

**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
Farms .....number	47,641	52,194	56,014	53,315	53,519	46,027	46,562	51,172
Land in farms .....acres	9,764,090	9,948,564	10,031,807	10,142,958	10,443,935	9,872,812	10,088,170	10,316,861
Average size of farm .....acres	205	191	179	190	195	215	217	202
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	1,015,631	766,148	610,556	509,299	335,580	358,166	247,370	196,065
Average per acre .....dollars	4,955	4,020	3,409	2,667	1,704	1,671	1,131	971
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	7,371,356	6,395,233	5,082,342	3,761,334	3,318,370	3,055,199	2,558,206	2,347,585
Average per farm .....dollars	154,740	122,533	90,742	73,910	62,011	66,361	55,028	45,954
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	5,154	4,162	4,219	3,235	3,375	2,611	2,562	2,866
10 to 49 acres .....	16,920	18,764	20,726	18,663	15,243	12,075	11,148	12,174
50 to 179 acres .....	14,539	17,634	19,206	18,605	20,322	17,439	17,449	19,779
180 to 499 acres .....	6,308	7,040	7,275	7,993	9,606	8,989	10,289	11,329
500 to 999 acres .....	2,560	2,574	2,619	2,856	3,245	3,201	3,576	3,667
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,504	1,417	1,424	1,468	1,354	1,338	1,234	1,134
2,000 acres or more .....	656	603	545	495	374	374	304	223
Total cropland .....farms	40,597	44,668	48,592	47,904	49,199	43,017	44,320	48,653
.....acres	7,924,480	7,669,071	7,803,643	7,983,574	8,273,748	7,891,802	8,156,388	8,181,320
Harvested cropland.....farms	35,147	37,479	37,868	38,244	37,941	41,334	41,334	46,017
.....acres	7,214,667	7,057,978	6,859,081	6,827,903	6,989,300	6,724,480	6,584,251	6,172,468
Irrigated land .....farms	5,153	5,025	5,078	4,413	4,123	3,752	3,823	3,755
.....acres	670,212	592,243	500,428	456,278	407,071	393,485	366,465	314,953
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	8,220,935	8,678,050	5,753,219	3,772,435	3,694,670	3,567,825	3,028,547	2,545,078
Average per farm .....dollars	172,560	166,265	102,710	70,757	69,035	77,516	65,043	49,736
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	4,644,252	5,506,437	3,329,928	2,362,628	2,314,487	2,199,721	1,671,563	1,272,802
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	3,576,684	3,171,614	2,423,291	1,409,807	1,380,183	1,368,104	1,356,984	1,272,276
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	17,877	20,331	24,150	23,291	16,794	12,557	10,923	12,670
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,268	4,303	5,229	4,749	5,863	5,049	5,579	6,774
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4,545	4,609	5,292	5,107	6,610	5,800	6,387	7,548
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	5,631	5,946	6,094	6,429	8,066	7,213	7,752	8,460
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3,519	3,986	3,941	4,019	4,843	4,472	4,683	5,002
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	3,084	3,623	3,342	3,229	3,837	3,663	4,163	4,322
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	5,494	5,914	5,546	5,038	6,151	5,962	6,156	5,808
\$500,000 or more .....	3,223	3,482	2,420	1,453	1,355	1,311	919	588
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....	40,523	45,174	48,687	48,070	47,103	40,190	40,654	45,166
Partnership .....	3,246	3,470	4,260	3,172	4,121	3,778	4,316	4,662
Corporation .....	2,880	2,662	2,494	1,817	2,035	1,834	1,431	1,167
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....	992	888	573	256	260	225	161	177
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	7,208,181	6,942,117	4,786,767	3,333,716	2,975,925	2,835,658	2,583,189	2,211,823
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased .....\$1,000	390,358	326,573	308,543	196,578	182,079	175,474	205,867	190,386
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	1,269,333	1,240,433	740,126	390,264	422,966	414,770	333,497	273,192
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	592,379	785,135	453,795	241,158	255,435	244,613	218,185	194,526
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	313,479	300,854	300,854	145,503	150,939	142,449	141,653	120,621
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	952,388	744,744	606,717	469,731	389,932	369,145	318,276	242,445
Interest expense .....\$1,000	297,871	261,676	261,676	211,406	201,024	189,849	181,417	197,966
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	360,374	362,470	229,101	181,198	192,051	182,494	149,282	119,993
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	12,221	13,626	14,454	14,495	18,130	15,468	17,031	19,436
.....number	1,201,383	1,130,477	1,048,206	998,204	1,051,130	1,025,702	1,113,604	1,163,352
Beef cows .....farms	7,445	8,016	7,848	8,144	9,062	7,566	7,548	8,163
.....number	103,522	108,126	109,500	117,564	125,630	116,399	116,106	110,156
Milk cows .....farms	2,158	2,409	2,647	3,013	4,226	3,990	5,198	6,499
.....number	442,032	376,255	344,233	298,429	301,568	300,641	316,954	344,550
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	9,539	10,677	11,631	11,293	16,330	14,293	15,780	18,164
.....number	748,919	681,128	603,609	516,107	554,154	537,681	594,685	653,806
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	2,017	2,198	2,691	2,180	3,316	2,853	4,774	5,577
.....number	1,236,567	1,099,478	1,032,054	927,400	1,024,236	1,032,014	1,231,641	1,227,069
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	2,441	2,150	2,930	2,336	3,029	2,690	4,770	5,603
.....number	4,076,081	3,598,475	3,316,183	2,789,197	2,195,553	2,206,940	2,300,151	2,215,872
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	7,039	6,783	5,247	3,491	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	15,074,549	12,676,021	9,034,335	7,308,261	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	1,582	1,124	725	659	416	336	386	495
.....number	8,868,690	5,737,416	4,041,902	4,027,972	405,014	393,028	400,262	702,431
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	11,195	13,907	13,768	13,613	18,089	16,712	18,962	25,140
.....acres	2,168,204	2,393,504	2,350,668	2,007,021	2,190,146	2,122,283	2,221,271	1,982,401
.....bushels	344,533,785	313,802,471	288,066,336	234,709,542	245,261,942	238,319,129	226,824,263	189,779,819
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	2,355	3,074	3,352	3,362	5,054	4,817	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	331,133	309,709	297,381	233,601	282,015	279,786	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	6,157,400	4,861,484	4,350,145	3,447,251	4,027,278	4,001,045	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	4,974	6,241	6,263	6,561	9,525	8,976	12,433	10,327
.....acres	487,011	539,138	523,153	433,783	517,669	499,742	583,245	356,073
.....bushels	38,015,624	(D)	33,583,908	28,248,938	29,350,049	28,432,159	29,350,586	16,465,394
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	14	6	55	116	133	119	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	869	258	2,552	3,590	4,948	4,574	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	21,715	(D)	102,396	168,213	226,566	211,185	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain .....farms	4,962	6,236	6,217	6,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	486,142	538,880	520,601	430,193	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	37,993,909	39,575,808	33,481,512	28,080,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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Selected crops harvested: - Con.									
Oats for grain .....	farms	1,167	1,677	2,181	2,756	4,042	3,707	5,436	11,392
	acres	34,492	35,420	55,046	63,485	81,540	77,588	113,359	259,445
	bushels	2,079,160	2,001,826	2,972,519	3,994,940	4,854,346	4,624,435	6,650,151	14,634,547
Barley for grain .....	farms	183	321	376	400	649	619	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	5,740	9,571	12,953	11,620	19,549	18,893	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	272,067	422,456	642,216	576,461	1,069,485	1,032,383	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms	27	22	26	22	18	14	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,888	723	658	559	541	485	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels	225,714	46,961	41,825	21,255	22,334	18,786	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms	47	110	126	158	118	111	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	2,072	2,555	2,635	2,595	2,623	2,587	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	19,028	16,973	32,419	20,068	25,317	24,900	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms	11,988	12,059	10,461	11,683	13,574	12,561	13,175	12,734
	acres	2,487,343	1,983,444	1,715,427	2,055,424	1,768,996	1,694,872	1,332,114	1,023,599
	bushels	107,048,753	83,173,727	67,515,728	78,197,248	64,787,800	62,242,411	41,633,625	36,267,622
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) .....	farms	1,085	1,120	1,183	1,587	2,243	2,172	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	225,334	188,526	195,419	259,026	307,589	302,767	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt	4,487,274	3,471,642	3,207,689	4,862,193	4,992,441	4,878,076	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms	18,833	20,511	21,853	22,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,009,570	1,061,932	1,160,467	1,212,603	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent	2,674,133	2,457,625	2,966,956	3,557,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms	46	24	67	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1,735	1,611	5,888	2,275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds	3,095,470	2,545,926	7,206,293	3,381,523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	farms	661	758	737	989	1,164	1,182	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	145,790	156,447	150,054	180,054	160,145	163,236	(NA)	(NA)
	tons	3,693,023	4,423,378	3,532,941	3,324,568	3,003,671	3,055,112	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....	farms	3,047	2,980	2,878	2,519	2,682	2,498	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	165,620	158,661	174,685	137,887	133,254	128,349	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	farms	761	934	600	395	351	328	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	50,511	46,662	42,267	45,839	46,105	44,931	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms	70	40	22	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	(D)	(D)	219	27	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....	farms	2,552	2,502	2,712	2,601	3,262	2,863	3,531	3,791
	acres	98,220	111,372	115,284	118,166	148,296	139,607	162,183	161,567

<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.