

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	75,966	77,064	85,260	86,541	91,198	82,273	90,281	92,453
Land in farmsacres	12,961,784	13,049,347	13,993,121	13,843,706	13,940,180	13,334,234	13,665,798	14,012,700
Average size of farmacres	171	169	164	160	153	162	151	152
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	643,019	512,033	440,213	294,056	222,914	230,274	163,660	135,696
Average per acredollars	3,769	3,024	2,682	1,824	1,470	1,450	1,077	896
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	6,285,402	5,408,946	4,910,199	3,495,669	2,972,739	2,741,593	2,244,930	2,091,558
Average per farmdollars	82,740	70,190	57,591	41,458	32,604	33,327	24,918	22,670
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	6,211	4,337	4,579	5,342	8,261	7,114	10,402	10,648
10 to 49 acres	24,269	23,776	25,235	24,758	24,285	20,754	21,911	20,707
50 to 179 acres	28,098	31,151	35,379	36,628	37,646	33,992	36,515	38,261
180 to 499 acres	12,468	13,024	15,080	14,950	16,110	15,522	16,586	17,920
500 to 999 acres	3,053	3,248	3,242	3,175	3,374	3,399	3,468	3,618
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,199	1,323	1,207	1,214	1,131	1,104	1,066	1,052
2,000 acres or more	668	605	538	474	391	388	333	247
Total croplandfarms	58,864	61,314	72,015	80,927	85,247	77,784	86,345	88,664
acres	6,630,448	6,336,247	7,278,098	8,412,354	8,887,861	8,549,027	8,880,989	8,900,086
Harvested cropland.....farms	50,565	52,547	57,528	65,815	74,360	68,953	79,590	83,097
acres	5,474,346	5,349,545	5,057,883	4,978,994	4,853,500	4,678,622	4,417,651	4,250,284
Irrigated landfarms	2,030	2,910	2,980	3,606	4,233	4,104	2,120	3,733
acres	83,859	73,573	58,730	36,751	60,027	58,490	27,647	37,693
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	5,737,920	5,067,334	4,824,561	3,080,080	3,158,783	3,064,460	2,663,702	2,075,571
Average per farmdollars	75,533	65,755	56,586	35,591	34,637	37,247	29,505	22,450
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	2,541,086	2,280,568	1,404,769	1,110,209	1,610,935	1,578,861	1,449,823	889,882
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	3,196,834	2,786,765	3,419,792	1,969,871	1,547,847	1,485,599	1,213,879	1,185,689
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	31,921	29,963	35,800	32,918	24,238	19,143	17,881	24,380
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8,344	8,655	9,787	11,778	13,756	12,566	14,745	16,421
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9,677	10,313	11,150	13,561	15,725	14,393	17,129	17,620
\$10,000 to \$24,999	10,120	11,453	12,642	13,154	17,967	17,388	20,354	18,078
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,949	6,458	6,296	6,525	8,993	8,339	9,623	7,880
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,470	3,882	3,663	3,486	4,788	4,843	5,519	4,527
\$100,000 to \$499,999	4,279	4,363	4,309	4,165	4,894	4,773	4,568	3,298
\$500,000 or more	2,206	1,977	1,613	954	837	828	462	249
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	68,823	70,093	76,140	79,297	79,441	71,307	76,712	78,463
Partnership	4,152	4,666	7,334	5,764	10,004	9,353	12,135	12,717
Corporation	2,221	1,853	1,429	1,119	1,367	1,266	1,064	817
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	770	452	357	361	386	347	370	456
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	4,704,510	4,778,105	3,930,240	2,604,069	2,169,378	2,033,070	1,828,743	1,485,994
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	706,338	598,201	523,127	298,839	252,155	236,935	240,512	209,357
Feed purchased\$1,000	784,571	1,176,273	793,669	443,883	380,109	341,123	246,108	179,713
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	413,192	472,174	308,598	180,986	194,933	183,802	176,898	129,356
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	225,586	203,942	203,942	\$11,695	112,035	105,514	105,188	86,777
Hired farm labor\$1,000	442,928	377,169	322,169	291,881	217,594	209,578	202,545	158,130
Interest expense\$1,000	247,385	248,538	240,331	212,332	191,439	179,810	173,887	179,409
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	221,587	178,990	100,920	77,715	89,880	84,326	70,835	53,459
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	38,657	40,141	43,681	47,447	53,500	48,898	52,572	53,626
number	2,155,894	2,270,871	2,395,455	2,395,476	2,476,949	2,428,891	2,503,680	2,343,541
Beef cowsfarms	33,864	33,823	38,298	40,434	44,819	41,171	42,898	41,396
number	1,031,675	985,075	1,166,385	1,125,183	1,153,323	1,126,748	1,088,532	967,856
Milk cowsfarms	1,577	1,564	2,277	2,939	3,571	3,993	4,984	7,002
number	57,645	71,783	90,462	120,748	145,051	145,557	186,089	224,267
Cattle and calves soldfarms	32,109	33,284	38,212	40,429	51,217	47,355	50,174	52,210
number	1,255,252	1,293,302	1,503,458	1,291,026	1,430,976	1,388,647	1,277,661	1,305,423
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,805	1,284	1,498	1,254	1,129	1,881	4,879	8,242
number	415,702	313,360	348,023	385,811	584,632	563,797	782,408	838,452
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	1,430	866	1,210	1,220	1,694	1,523	4,345	7,602
number	1,251,677	933,620	802,782	986,704	1,149,579	1,100,523	1,464,686	1,497,306
Layers inventory (see text)farms	8,032	6,252	4,129	2,197	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	5,909,873	4,308,549	4,584,535	4,343,328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	928	826	647	669	314	243	110	73
number	289,214,287	305,383,434	309,769,263	271,176,998	111,920,659	91,548,829	27,623,677	2,201,169
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	5,760	8,899	7,060	7,446	11,655	11,021	16,945	25,067
acres	1,255,146	1,530,189	1,313,320	1,043,990	1,135,936	1,086,381	1,166,234	1,048,809
bushels	220,077,862	104,894,595	166,687,678	108,721,040	115,775,864	110,787,023	145,213,536	104,364,883
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	1,331	2,059	2,255	2,307	3,078	3,062	(NA)	(NA)
acres	65,505	84,785	86,542	82,820	104,361	104,920	(NA)	(NA)
tons	1,275,597	1,136,815	1,189,499	1,287,831	1,435,112	1,438,492	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	1,180	2,173	1,414	2,145	3,354	3,180	3,881	5,361
acres	344,575	468,242	239,267	318,856	423,877	408,771	326,268	283,742
bushels	26,365,860	28,998,879	11,108,925	16,447,721	22,411,604	21,658,648	16,252,236	12,752,191
Winter wheat for grainfarms	1,180	2,173	1,414	2,145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	344,575	468,242	239,267	318,856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	26,365,860	28,998,879	11,108,925	16,447,721	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	52	91	118	131	140	131	(NA)	(NA)
acres	536	809	1,002	1,309	1,478	1,476	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	37,360	47,794	55,839	70,109	76,630	75,797	(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.								
Barley for grain	farms 78	119	52	87	138	127	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,618	7,236	2,626	6,807	6,788	6,509	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 373,818	494,334	98,830	436,696	471,975	457,223	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 36	67	92	83	196	184	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,158	4,515	11,590	9,400	8,039	7,671	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 202,863	286,666	950,509	717,391	495,402	475,535	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 59	153	56	76	12	12	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,046	2,660	1,549	1,311	203	203	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 16,189	32,474	14,211	12,971	2,520	2,520	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 5,854	6,230	4,129	5,645	7,127	6,644	7,185	8,765
	acres 1,886,601	1,468,381	1,087,037	1,343,039	1,278,829	1,214,938	1,030,180	1,021,903
	bushels 96,657,887	56,450,394	29,582,097	43,939,662	43,487,052	41,294,246	37,796,827	27,138,451
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms -	2	-	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	(D)	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt -	(D)	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	farms 2,618	4,537	8,113	29,237	46,850	44,967	59,373	61,962
	acres 80,544	87,931	87,641	110,734	250,885	255,053	268,140	175,957
	pounds 173,898,978	183,904,938	196,259,377	219,978,920	497,856,262	505,257,589	542,000,404	336,364,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 43,461	43,757	49,825	50,765	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,080,020	2,042,156	2,456,564	2,362,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 4,658,729	4,158,043	4,042,948	5,106,450	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 5	23	14	17	10	8	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 67	217	82	54	(D)	41	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds (D)	260,275	40,100	32,541	(D)	35,500	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms -	5	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds -	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 2,467	2,222	2,123	1,424	1,086	1,007	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,962	7,474	7,776	7,349	4,798	4,486	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 588	760	531	257	367	330	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 258	360	291	297	1,163	1,133	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 271	93	66	96	53	49	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 113	82	44	59	86	84	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 1,205	939	1,040	839	821	715	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 3,342	3,092	3,861	4,380	4,102	3,537	(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.