

**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	46,332	49,969	47,712	49,355	54,539	51,454	52,923	60,502
Land in farms .....acres	44,986,821	45,331,783	45,480,358	45,903,116	45,853,656	45,525,414	44,393,129	45,305,441
Average size of farm .....acres	971	907	953	930	841	885	839	749
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	2,674,492	2,159,268	1,104,392	723,863	550,705	567,468	429,188	344,253
Average per acre .....dollars	2,754	2,380	1,159	776	658	645	514	457
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	12,461,806	11,503,486	7,510,697	5,370,381	4,529,411	4,348,888	3,651,286	3,549,159
Average per farm .....dollars	268,968	230,222	157,427	111,776	83,079	84,535	69,120	58,799
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	3,385	3,520	2,270	1,656	2,943	2,591	3,698	5,090
10 to 49 acres .....	7,641	8,125	6,581	5,664	5,522	4,733	4,302	4,296
50 to 179 acres .....	9,011	9,742	10,104	10,180	10,767	9,764	9,408	11,166
180 to 499 acres .....	8,689	9,735	9,838	11,310	13,319	12,648	14,003	17,320
500 to 999 acres .....	6,593	7,717	7,717	10,631	10,338	10,966	10,966	12,153
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	5,541	5,844	5,965	6,632	6,777	6,717	6,283	6,494
2,000 acres or more .....	5,472	5,286	5,237	4,864	4,580	4,663	4,263	3,983
Total cropland .....farms	38,084	40,472	40,798	43,722	47,452	45,191	46,348	53,500
.....acres	22,242,599	21,597,393	21,486,025	22,520,874	22,633,381	22,092,954	22,402,132	23,320,162
Harvested cropland.....farms	34,169	35,747	34,715	37,143	43,198	41,652	43,879	51,175
.....acres	19,460,222	18,812,755	18,169,876	17,336,624	17,897,591	17,551,212	16,146,818	15,276,151
Irrigated land .....farms	16,112	17,136	17,128	17,970	19,297	18,204	19,328	22,596
.....acres	8,588,389	8,296,573	8,558,559	7,625,170	7,065,556	6,939,036	6,311,633	5,681,835
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	21,983,430	23,068,756	15,506,035	9,703,657	9,937,248	9,831,519	8,209,691	6,667,132
Average per farm .....dollars	474,476	461,661	324,992	196,609	182,204	191,074	155,125	110,197
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	9,311,007	11,377,933	6,843,325	3,388,265	3,881,119	3,798,462	2,651,484	2,139,116
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	12,672,422	11,690,823	8,662,710	6,315,392	6,056,130	6,033,057	5,558,208	4,528,016
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	9,997	10,648	11,042	9,820	6,937	5,658	3,966	4,694
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	2,198	2,224	1,792	2,172	3,023	2,394	2,664	3,405
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2,646	2,850	2,186	3,077	3,716	3,497	4,021	5,515
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	3,683	3,998	3,878	5,853	7,064	6,733	8,445	10,923
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3,600	3,711	3,977	6,030	7,140	6,962	8,362	10,681
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	4,597	5,071	5,261	6,619	8,117	8,005	9,274	11,305
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	11,559	12,750	13,655	12,960	16,006	15,703	14,423	12,700
\$500,000 or more .....	8,052	8,717	5,921	2,824	2,536	2,502	1,768	1,279
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....	38,200	42,543	39,848	42,835	44,985	42,313	44,577	51,749
Partnership .....	2,883	2,974	3,616	3,080	4,736	4,505	4,604	5,212
Corporation .....	4,268	3,784	3,571	3,065	4,396	4,249	3,430	3,209
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....	981	668	677	375	422	387	312	332
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	19,371,074	19,175,997	12,325,329	9,050,038	7,719,265	7,596,196	6,711,544	5,409,171
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ....\$1,000	5,745,566	5,117,496	4,066,702	3,211,783	2,418,527	2,405,077	2,502,060	1,904,830
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	3,245,145	3,981,917	2,045,635	1,490,523	1,422,635	1,408,802	1,086,234	801,077
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	1,246,147	1,609,182	914,427	465,636	447,687	435,501	344,363	269,359
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	645,355	906,596	608,153	331,458	328,657	320,080	288,400	267,854
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	720,671	565,334	417,067	371,650	306,254	300,578	254,132	261,094
Interest expense .....\$1,000	662,267	587,466	480,896	468,738	422,329	413,076	380,597	368,642
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	861,588	757,437	404,471	281,683	283,244	274,565	202,392	154,483
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	20,430	23,280	21,424	25,083	30,214	29,298	30,421	34,701
.....number	6,759,945	6,385,675	6,576,950	6,202,947	6,730,153	6,732,637	5,952,880	5,838,806
Beef cows .....farms	17,707	19,313	18,233	20,991	23,881	24,270	26,452	26,452
.....number	1,896,454	1,730,112	1,889,842	1,915,107	1,957,734	1,966,105	1,857,347	1,823,591
Milk cows .....farms	436	559	493	866	1,385	1,352	2,122	3,339
.....number	68,846	54,628	54,410	66,926	68,872	68,216	83,295	105,168
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	18,963	20,967	20,218	23,416	30,380	29,505	30,696	35,491
.....number	7,508,695	7,567,890	7,620,019	7,351,398	7,160,738	7,143,061	6,238,779	5,888,192
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	1,230	1,476	2,213	3,075	6,312	6,017	10,826	13,363
.....number	3,584,756	2,992,576	3,268,544	2,933,620	3,474,386	3,452,386	4,187,389	3,944,227
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	1,346	1,552	2,482	3,594	6,587	6,296	11,559	14,162
.....number	14,302,959	10,620,451	10,880,337	8,993,521	7,671,698	7,602,587	8,405,466	7,442,810
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	2,771	2,858	1,960	1,396	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	7,353,761	9,351,688	10,487,473	11,786,314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	309	366	206	231	244	225	289	524
.....number	6,785,473	4,777,716	4,893,959	3,361,353	739,368	725,964	1,887,881	910,980
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	21,482	22,977	22,812	23,889	29,879	29,149	29,679	34,717
.....acres	9,455,031	9,087,851	9,192,656	7,344,715	8,428,593	8,279,499	7,235,528	6,090,669
.....bushels	1,694,898,568	1,188,509,521	1,426,459,812	908,360,246	1,075,047,531	1,055,193,186	930,758,282	749,231,198
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	1,840	4,232	2,671	5,408	4,085	4,058	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	210,622	446,386	185,584	409,447	209,976	209,587	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	3,914,503	4,605,604	3,171,470	4,476,086	3,288,189	3,282,555	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	3,615	5,013	8,037	6,674	10,157	9,826	12,671	18,124
.....acres	1,060,786	1,309,269	1,964,302	1,526,775	1,883,089	1,772,069	1,800,432	1,962,051
.....bushels	47,165,208	51,650,730	81,748,076	50,299,684	65,250,247	61,578,806	53,512,448	76,826,252
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	16	78	164	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	2,419	6,595	8,566	750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	92,080	208,315	298,486	8,505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain .....farms	3,610	4,951	7,895	6,673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	1,058,367	1,302,674	1,955,736	1,526,025	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	47,073,128	51,442,415	81,449,590	50,291,179	(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 475	476	885	1,475	2,668	2,612	5,234	8,165
	acres 34,136	17,788	35,108	53,946	88,855	86,955	176,148	280,502
	bushels 1,883,982	905,529	2,108,923	2,367,835	5,231,223	5,113,274	11,341,781	13,643,509
Barley for grain .....	farms 27	26	35	64	146	139	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,518	1,731	1,777	2,588	9,609	8,674	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 97,799	59,684	81,963	84,194	470,793	411,963	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 919	633	1,901	2,871	6,140	5,965	10,513	12,576
	acres 116,266	60,010	236,607	331,074	740,585	720,276	1,412,747	1,300,713
	bushels 9,545,039	3,622,070	22,177,229	16,898,323	57,792,925	56,264,473	122,513,083	101,004,096
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 206	240	444	630	915	905	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 14,098	11,677	20,376	22,198	26,801	26,532	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 172,721	109,704	235,551	164,404	327,715	326,231	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms 18,303	18,539	16,620	20,074	21,659	21,072	20,687	25,598
	acres 5,664,225	4,983,253	3,834,855	4,571,558	3,402,917	3,346,701	2,274,494	2,291,803
	bushels 316,275,827	193,014,515	189,547,373	173,029,716	133,244,032	131,017,170	88,842,343	78,147,991
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) .....	farms 502	578	495	758	1,162	1,129	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 153,926	132,697	107,583	164,924	176,817	171,889	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 3,865,061	3,050,199	2,453,158	3,404,542	3,583,751	3,483,866	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 19,043	20,034	20,576	22,981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,390,550	2,487,312	2,563,515	2,862,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 5,575,776	4,728,985	6,289,171	5,647,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 141	144	222	218	401	384	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 41,438	39,115	47,575	33,400	(D)	50,597	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 52,554,995	27,474,025	61,133,340	22,405,407	(D)	54,934,687	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar .....	farms 130	172	162	184	366	367	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 47,418	51,671	44,938	41,285	59,487	60,429	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 1,407,153	1,449,966	1,064,504	762,822	1,014,463	1,032,584	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....	farms 419	474	340	230	275	266	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 23,265	26,001	23,646	4,270	3,230	3,208	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	farms 142	208	135	60	96	93	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 20,176	22,823	20,438	22,059	24,656	24,630	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 34	19	11	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8	4	2	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....	farms 336	372	339	231	161	143	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,150	1,286	1,500	1,080	965	912	(NA)	(NA)

<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.