average per farmdollars	117,337	110,134	99,344	87,871	68,937	71,417	54,868	49,534
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	6,404	4,251	4,276	2,813	3,046	2,502	2,424	2,725
10 to 49 acres	11,579	10,008	9,359	7,475	6,253	5,516	4,867	4,352
50 to 179 acres	8,017	8,187	8,476	6,956	6,253	5,748	5,371	5,111
180 to 499 acres	4,486	4,939	5,501	5,015	5,065	4,833	4,594	4,862
500 to 999 acres	2,622	2,930	3,185	2,998	3,105	3,030	3,188	3,355
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2,171	2,263	2,521	2,492	2,699	2,731	2,740	2,918
2,000 acres or more	3,614	3,602	3,736	3,620	3,776	3,908	3,968	3,961
Total croplandfarms	25,061	24,009	24,938	22,240	22,772	22,357	21,882	22,334
acres	11,056,259	10,649,747	11,483,936	11,530,700	10,787,080	10,509,384	10,933,484	10,988,853
Harvested cropland.....farms	19,287	17,379	17,899	14,655	18,532	18,406	18,573	19,446
acres	5,916,737	5,182,628	5,888,926	4,346,955	6,099,357	5,896,984	5,532,964	5,522,216
Irrigated landfarms	17,162	15,547	15,774	13,623	15,470	15,470	15,193	14,913
acres	2,761,173	2,516,785	2,867,957	2,590,654	3,374,233	3,430,129	3,169,839	3,013,773
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	7,491,702	7,780,874	6,061,134	4,525,196	4,553,732	4,534,213	4,115,552	3,143,131
Average per farmdollars	192,623	215,060	163,576	144,257	150,801	160,401	151,575	115,201
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	2,238,862	2,434,583	1,981,399	1,216,278	1,350,817	1,326,944	1,036,174	781,934
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	5,252,840	5,346,292	4,079,735	3,308,918	3,202,915	3,207,269	3,079,378	2,361,197
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	18,989	16,597	17,566	13,016	9,003	7,328	6,365	6,607
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,420	2,889	3,002	2,979	2,902	2,849	2,637	2,582
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,266	3,065	3,122	2,967	3,392	3,220	3,005	3,008
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,444	3,525	3,600	3,778	4,472	4,427	4,249	4,245
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,387	2,368	2,383	2,520	3,066	3,060	3,135	3,316
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,070	2,103	2,283	2,179	2,608	2,620	2,866	3,117
\$100,000 to \$499,999	3,619	3,808	3,595	2,931	3,747	3,774	3,986	3,721
\$500,000 or more	1,698	1,825	1,503	999	1,007	990	909	688
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	31,660	29,367	30,164	27,280	25,023	23,281	22,359	22,586
Partnership	3,207	3,228	3,762	2,109	2,892	2,789	2,890	2,994
Corporation	2,859	2,522	2,342	1,629	1,960	1,886	1,649	1,469
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	1,167	1,063	786	351	322	312	254	235
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	6,851,155	6,910,512	5,431,280	4,412,593	3,750,700	3,725,343	3,569,175	2,700,407
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	1,804,260	1,885,482	1,778,706	1,662,797	1,272,964	1,271,336	1,576,251	1,084,325
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,857,442	1,972,993	1,221,367	866,170	862,564	861,580	643,202	464,149
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	264,222	311,338	201,343	115,405	126,077	124,307	93,985	72,666
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	225,408	288,559	252,730	123,357	123,726	121,592	115,815	99,575
Hired farm labor\$1,000	546,816	471,562	390,625	367,016	267,941	263,603	209,675	172,070
Interest expense\$1,000	233,159	228,119	229,425	199,300	182,829	179,469	165,509	174,717
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	196,820	182,467	102,032	64,906	76,178	74,701	57,644	45,925
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	14,914	13,970	14,685	13,311	15,957	15,592	14,797	14,637
number	2,812,306	2,630,082	2,745,253	2,656,351	3,262,093	3,307,301	3,086,717	2,946,334
Beef cowsfarms	12,407	11,267	11,627	10,801	12,369	11,596	11,132	11,132
number	806,216	683,291	735,014	720,400	890,540	918,891	900,347	830,216
Milk cowsfarms	583	517	449	616	820	814	1,162	1,714
number	169,423	130,736	126,944	98,587	79,304	79,617	81,825	76,285
Cattle and calves soldfarms	12,024	11,570	11,963	11,877	15,324	15,124	14,439	14,569
number	3,045,915	3,211,467	3,148,677	3,625,015	3,729,024	3,751,788	3,569,739	3,476,740
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,227	1,001	1,171	989	1,335	1,225	1,643	1,685
number	737,663	727,301	882,695	783,467	791,529	787,440	464,479	258,725
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,393	956	1,230	1,158	1,119	1,035	1,558	1,620
number	3,313,271	2,784,645	2,376,709	2,933,721	1,462,187	1,452,164	878,515	460,359
Layers inventory (see text)farms	5,919	4,271	3,018	1,712	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	4,536,917	4,195,691	3,902,950	4,057,514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	312	296	146	171	84	74	74	112
number	(D)	37,956	17,729	20,400	12,574	11,933	(D)	43,706
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	2,312	2,562	2,585	1,991	3,570	3,579	4,066	4,295
acres	1,306,283	1,011,151	1,054,844	708,197	932,018	919,784	891,720	685,568
bushels	185,592,354	121,002,552	140,523,805	102,653,083	131,492,974	130,170,731	126,076,043	98,919,585
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	751	997	857	1,079	1,136	1,160	(NA)	(NA)
acres	151,466	157,285	111,116	142,853	96,096	96,344	(NA)	(NA)
tons	3,768,684	2,740,971	2,327,377	2,369,058	2,016,282	2,021,799	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	3,014	3,660	3,695	3,236	5,477	5,407	5,597	6,992
acres	2,067,098	2,181,967	2,369,096	1,666,332	2,750,843	2,515,100	2,384,979	2,421,603
bushels	88,276,724	67,665,715	88,427,841	37,528,989	83,390,981	76,656,526	71,825,463	81,581,401
Durum wheat for grainfarms	7	8	32	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,585	1,462	(D)	416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	138,089	179,106	(D)	50,517	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	70	112	127	96	371	373	(NA)	(NA)
acres	11,460	12,575	(D)	18,060	50,241	49,674	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	720,204	818,214	(D)	1,422,088	3,925,661	3,857,762	(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	farms 2,955	3,567	3,566	3,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,054,053	2,167,930	2,343,606	1,647,856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 87,418,431	66,668,395	86,598,055	36,056,384	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 95	99	165	121	393	404	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 6,285	5,936	9,921	6,813	19,410	20,001	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 445,283	402,698	531,736	364,903	1,060,834	1,112,532	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 272	241	331	416	633	657	1,053	2,404
	acres 65,346	54,828	59,667	82,147	83,854	84,564	115,321	203,226
	bushels 8,076,587	6,573,668	7,179,416	8,704,401	8,492,329	8,639,798	8,934,199	12,386,192
Sorghum for grain	farms 633	379	380	278	500	504	709	1,039
	acres 346,142	147,955	153,196	89,568	147,254	148,004	163,850	190,554
	bushels 16,426,524	2,733,227	5,750,890	1,879,280	5,239,441	5,272,619	6,280,126	7,327,665
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 145	98	105	183	197	197	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 34,438	11,209	13,128	17,628	16,304	15,989	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 436,142	108,038	167,647	118,784	152,359	150,790	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 107	84	34	37	15	14	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 18,989	12,602	2,948	5,302	1,861	1,621	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 964,490	535,045	148,420	179,254	54,520	51,320	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 338	346	281	686	1,093	1,095	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 51,413	42,573	46,629	82,721	118,188	116,544	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 1,091,755	836,655	785,848	1,778,029	2,038,456	2,028,685	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 14,907	12,798	13,998	10,758	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,518,762	1,296,617	1,621,178	1,236,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 3,739,627	2,698,367	4,256,940	2,736,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 193	181	282	202	340	329	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 80,863	69,307	112,991	69,306	(D)	73,119	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 77,267,632	52,566,914	124,244,896	49,517,380	(D)	74,241,175	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	farms 209	215	226	312	544	530	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 31,848	30,553	29,235	39,350	67,423	63,139	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 1,070,791	938,052	764,791	798,695	1,334,837	1,255,453	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,007	763	708	451	574	546	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 79,291	83,266	97,251	39,526	43,518	43,026	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 301	331	248	229	321	320	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 58,072	59,281	62,694	78,959	85,464	85,446	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 8	2	1	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4	(D)	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 939	808	877	673	823	761	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 6,178	6,338	6,986	6,008	8,052	7,753	(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.