

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

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	Not adjusted for coverage			
				2002	1997	1992	1987
Farms .....number	7,328	7,000	7,521	5,398	5,473	5,336	4,870
Land in farms .....acres	1,135,352	1,129,317	1,121,329	1,300,499	1,439,071	1,588,843	1,721,521
Average size of farm .....acres	155	161	149	241	263	298	353
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :							
Average per farm .....dollars	1,445,188	1,461,342	1,146,213	842,875	632,281	722,189	603,435
Average per acre .....dollars	9,328	9,058	7,688	3,507	2,405	2,425	1,707
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	371,436	307,994	304,997	186,163	211,775	283,699	199,280
Average per farm .....dollars	50,701	43,999	40,666	35,568	38,709	53,207	41,208
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres .....farms	4,868	4,412	4,813	3,440	3,456	3,410	2,855
10 to 49 acres .....farms	1,693	1,752	1,972	1,309	1,417	1,342	1,401
50 to 179 acres .....farms	396	480	423	335	318	313	341
180 to 499 acres .....farms	171	172	154	146	139	133	128
500 to 999 acres .....farms	74	57	44	61	43	34	31
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....farms	43	48	50	41	33	31	36
2,000 acres or more .....farms	83	79	65	66	67	73	78
Total cropland .....farms	5,826	5,551	6,281	4,755	4,882	4,735	4,170
Harvested cropland.....farms	191,175	174,042	177,626	211,120	292,107	293,371	327,396
Irrigated land .....farms	5,316	5,293	6,044	4,522	4,594	4,472	3,837
.....acres	84,767	99,031	103,120	109,461	100,094	136,431	152,719
.....acres	2,250	2,498	2,810	2,231	2,220	2,220	1,827
.....acres	45,452	81,813	58,635	69,194	76,971	134,338	148,884
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	563,803	661,347	513,626	533,423	496,935	552,054	609,741
Average per farm .....dollars	76,938	94,478	68,292	98,819	90,798	103,458	125,203
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	417,069	538,873	429,916	445,356	401,411	453,410	498,317
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	146,733	122,474	83,711	88,067	95,524	98,644	111,424
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500 .....farms	2,671	2,130	2,932	1,407	1,638	1,790	1,402
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....farms	784	902	1,012	714	743	754	674
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....farms	1,070	1,058	996	916	797	715	745
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....farms	1,176	1,397	1,143	1,056	989	863	911
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....farms	707	684	557	506	535	484	476
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....farms	389	323	353	314	323	291	287
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....farms	368	358	380	352	334	326	278
\$500,000 or more .....farms	163	148	148	133	114	113	97
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:							
Family or individual .....farms	5,733	5,685	6,363	4,629	4,583	4,425	4,035
Partnership .....farms	569	446	437	225	328	379	404
Corporation .....farms	737	637	617	472	497	456	370
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....farms	289	232	104	72	65	76	61
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	575,703	659,262	486,648	450,946	398,567	466,826	495,759
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :							
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000	5,011	3,880	3,343	6,025	6,471	7,856	15,230
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	36,783	43,811	24,678	27,997	35,749	37,060	42,629
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	31,787	46,584	29,807	17,791	25,653	30,574	30,717
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	23,512	33,157	24,443	14,458	16,335	18,110	17,197
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	230,205	269,907	178,496	177,692	150,682	178,788	193,230
Interest expense .....\$1,000	21,587	13,208	14,838	8,633	13,964	14,051	22,930
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	17,684	32,993	17,238	16,134	17,187	20,396	18,233
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	1,218	1,314	1,142	748	829	874	1,003
.....number	137,930	133,957	151,479	154,308	181,732	191,230	211,045
Beef cows .....farms	1,047	1,173	853	578	625	655	724
.....number	(D)	(D)	86,000	83,277	93,711	87,620	83,427
Milk cows .....farms	20	12	15	27	44	57	73
.....number	(D)	(D)	2,296	6,465	8,389	10,816	11,836
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	667	711	713	550	660	699	807
.....number	58,066	56,159	70,567	60,739	66,726	82,788	101,315
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	226	231	225	204	248	253	372
.....number	(D)	11,441	14,933	23,364	29,440	28,570	47,564
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	155	131	148	158	190	200	307
.....number	(D)	12,529	20,569	33,231	38,066	47,831	69,019
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	674	523	354	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	192,185	244,343	368,233	537,882	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	31	22	7	17	9	14	12
.....number	8,356	2,639	(D)	881,112	478,672	1,201,331	2,069,316
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain .....farms	20	15	14	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	4,899	5,198	3,115	4,383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	521,944	367,142	124,878	203,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	1	1	-	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....farms	-	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....farms	1	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....farms	3	2	-	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	165	(D)	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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Selected crops harvested: - Con.							
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) .....							
farms	3	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	54	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....							
farms	29	21	30	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,258	567	1,000	1,112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	7,329	1,152	2,215	2,261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....							
farms	-	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar .....							
farms	9	18	9	2	13	31	79
acres	30	(D)	(D)	(D)	31,483	62,915	79,234
tons	435	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,873,712	5,488,214	7,934,181
Peanuts for nuts .....							
farms	3	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	1,500	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....							
farms	915	960	901	633	657	602	710
acres	8,579	8,880	6,845	6,554	6,549	5,129	5,587
Potatoes .....							
farms	30	38	15	11	7	(NA)	(NA)
acres	149	26	7	6	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....							
farms	90	143	94	59	53	(NA)	(NA)
acres	876	882	297	294	217	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....							
farms	3,901	3,488	4,443	2,833	2,786	2,537	2,128
acres	38,872	35,832	36,652	34,908	37,906	38,590	33,564

<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.