

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	68,822	74,542	80,992	80,839	78,755	73,367	75,079	85,079
Land in farmsacres	25,516,982	26,035,838	26,917,962	27,512,270	27,560,621	25,994,621	25,666,944	26,573,819
Average size of farmacres	371	349	332	340	350	354	342	312
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,799,201	1,474,057	853,968	517,132	398,576	407,863	310,612	218,808
Average per acredollars	4,853	4,220	2,569	1,513	1,148	1,164	910	700
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	15,385,551	14,737,084	10,664,895	6,665,874	6,440,856	6,208,376	5,239,930	4,736,828
Average per farmdollars	223,666	197,715	131,698	86,369	81,809	84,613	69,859	55,741
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5,234	3,488	3,687	3,591	3,722	3,090	3,517	4,613
10 to 49 acres	14,618	15,292	16,927	16,546	12,005	10,104	8,927	9,481
50 to 179 acres	19,456	24,129	25,679	23,955	23,374	21,535	20,967	24,947
180 to 499 acres	15,923	18,074	20,188	21,372	23,747	23,365	26,395	30,963
500 to 999 acres	7,164	7,293	8,323	8,986	9,831	9,781	10,497	10,814
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4,182	4,081	4,264	4,554	4,605	4,251	3,913	3,619
2,000 acres or more	2,245	2,185	1,924	1,835	1,471	1,241	863	642
Total croplandfarms	61,686	67,285	71,970	73,458	71,153	67,545	69,866	79,461
acres	21,786,756	21,597,136	21,948,603	22,729,158	22,583,431	21,491,743	21,387,063	21,876,066
Harvested cropland.....farms	50,272	53,891	53,943	57,323	62,726	60,726	66,549	76,537
acres	20,054,132	19,807,839	19,267,018	19,398,309	19,794,078	18,968,607	18,201,061	16,635,264
Irrigated landfarms	3,220	2,853	2,918	2,433	2,265	2,193	2,425	2,425
acres	611,621	524,016	506,357	454,850	403,289	380,394	370,404	353,504
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	18,395,390	21,280,184	13,180,466	8,575,627	8,404,722	8,290,264	6,477,004	5,676,376
Average per farmdollars	267,289	285,479	162,738	106,083	106,720	112,997	86,269	66,719
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	10,191,518	13,879,211	7,048,913	4,562,882	4,312,433	4,200,970	3,054,747	2,500,827
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	8,203,872	7,400,974	6,131,554	4,012,745	4,092,288	4,089,293	3,422,257	3,175,549
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	21,107	21,188	30,678	29,024	19,153	14,647	9,725	11,915
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,833	4,047	4,451	4,417	5,783	5,260	5,387	6,509
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,385	4,552	4,795	5,491	6,431	6,179	7,028	8,293
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,822	6,022	6,677	8,099	9,481	9,207	11,187	13,588
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,737	5,630	5,737	7,242	7,855	8,033	10,168	12,983
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,467	8,112	6,490	8,024	9,595	9,402	12,482	15,385
\$100,000 to \$499,999	13,374	14,632	15,738	14,917	17,660	17,885	17,774	15,546
\$500,000 or more	9,097	10,359	6,426	3,625	2,797	2,754	1,328	860
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	59,322	65,530	70,055	73,018	69,320	64,428	66,068	75,105
Partnership	4,566	4,668	6,227	5,056	6,486	6,174	6,800	7,952
Corporation	3,549	3,215	2,848	2,342	2,583	2,442	1,982	1,755
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	1,385	1,129	1,862	423	366	323	229	267
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	15,133,150	15,520,275	10,320,405	7,288,947	6,508,683	6,362,110	5,244,708	4,427,445
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	1,649,648	1,301,768	1,304,042	836,490	642,827	639,336	607,096	541,852
Feed purchased\$1,000	2,668,319	2,961,840	1,944,488	1,271,172	1,311,135	1,301,623	919,271	747,728
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	1,374,497	1,967,178	999,236	493,994	509,578	491,584	405,997	328,661
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	630,623	798,828	618,971	322,649	314,563	306,292	298,913	249,831
Hired farm labor\$1,000	832,429	692,816	521,852	459,332	342,722	334,790	261,649	244,055
Interest expense\$1,000	666,967	655,486	584,665	546,747	515,473	499,899	449,417	446,200
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	797,679	783,570	449,837	350,354	419,612	406,227	301,155	218,630
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	20,969	23,702	24,685	28,034	32,148	30,913	34,501	40,222
number	2,337,505	2,412,684	2,395,217	2,265,997	2,399,617	2,395,456	2,543,373	2,700,095
Beef cowsfarms	13,339	13,547	14,410	15,565	16,208	15,745	15,101	15,528
number	368,214	357,826	399,768	403,594	395,059	409,184	381,869	360,153
Milk cowsfarms	3,644	4,746	5,148	6,474	9,910	9,603	13,380	17,454
number	457,801	463,312	459,752	478,248	554,274	541,650	609,034	709,832
Cattle and calves soldfarms	18,474	20,383	22,122	22,961	31,162	30,320	33,852	39,972
number	1,683,259	1,537,782	1,586,705	1,356,142	1,334,446	1,339,902	1,388,581	1,474,577
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	3,225	3,355	4,382	5,628	7,765	7,512	13,125	16,042
number	8,467,361	7,606,785	7,652,284	6,440,067	5,665,364	5,722,460	4,668,590	4,236,500
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	3,562	3,420	4,748	6,390	7,892	7,717	13,749	16,652
number	27,228,111	22,154,443	22,815,512	18,618,300	12,814,319	12,943,053	9,141,699	8,073,029
Layers inventory (see text)farms	5,245	4,501	3,760	2,859	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	10,849,607	9,693,648	10,596,573	11,876,411	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	1,049	1,157	940	1,036	686	621	679	1,000
number	60,397,850	45,037,969	47,948,383	31,138,768	28,483,244	28,456,532	36,828,542	27,356,247
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	28,086	33,198	30,976	31,782	37,619	37,630	42,961	51,355
acres	7,790,541	8,316,822	7,801,001	6,556,082	6,338,175	6,227,640	6,123,731	4,756,348
bushels	1,494,241,562	1,297,767,570	1,138,660,229	989,887,877	796,829,406	783,739,207	669,550,546	567,384,166
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	4,606	6,746	7,998	8,889	12,425	12,373	(NA)	(NA)
acres	330,543	361,189	433,506	367,455	442,835	438,176	(NA)	(NA)
tons	6,702,696	6,160,112	5,791,485	6,230,523	6,542,513	6,482,293	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	4,284	5,499	6,727	7,023	9,819	9,518	12,753	20,238
acres	1,197,036	1,354,928	1,718,565	1,920,238	2,699,818	2,391,598	2,609,161	2,444,294
bushels	79,313,793	76,133,135	82,488,109	64,609,805	83,878,930	74,531,074	126,255,763	97,967,169
Durum wheat for grainfarms	14	-	64	27	33	30	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,413	-	(D)	4,156	4,344	3,823	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	85,479	-	(D)	147,547	161,464	142,151	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	4,130	5,243	6,217	6,688	9,331	9,051	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,190,554	1,319,274	1,646,309	1,887,131	2,628,165	2,329,490	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	78,976,826	74,557,255	79,279,840	63,465,505	81,749,420	72,702,523	(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.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain	farms 161	377	683	475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,069	35,654	(D)	28,951	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 251,488	1,575,880	(D)	996,753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 2,532	4,665	5,499	7,464	10,324	10,122	16,658	25,984
	acres 84,616	130,729	180,942	231,859	306,040	296,188	465,846	730,864
	bushels 6,494,938	7,812,393	10,494,120	12,958,117	16,667,790	16,179,495	29,142,473	39,554,088
Barley for grain	farms 552	1,003	1,126	1,462	4,136	3,910	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 67,521	99,643	108,268	139,739	496,702	433,610	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 5,369,559	6,052,695	5,800,659	5,661,303	25,015,257	21,915,338	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 12	10	3	13	41	41	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 526	147	36	185	2,188	2,267	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 44,880	2,761	360	7,942	104,501	109,199	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 41	15	13	80	180	174	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 850	880	145	1,529	3,366	2,993	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 7,990	5,319	1,716	13,755	33,144	30,155	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 27,865	28,783	27,040	29,347	31,148	31,292	33,581	36,348
	acres 8,142,472	7,005,764	6,273,919	7,068,452	6,351,840	6,174,563	5,078,066	4,384,981
	bushels 376,505,537	293,830,150	259,891,979	303,069,928	239,041,962	233,714,926	162,137,215	166,025,760
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 506	555	526	665	879	833	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 160,604	155,154	145,422	156,707	176,016	163,716	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 3,520,202	3,189,208	2,638,507	2,683,985	2,683,152	2,514,605	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 25,835	26,994	29,844	33,574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,448,195	1,499,586	1,716,693	2,112,533	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 3,877,087	3,998,940	4,392,567	5,741,264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 165	242	505	367	667	588	1,131	683
	acres 36,214	47,725	126,552	65,514	(D)	99,245	202,025	82,278
	pounds 74,066,478	95,684,515	190,298,028	84,268,425	(D)	106,405,806	278,550,934	117,623,254
Sugarbeets for sugar	farms 1,107	1,226	1,247	1,369	1,536	1,622	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 423,096	480,847	485,650	476,617	445,986	456,360	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 12,544,950	12,300,781	11,432,253	8,793,583	8,092,386	8,269,808	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 2,840	2,623	2,720	2,639	3,064	3,002	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 212,474	227,641	247,099	225,640	223,281	219,881	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 577	559	478	284	366	348	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 46,278	48,212	49,935	58,107	75,168	72,434	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 82	6	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 33	3	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 1,061	881	814	569	596	533	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,767	5,043	4,979	4,148	4,538	4,390	(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.