

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	47,590	47,740	47,463	44,081	45,808	34,799	35,204	36,556
Land in farmsacres	9,731,731	9,548,342	9,231,570	10,414,877	10,659,777	10,454,217	10,766,077	11,194,090
Average size of farmacres	204	200	195	236	233	300	306	306
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,206,788	1,040,259	1,096,718	665,376	540,572	662,538	619,265	543,830
Average per acredollars	5,901	5,201	5,639	2,836	2,344	2,241	2,037	1,790
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	3,462,284	2,904,423	2,591,541	1,723,447	1,613,796	1,421,654	1,414,554	1,243,530
Average per farmdollars	72,754	60,845	54,604	39,884	35,239	40,869	40,898	34,799
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	14,072	11,742	12,184	10,267	10,622	7,394	7,664	7,300
10 to 49 acres	19,696	21,013	20,680	18,360	18,680	12,750	12,692	13,346
50 to 179 acres	7,791	8,764	8,543	8,776	9,804	7,932	7,738	8,379
180 to 499 acres	3,204	3,528	3,461	3,684	3,785	3,687	4,011	4,255
500 to 999 acres	1,286	1,259	1,225	1,330	1,324	1,390	1,451	1,598
1,000 to 1,999 acres	738	661	653	822	749	802	776	789
2,000 acres or more	803	773	717	842	844	844	872	889
Total croplandfarms	22,931	24,544	26,555	27,348	30,792	27,141	28,702	29,386
.....acres	2,825,803	2,744,064	2,953,340	3,715,257	3,610,304	3,639,850	3,841,505	3,790,599
Harvested cropland.....farms	19,205	21,011	20,486	20,495	23,520	21,017	22,556	22,677
.....acres	2,093,330	2,184,485	2,112,129	2,313,537	2,434,379	2,435,702	2,400,704	2,240,831
Irrigated landfarms	11,228	11,744	12,868	13,456	14,573	13,500	13,500	11,981
.....acres	1,519,379	1,493,320	1,552,118	1,815,174	1,873,823	1,862,404	1,782,680	1,622,750
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	7,357,343	7,701,532	7,785,228	6,242,272	6,137,802	6,004,554	5,266,033	4,351,383
Average per farmdollars	154,599	161,322	164,027	141,609	133,990	172,550	149,586	119,033
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	5,704,533	5,969,399	6,256,228	5,041,433	4,853,417	4,817,261	4,197,420	3,317,823
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	1,652,810	1,732,133	1,529,000	1,200,839	1,284,385	1,187,292	1,068,613	1,033,560
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	23,558	21,263	21,529	19,114	19,006	11,530	11,790	12,551
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,813	4,980	4,839	4,544	5,607	4,405	4,318	4,868
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,863	5,125	4,668	4,285	5,131	4,122	4,151	4,470
\$10,000 to \$24,999	4,842	5,686	5,404	5,240	5,286	4,572	4,674	4,765
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,592	2,998	3,355	3,305	3,049	2,805	2,901	2,833
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,010	2,464	2,435	2,486	2,349	2,188	2,262	2,273
\$100,000 to \$499,999	2,949	3,199	3,166	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,443	3,341
\$500,000 or more	1,963	2,025	2,067	1,868	1,985	1,928	1,665	1,455
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	37,986	38,140	39,792	37,119	37,138	27,173	27,243	28,943
Partnership	2,530	2,576	2,417	2,429	3,212	2,716	3,233	3,289
Corporation	6,088	6,155	4,693	4,076	4,989	4,516	4,325	3,961
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	986	869	561	457	469	394	403	363
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	6,507,308	6,484,515	5,762,883	4,734,590	4,553,217	4,384,423	4,082,659	3,200,405
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	184,126	163,843	175,186	147,080	160,467	145,770	131,497	148,405
Feed purchased\$1,000	612,589	750,800	547,947	410,603	501,971	446,861	382,945	336,690
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	583,131	546,306	439,145	289,115	352,800	347,559	283,424	209,617
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	292,870	325,053	266,387	146,528	138,244	131,636	128,168	104,591
Hired farm labor\$1,000	1,377,757	1,276,025	1,208,631	1,157,569	944,561	925,607	937,571	721,540
Interest expense\$1,000	200,127	225,460	203,987	163,345	247,091	237,536	219,234	191,913
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	544,350	564,650	376,699	321,442	355,836	350,556	320,675	227,063
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	21,469	21,255	21,011	19,182	23,007	15,849	15,522	17,321
.....number	1,635,742	1,675,323	1,711,011	1,738,874	1,858,255	1,808,900	1,783,968	1,879,124
Beef cowsfarms	18,493	18,433	16,694	15,717	18,945	13,600	14,672	14,672
.....number	882,355	982,790	942,419	982,404	1,012,614	1,003,072	962,527	995,250
Milk cowsfarms	600	425	422	923	952	666	877	1,073
.....number	125,055	123,220	119,856	144,843	160,818	159,614	171,675	176,993
Cattle and calves soldfarms	13,734	13,971	14,146	14,149	19,974	14,600	14,127	16,071
.....number	832,950	860,429	843,641	847,869	895,794	869,219	897,455	1,025,178
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,810	1,642	1,906	1,471	2,352	1,431	1,926	2,487
.....number	15,567	14,915	19,937	33,479	62,967	50,309	114,899	156,137
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,224	1,104	1,326	1,090	1,467	971	1,551	2,103
.....number	38,561	19,006	25,398	50,533	114,147	96,512	200,375	266,652
Layers inventory (see text)farms	6,339	5,328	3,361	1,707	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	7,536,543	9,386,611	11,787,758	10,581,159	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	610	388	248	446	468	321	363	402
.....number	65,698,665	58,644,898	73,353,351	109,236,689	139,309,122	105,967,210	97,854,566	93,224,832
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	480	606	513	519	1,324	1,268	1,548	2,088
.....acres	36,385	39,330	33,915	26,790	67,439	69,623	86,407	95,874
.....bushels	5,742,330	4,781,859	2,991,208	2,456,508	5,247,737	5,440,956	6,377,801	6,628,740
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	95	99	119	131	162	148	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	26,332	27,715	27,005	27,049	28,151	28,316	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	535,952	500,959	484,308	425,131	398,131	401,097	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	50	100	79	68	184	189	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	8,049	15,456	9,157	6,108	16,078	16,231	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	281,962	691,103	497,844	211,973	583,322	585,557	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	50	100	79	68	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	8,049	15,456	9,157	6,108	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	281,962	691,103	497,844	211,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	31	62	49	76	122	124	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	2,251	4,631	3,222	4,368	5,601	5,836	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	119,939	165,515	200,966	190,940	298,906	311,981	(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.								
Sorghum for grain	12	31	21	18	21	22	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	1,793	3,541	1,331	1,385	925	945	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	97,635	149,346	68,866	60,951	41,895	42,395	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	15	40	35	35	23	23	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	2,891	8,385	4,290	3,524	3,662	3,662	(NA)	(NA)
tons	33,738	83,334	48,495	35,053	38,170	38,170	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	15	181	101	77	391	404	415	708
farms								
acres	14,376	19,409	12,066	7,478	39,680	41,021	49,072	89,938
bushels	495,393	723,143	291,981	242,878	988,263	1,025,521	1,523,227	2,257,392
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	-	9	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	-	28	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	-	900	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	238	339	213	268	329	343	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	98,569	105,420	80,053	101,766	91,025	93,504	(NA)	(NA)
bales	154,093	202,008	109,206	93,915	125,714	128,600	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	19	10	23	115	196	186	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	1,135	482	1,040	3,851	6,951	6,881	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	2,405,410	779,900	3,061,788	9,609,134	16,350,368	16,191,980	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	6,705	6,554	5,755	4,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	422,551	398,231	354,860	299,435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	1,239,298	1,071,778	1,120,290	860,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	8	15	7	10	10	10	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	18,422	(D)	11,376	14,108	10,691	10,691	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	1,074,290	(D)	975,319	722,435	445,619	445,619	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	9	7	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	38	16	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	(D)	14,000	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	124	145	108	120	162	152	139	138
farms								
acres	386,428	401,491	378,587	440,768	421,727	421,421	431,677	403,014
tons	15,780,729	13,574,853	14,127,121	16,174,145	15,728,855	15,718,897	16,151,380	13,586,040
Peanuts for nuts	661	698	423	494	724	750	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	186,803	196,320	118,637	76,459	74,447	76,682	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	643,545,966	751,180,406	341,137,148	210,036,443	204,343,523	209,914,666	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	1,791	1,614	1,493	1,507	1,792	1,500	1,988	2,053
farms								
acres	245,375	251,011	265,835	219,411	253,321	250,562	299,867	311,659
pounds	282	322	181	106	156	140	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	30,378	35,251	26,526	35,386	41,258	41,255	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	107	40	31	38	35	36	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	5,678	5,988	2,859	3,105	1,570	1,575	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	6,770	7,529	8,993	10,115	11,080	9,379	10,258	9,965
Land in orchards ⁴	502,886	579,068	677,403	894,955	996,717	981,910	914,642	762,068
farms								
acres								

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.