

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	33,438	35,537	36,352	37,255	38,264	31,757	32,306	37,743
Land in farmsacres	6,866,171	7,183,576	7,174,743	7,660,969	7,788,241	7,254,470	7,458,015	8,416,228
Average size of farmacres	205	202	197	206	204	228	231	223
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	663,082	525,587	449,010	345,504	272,670	286,620	282,546	218,934
Average per acredollars	3,229	2,600	2,275	1,708	1,327	1,284	1,237	993
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	4,535,052	4,163,633	3,546,042	3,367,939	2,162,595	1,906,163	1,862,289	1,849,206
Average per farmdollars	135,626	117,163	97,550	96,252	56,522	59,923	57,738	49,087
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acresfarms	3,641	2,901	2,914	2,959	3,102	2,226	2,129	2,517
10 to 49 acresfarms	8,632	8,668	8,799	8,359	7,723	5,499	5,201	6,114
50 to 179 acresfarms	11,812	13,544	13,847	13,474	14,085	11,319	11,147	12,991
180 to 499 acresfarms	6,508	7,446	7,739	8,977	9,897	9,327	10,305	12,244
500 to 999 acresfarms	1,738	1,872	2,014	2,457	2,567	2,530	2,713	3,112
1,000 to 1,999 acresfarms	717	762	760	812	721	688	680	654
2,000 acres or morefarms	390	344	279	217	169	168	131	111
Total croplandfarms	27,676	29,273	31,083	33,351	34,701	29,747	30,651	35,680
Harvested croplandacres	4,291,388	4,217,041	4,314,954	4,841,367	4,961,538	4,722,143	4,876,169	5,382,175
Irrigated landacres	24,826	26,569	26,814	29,162	31,436	27,569	28,715	33,664
Irrigated landfarms	3,581,095	3,783,661	3,651,278	3,846,368	3,855,732	3,716,942	3,534,898	3,899,819
Irrigated landacres	3,285	3,404	3,036	3,307	2,835	2,501	2,020	1,992
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	5,369,212	5,415,125	4,418,634	3,117,834	2,930,569	2,834,512	2,622,001	2,441,860
Average per farmdollars	160,572	152,380	121,551	83,689	76,588	89,256	81,161	64,697
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	2,107,986	2,249,227	1,561,927	1,135,129	1,066,347	1,000,417	809,291	701,352
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	3,261,226	3,165,898	2,856,706	1,982,706	1,864,222	1,834,095	1,812,710	1,740,508
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500farms	10,313	11,169	13,004	14,243	11,542	7,707	7,324	9,168
\$2,500 to \$4,999farms	2,783	3,119	3,075	3,364	4,096	3,424	3,389	4,061
\$5,000 to \$9,999farms	3,735	3,776	3,770	3,223	4,119	3,484	3,536	3,892
\$10,000 to \$24,999farms	4,861	4,937	4,706	4,176	4,997	4,269	4,156	4,426
\$25,000 to \$49,999farms	2,854	2,825	2,694	2,725	2,941	2,673	2,601	3,337
\$50,000 to \$99,999farms	2,304	2,586	2,253	3,073	3,496	3,335	3,973	5,560
\$100,000 to \$499,999farms	4,737	5,163	5,100	5,369	6,077	5,883	6,588	6,816
\$500,000 or morefarms	1,851	1,962	1,750	1,082	996	982	739	483
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individualfarms	27,561	29,679	30,621	32,654	32,813	26,855	27,346	32,149
Partnershipfarms	2,907	3,096	3,347	2,846	3,465	3,153	3,284	3,835
Corporationfarms	2,520	2,355	2,110	1,581	1,771	1,568	1,521	1,545
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.farms	450	407	274	174	215	181	155	214
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	4,325,357	4,535,138	3,503,312	2,796,920	2,434,019	2,191,903	2,142,169	1,897,458
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	126,281	139,833	117,208	122,666	127,396	111,258	113,243	98,770
Feed purchased\$1,000	874,202	1,007,295	695,165	537,185	506,730	482,735	458,038	399,658
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	214,916	264,876	172,920	103,849	104,751	93,010	94,324	94,811
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	238,429	313,194	226,204	115,975	109,629	97,075	100,002	91,096
Hired farm labor\$1,000	811,832	730,687	583,051	448,924	383,795	336,357	336,461	277,463
Interest expense\$1,000	146,993	155,861	159,396	128,020	144,324	130,266	125,135	140,484
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	139,358	151,480	103,710	80,700	88,674	75,892	67,322	60,635
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	12,796	13,559	13,589	15,971	18,862	16,444	18,134	22,250
Beef cowsfarms	1,479,389	1,419,365	1,443,297	1,453,365	1,479,571	1,450,090	1,470,610	1,603,390
Milk cowsfarms	7,310	6,579	6,803	6,598	6,403	6,160	6,798	6,798
Cattle and calves soldfarms	109,914	86,030	103,620	80,831	80,157	86,078	72,971	71,627
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	4,648	5,427	5,683	7,388	9,286	8,732	10,696	13,840
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	628,245	610,712	626,455	670,003	699,404	700,480	721,286	814,461
Layers inventory (see text)farms	10,197	10,555	10,898	11,972	17,077	15,494	17,167	21,153
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	608,279	618,558	583,468	579,216	652,986	618,039	639,193	754,488
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	1,739	1,912	1,871	1,527	1,731	1,508	2,094	2,644
Layers inventory (see text)farms	50,669	74,671	85,741	81,886	80,861	79,000	90,282	99,560
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	1,835	1,629	1,819	1,490	1,145	1,001	1,498	1,957
Layers inventory (see text)farms	191,458	337,333	322,396	255,445	167,954	167,201	168,196	172,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	5,712	5,686	4,006	2,617	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	6,058,141	5,208,831	3,952,975	3,819,432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	555	914	452	421	233	172	142	206
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	1,685,775	2,062,445	1,779,733	2,817,234	1,320,374	1,310,733	1,042,100	1,713,646
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	3,730	5,226	4,243	4,246	5,983	5,493	5,724	9,301
Corn for grainacres	524,481	677,268	551,629	450,664	610,571	578,715	518,839	598,815
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	84,124,924	87,677,512	71,454,280	42,767,720	65,729,918	62,242,783	47,702,382	65,911,889
Corn for silage or greenchopacres	3,834	4,931	5,278	6,601	8,679	8,250	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	515,376	496,885	507,568	543,579	556,668	551,365	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allacres	8,983,492	8,230,187	8,640,006	7,454,405	8,311,269	8,235,781	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	1,111	1,029	1,058	1,488	2,077	1,887	2,200	2,390
Durum wheat for grainacres	115,542	86,068	84,955	115,680	129,403	120,927	117,908	86,345
Durum wheat for grainfarms	7,463,347	5,377,008	4,544,032	6,639,707	6,772,328	6,339,980	6,280,963	3,622,242
Durum wheat for grainacres	10	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grainfarms	61	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grainacres	3,475	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	46	31	76	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)acres	2,157	1,259	2,783	380	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)bushels	92,376	54,182	121,320	9,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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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 1,063	1,021	1,012	1,482	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 113,324	84,809	82,172	115,300	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 7,367,496	5,323,226	4,422,712	6,630,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 1,090	1,799	1,809	2,205	3,077	2,808	4,059	6,364
	acres 34,484	50,543	60,999	67,032	81,377	77,240	109,686	162,733
	bushels 1,936,973	3,229,581	3,556,221	4,138,239	5,133,153	4,841,802	6,889,878	9,562,189
Barley for grain	farms 239	286	327	425	525	494	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 10,008	7,679	10,793	12,569	13,426	12,847	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 491,116	338,294	530,407	589,695	720,297	695,121	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 23	10	26	41	5	4	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,211	486	717	562	78	58	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 82,352	24,290	35,804	14,067	2,700	1,900	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 81	121	155	215	196	189	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,154	2,638	3,192	4,189	3,299	3,232	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 24,510	18,391	22,571	36,879	28,452	28,163	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 2,055	2,384	1,347	1,128	1,032	952	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 282,453	310,104	199,775	139,435	107,315	99,879	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 12,701,246	13,078,638	7,456,657	4,472,702	3,976,646	3,685,535	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 91	90	143	306	452	402	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 12,619	9,642	16,218	32,520	47,492	43,305	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 281,038	199,581	247,762	444,691	705,971	649,449	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 17,919	19,182	20,194	21,959	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,811,565	1,850,981	1,962,620	2,258,448	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 4,654,910	4,417,939	4,981,812	5,717,950	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 44	38	28	82	25	22	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 584	728	357	502	(D)	411	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 481,102	639,915	367,672	379,813	(D)	328,440	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 3,544	3,467	3,192	2,637	3,166	2,720	2,758	2,822
	acres 124,859	135,997	160,596	143,967	180,541	169,331	139,841	150,054
Potatoes	farms 953	1,207	860	530	631	544	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 15,315	21,865	18,911	22,094	25,930	23,920	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 129	46	19	30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 57	(D)	7	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 2,666	2,629	2,686	2,753	2,886	2,436	2,938	3,290
	acres 89,763	93,661	100,035	99,148	111,469	101,628	112,905	124,432

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.