

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	12,429	12,256	12,834	12,198	13,254	12,084	13,037	14,776
Land in farmsacres	1,990,122	2,030,745	2,051,756	2,077,630	2,193,063	2,154,875	2,223,476	2,396,629
Average size of farmacres	160	166	160	170	165	178	171	162
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,258,691	1,148,268	1,124,529	694,061	537,600	563,605	503,828	366,788
Average per acredollars	7,861	6,930	7,034	4,084	3,247	3,176	2,911	2,261
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	1,552,015	1,420,216	1,268,194	870,708	759,208	728,486	657,587	657,693
Average per farmdollars	124,871	115,879	98,823	74,528	57,316	60,176	50,564	44,656
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acresfarms	2,244	1,481	1,554	1,418	1,630	1,407	1,560	1,838
10 to 49 acresfarms	4,559	4,554	4,589	4,412	4,500	3,828	3,979	4,400
50 to 179 acresfarms	3,332	3,695	4,067	3,583	4,121	3,825	4,254	4,885
180 to 499 acresfarms	1,402	1,594	1,719	1,836	2,022	2,038	2,252	2,591
500 to 999 acresfarms	490	553	539	562	609	617	641	712
1,000 to 1,999 acresfarms	269	265	255	277	276	274	266	284
2,000 acres or morefarms	133	114	111	110	96	95	85	66
Total croplandfarms	9,233	9,278	10,235	10,188	11,487	10,702	11,605	13,200
Harvested croplandacres	1,426,671	1,396,144	1,405,442	1,487,218	1,617,860	1,613,497	1,663,907	1,744,891
Irrigated landacres	7,783	7,530	8,278	8,335	9,474	10,027	10,447	11,960
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	1,290,212	1,280,965	1,246,603	1,282,004	1,377,747	1,382,035	1,397,069	1,346,913
Average per farmdollars	1,318	1,220	1,326	1,265	1,198	1,154	1,063	1,074
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	124,831	104,910	92,805	80,828	68,663	68,588	56,913	50,762
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	2,472,805	2,271,397	1,835,090	1,293,303	1,371,374	1,312,086	1,169,331	989,061
Average per farmdollars	198,954	185,329	142,987	106,026	103,469	108,580	89,693	66,937
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500farms	948,125	1,050,557	629,303	450,202	456,523	458,719	388,143	253,056
\$2,500 to \$4,999farms	1,524,681	1,220,840	1,205,787	843,101	914,851	853,367	781,188	736,006
\$5,000 to \$9,999farms	4,907	4,798	4,985	5,116	3,933	3,097	3,165	4,165
\$10,000 to \$24,999farms	1,218	966	1,248	1,199	1,517	1,365	1,642	1,948
\$25,000 to \$49,999farms	1,101	1,207	1,272	1,067	1,645	1,551	1,698	1,881
\$50,000 to \$99,999farms	1,379	1,226	1,469	1,319	1,776	1,668	1,822	2,012
\$100,000 to \$499,999farms	819	993	910	728	908	952	1,096	1,100
\$500,000 or morefarms	653	545	691	670	829	854	904	1,084
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individualfarms	10,263	10,132	10,609	10,577	11,308	10,229	11,129	12,738
Partnershipfarms	957	931	1,038	763	1,039	994	1,114	1,323
Corporationfarms	970	975	977	726	812	771	709	619
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.farms	239	218	210	132	95	90	85	96
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	1,968,797	1,940,277	1,546,646	1,127,590	1,192,138	1,123,200	974,511	851,440
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	218,980	161,816	171,246	96,056	137,064	129,432	126,429	102,147
Feed purchased\$1,000	539,094	629,143	456,411	318,290	481,092	435,279	299,426	300,284
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	121,447	144,207	98,320	55,169	58,894	58,488	59,352	50,516
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	72,361	86,919	67,511	43,006	33,726	34,819	33,278	30,365
Hired farm labor\$1,000	248,487	179,692	151,232	127,779	105,720	102,425	93,631	81,230
Interest expense\$1,000	62,371	76,066	64,323	50,924	47,676	45,896	42,938	40,272
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	77,601	78,148	50,845	33,887	38,829	38,516	34,930	26,447
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	3,322	3,499	3,695	3,990	4,885	4,444	4,978	5,780
Beef cowsfarms	185,281	194,524	190,504	240,918	258,831	261,324	283,167	308,052
Milk cowsfarms	2,486	2,403	2,684	2,726	3,012	2,921	3,185	3,185
Cattle and calves soldfarms	48,189	39,188	44,015	55,754	50,514	50,619	51,676	48,454
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	511	573	663	825	1,116	1,091	1,329	1,694
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	48,211	50,923	57,172	72,764	83,780	84,953	94,751	110,463
Layers inventory (see text)farms	2,517	2,663	2,947	3,004	4,410	4,111	4,545	5,368
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	86,985	89,755	90,130	104,109	135,790	136,747	133,633	154,540
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	562	333	412	355	625	584	910	1,322
Winter wheat for grainfarms	18,379	19,869	(D)	(D)	82,741	80,850	145,519	197,214
Livestock and poultry soldfarms	509	340	454	379	518	495	843	1,265
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	64,614	(D)	123,734	137,357	152,926	149,472	289,149	372,470
Layers inventory (see text)farms	2,009	1,544	1,229	810	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	2,971,918	2,364,942	2,662,723	3,172,376	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	823	854	808	862	1,096	997	1,109	1,381
Acres	307,690,339	304,729,435	296,373,113	287,106,225	294,314,818	256,926,521	257,209,663	257,070,110
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	2,483	2,888	2,803	2,958	3,612	3,554	4,631	5,608
Acres	439,538	435,646	460,137	406,841	403,242	405,451	454,083	432,409
Wheat for grain, allfarms	72,555,726	50,114,967	45,548,271	30,041,896	36,641,509	36,823,284	52,596,358	31,941,714
Acres	479	653	898	1,008	1,393	1,404	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	33,382	42,816	63,979	72,988	91,568	93,117	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	670,443	758,065	791,447	869,484	850,925	865,641	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	1,162	1,796	1,497	1,629	2,345	2,339	2,774	3,112
Acres	164,831	210,354	166,713	162,062	198,274	199,351	188,122	146,081
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	11,899,770	13,951,590	10,717,293	10,625,133	12,662,191	12,711,370	10,233,795	6,766,273
Acres	-	-	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	-	-	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	-	-	(D)	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	1,162	1,796	1,495	1,629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	164,831	210,354	(D)	162,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grainfarms	11,899,770	13,951,590	(D)	10,625,133	(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	82	176	184	256	472	460	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	1,179	1,936	2,338	3,684	5,601	5,611	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	69,937	126,423	152,306	226,016	299,055	302,370	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	382	732	683	718	960	972	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	24,895	40,133	34,288	36,241	46,770	47,405	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	2,132,054	3,300,857	2,733,463	2,907,723	3,447,330	3,489,722	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	121	153	79	75	240	239	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	11,026	14,772	4,895	3,133	14,983	14,600	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	838,656	840,293	217,697	131,777	958,211	925,077	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	24	69	40	55	51	53	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	665	4,123	1,008	1,206	1,024	1,124	(NA)	(NA)
tons	9,107	75,808	7,745	7,525	6,951	7,911	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	2,516	2,511	2,158	2,537	3,255	3,226	3,663	3,697
farms								
acres	512,697	475,615	386,604	465,780	507,924	509,683	503,181	405,170
bushels	26,082,070	21,593,477	10,381,954	10,695,873	15,112,845	15,171,466	16,226,822	9,352,369
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	1	-	-	7	13	13	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	(D)	-	-	160	988	988	(NA)	(NA)
cwt	(D)	-	-	2,844	11,733	11,733	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	40	43	70	159	727	711	951	1,357
farms								
acres	315	256	423	1,162	7,814	7,939	8,470	10,780
pounds	706,689	598,486	842,793	1,739,926	11,798,301	11,987,083	11,794,382	13,751,729
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	4,625	4,391	5,123	4,885	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	184,714	180,843	223,390	227,727	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	603,327	532,019	552,667	553,823	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	6	13	22	25	7	7	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	65	247	596	104	(D)	24	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	70,172	301,066	614,150	34,965	(D)	22,235	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	-	1	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
pounds	-	(D)	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	954	789	931	804	1,004	951	1,167	1,184
farms								
acres	29,339	29,184	33,447	31,701	35,921	35,958	36,313	38,238
farms	216	260	236	139	130	126	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2,561	2,266	2,964	3,038	2,223	2,219	(NA)	(NA)
farms	124	52	61	66	31	31	(NA)	(NA)
acres	141	75	107	164	114	114	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	450	358	472	441	463	422	(NA)	(NA)
farms								
acres	4,247	3,973	4,542	4,931	5,291	5,251	(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.