

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	72,651	75,087	76,860	73,027	79,112	73,051	77,610	88,786
Land in farmsacres	27,006,288	26,937,721	26,775,100	27,310,833	27,673,285	27,204,780	27,250,340	28,526,664
Average size of farmacres	372	359	348	374	350	372	351	321
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	2,705,291	2,261,778	1,321,080	913,251	736,255	773,141	539,181	402,970
Average per acredollars	7,278	6,305	3,792	2,425	2,136	2,126	1,548	1,262
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	16,018,455	15,256,459	10,499,792	7,386,281	6,854,940	6,606,816	5,516,277	5,392,170
Average per farmdollars	220,485	203,192	136,609	102,242	86,662	90,447	71,219	60,935
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	7,992	5,776	8,603	3,510	5,249	4,254	5,026	5,931
10 to 49 acres	17,901	19,801	20,592	16,162	15,120	12,604	12,191	12,971
50 to 179 acres	19,198	20,941	18,410	19,991	21,580	19,606	20,239	23,824
180 to 499 acres	12,264	13,216	13,116	15,862	18,746	18,231	21,327	26,720
500 to 999 acres	7,483	7,617	8,309	9,847	11,642	11,619	12,833	14,320
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5,155	5,267	5,520	5,896	5,447	5,414	5,115	4,407
2,000 acres or more	2,658	2,469	2,310	1,759	1,328	1,323	879	613
Total croplandfarms	64,958	67,609	67,431	68,750	72,590	68,082	72,626	83,056
acres	24,003,086	23,752,778	23,707,699	24,171,260	24,186,942	23,920,923	24,164,457	25,102,092
Harvested cropland.....farms	53,188	53,155	54,185	56,083	65,560	62,712	69,425	79,986
acres	22,701,382	22,373,010	22,611,443	22,562,904	22,428,616	22,274,230	21,868,287	20,102,388
Irrigated landfarms	2,541	2,644	2,388	2,031	2,072	2,021	2,061	1,635
acres	612,459	522,479	474,454	390,843	351,676	349,799	328,316	208,105
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	17,009,971	17,187,052	13,329,107	7,676,239	8,634,730	8,556,486	7,336,864	6,376,801
Average per farmdollars	234,133	228,895	173,421	105,115	109,146	117,130	94,535	71,822
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	13,843,743	14,144,740	10,876,415	5,871,542	6,602,817	6,567,164	5,251,328	4,158,936
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	3,166,229	3,042,312	2,452,692	1,804,697	2,031,913	1,989,323	2,085,535	2,217,865
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	23,276	25,025	26,879	20,801	16,630	12,210	9,178	10,630
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,185	4,256	4,278	4,316	5,713	5,107	5,613	6,741
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,989	4,860	4,877	5,146	6,242	5,949	6,898	8,728
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,848	5,908	5,910	7,980	9,440	9,082	11,800	14,962
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,919	4,563	5,381	7,258	8,420	8,243	10,363	13,313
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,724	5,666	6,245	8,052	9,395	9,290	11,572	14,765
\$100,000 to \$499,999	14,392	15,289	16,130	16,629	20,216	20,153	20,380	18,588
\$500,000 or more	9,318	9,520	7,160	2,845	3,056	3,017	1,806	1,059
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	61,398	64,927	65,748	64,468	67,182	61,748	65,752	75,409
Partnership	4,597	4,562	6,509	5,296	8,038	7,603	8,997	10,651
Corporation	3,972	3,716	3,433	2,584	3,158	3,043	2,361	2,135
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	2,684	1,882	1,170	679	734	657	500	591
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	13,367,622	13,459,269	9,045,080	6,223,876	5,680,557	5,542,904	5,088,894	4,557,450
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	674,724	689,855	588,949	411,546	354,351	334,161	434,193	460,761
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,040,349	1,246,112	705,155	528,144	583,150	567,098	531,978	451,832
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	1,818,653	2,405,662	1,480,395	731,424	726,810	714,914	645,280	564,393
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	584,072	736,736	562,346	280,056	315,472	309,146	322,542	299,486
Hired farm labor\$1,000	738,481	594,616	483,699	421,803	353,685	344,362	300,090	275,128
Interest expense\$1,000	636,491	565,142	498,091	476,340	435,036	424,977	431,344	448,150
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	1,244,342	1,094,846	731,968	559,165	558,393	548,362	439,672	336,428
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	16,269	16,550	18,397	19,928	25,825	24,452	27,405	33,305
number	1,130,993	1,127,630	1,231,105	1,359,010	1,512,898	1,437,697	1,601,261	1,885,444
Beef cowsfarms	13,139	12,646	14,753	14,766	18,665	17,682	19,392	23,087
number	394,667	343,972	429,111	422,694	474,009	453,127	447,201	511,188
Milk cowsfarms	924	1,149	1,217	1,658	2,259	2,238	3,050	4,304
number	93,341	98,849	99,677	114,101	127,526	127,702	151,503	186,371
Cattle and calves soldfarms	13,946	14,160	16,046	17,699	24,709	23,622	26,419	32,798
number	725,018	835,912	894,593	917,251	1,007,769	949,478	1,130,433	1,407,670
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	2,153	2,045	2,864	3,929	7,385	7,168	13,433	17,084
number	5,258,119	4,630,796	4,298,716	4,094,706	4,677,231	4,679,166	5,641,115	5,642,991
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	2,261	2,019	3,063	4,313	7,641	7,447	14,142	17,837
number	16,883,477	13,121,384	13,196,581	11,178,721	9,390,266	9,374,726	10,330,124	9,879,960
Layers inventory (see text)farms	4,077	3,725	2,801	1,672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	5,470,158	4,327,311	5,285,583	3,290,313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	217	398	260	239	127	115	123	296
number	847,871	302,571	325,036	82,974	365,769	363,353	60,004	435,555
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	34,792	36,655	38,260	41,032	49,416	48,443	55,685	66,600
acres	11,080,510	12,263,259	13,096,231	10,742,787	10,780,900	10,710,072	10,770,985	9,162,711
bushels	2,187,782,071	1,253,283,049	2,248,664,947	1,418,566,127	1,372,414,201	1,363,015,453	1,532,681,088	1,168,644,485
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	1,704	2,867	2,296	3,271	3,872	3,774	(NA)	(NA)
acres	97,076	171,562	75,247	109,847	122,477	119,116	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,915,681	1,795,527	1,351,823	1,638,995	1,948,803	1,892,873	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	4,545	6,999	9,416	8,592	14,973	14,822	17,061	21,356
acres	476,433	645,829	891,567	581,084	984,815	983,556	1,075,805	954,990
bushels	35,755,318	40,543,253	47,291,213	27,923,042	54,005,189	53,954,013	54,096,203	48,850,664
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	-	-	12	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	-	-	168	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	-	-	8,277	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	4,545	6,999	9,407	8,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	476,433	645,829	891,399	581,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	35,755,318	40,543,253	47,282,936	27,923,042	(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.								
Oats for grain	farms 507	949	1,006	2,109	3,709	3,588	5,635	8,540
	acres 15,447	19,769	24,265	39,258	70,947	69,009	108,363	157,374
	bushels 1,258,247	1,540,579	1,500,658	2,839,874	5,029,761	4,887,273	6,704,097	10,312,797
Barley for grain	farms 29	64	46	59	117	117	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 665	1,518	738	1,852	2,209	2,219	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 37,593	79,199	43,029	111,960	120,948	122,228	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 156	283	731	664	1,139	1,117	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 12,736	26,494	76,601	56,921	77,636	76,990	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 1,343,372	1,642,406	5,960,150	4,510,917	6,441,270	6,392,482	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 31	84	58	106	119	116	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 939	3,271	1,169	3,308	2,752	2,702	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 13,655	55,375	13,502	33,155	29,410	28,995	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 36,581	34,725	33,945	41,571	47,938	47,008	52,339	61,547
	acres 10,607,911	8,933,457	8,293,711	10,505,989	9,872,252	9,825,475	8,932,399	8,768,833
	bushels 599,908,475	371,337,854	353,741,105	438,990,297	417,919,609	415,716,620	373,563,650	329,323,117
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 9	1	-	-	9	8	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 300	(D)	-	-	238	228	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 8,881	(D)	-	-	3,573	3,413	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	farms 20	14	13	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	(D)	827	268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 479,347	788,448	1,656,819	513,940	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 18,430	17,947	19,865	20,691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 551,112	514,024	593,186	729,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 1,568,894	1,358,993	1,770,834	2,234,607	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 1	1	3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 20	11	46	87	56	53	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 514	500	3,217	1,580	(D)	1,813	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 684,886	442,008	4,356,557	1,549,546	(D)	2,156,638	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,504	1,370	1,377	1,107	1,314	1,262	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 61,408	71,946	71,371	70,430	67,925	66,780	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 227	330	253	84	89	87	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,112	7,021	6,244	6,825	4,358	4,358	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 77	43	21	36	3	3	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 44	20	19	40	1	1	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 92	926	871	830	852	734	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,564	5,743	6,032	8,168	9,067	8,645	(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.