

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	53,157	59,309	63,163	58,105	60,222	45,457	44,870	51,549
Land in farmsacres	7,278,668	7,704,444	7,809,244	7,745,336	7,819,648	7,167,906	7,189,541	7,866,289
Average size of farmacres	137	130	124	133	130	158	160	153
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	897,125	704,712	590,376	452,874	331,252	371,740	328,795	239,333
Average per acredollars	6,552	5,425	4,775	3,419	2,524	2,390	2,056	1,579
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	5,795,380	5,321,820	4,609,776	3,289,501	2,868,791	2,418,038	2,214,947	2,144,508
Average per farmdollars	109,024	89,735	72,988	59,995	47,657	53,219	49,383	41,641
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acresfarms	6,481	5,575	5,601	5,102	5,550	3,431	3,005	3,759
10 to 49 acresfarms	15,901	17,721	20,267	16,862	16,283	9,833	9,095	10,264
50 to 179 acresfarms	19,985	24,841	26,049	24,168	26,190	19,941	20,136	23,696
180 to 499 acresfarms	8,255	8,750	8,799	9,560	9,847	9,815	10,286	11,453
500 to 999 acresfarms	1,790	1,768	1,816	1,800	1,840	1,925	1,880	1,961
1,000 to 1,999 acresfarms	577	515	490	496	409	409	391	350
2,000 acres or morefarms	168	139	141	117	103	103	77	66
Total croplandfarms	44,436	49,838	54,772	52,365	55,094	42,573	42,390	48,546
Harvested croplandacres	4,651,210	4,546,052	4,870,287	5,120,685	5,388,837	5,032,151	5,021,773	5,398,072
Irrigated landacres	39,507	42,981	44,269	45,374	50,140	39,689	40,090	46,157
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	3,931,996	3,957,000	3,942,079	4,079,276	4,219,115	4,014,564	3,861,435	4,080,153
Average per farmdollars	3,904	4,539	3,958	4,108	3,554	2,814	2,121	2,208
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	32,139	38,990	37,786	42,516	40,089	36,150	23,096	29,505
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	7,758,884	7,400,781	5,808,803	4,256,959	4,247,568	3,997,565	3,570,191	3,077,523
Average per farmdollars	145,962	124,783	91,965	73,263	70,532	87,942	79,567	59,701
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500farms	2,781,329	2,782,911	1,869,706	1,320,914	1,452,843	1,282,526	1,042,050	826,666
\$2,500 to \$4,999farms	4,977,556	4,617,870	3,939,097	2,936,045	2,794,725	2,715,039	2,528,141	2,250,857
\$5,000 to \$9,999farms	16,944	19,621	27,495	24,394	19,353	10,299	9,634	12,747
\$10,000 to \$24,999farms	4,477	5,144	5,609	5,881	6,796	5,036	5,314	6,517
\$25,000 to \$49,999farms	5,579	6,002	5,746	5,134	6,815	5,546	5,555	6,378
\$50,000 to \$99,999farms	6,802	7,801	6,488	5,984	7,530	6,384	6,199	6,720
\$100,000 to \$499,999farms	4,437	4,883	4,103	3,292	4,642	3,964	3,915	4,680
\$500,000 or morefarms	3,570	4,044	3,067	3,823	4,892	4,630	5,241	6,893
Family or individualfarms	8,261	8,913	8,413	8,172	8,839	8,299	7,998	6,846
Partnershipfarms	3,087	2,901	2,242	1,425	1,355	1,299	1,014	768
Corporationfarms	46,172	52,390	57,749	53,201	54,039	40,176	39,646	45,796
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.farms	3,688	3,808	3,265	3,428	4,509	3,957	4,063	4,581
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	2,452	2,294	1,719	1,249	1,435	1,141	1,016	982
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	5,951,126	6,041,767	4,909,109	3,614,072	3,414,402	3,091,953	2,775,313	2,386,060
Feed purchased\$1,000	578,448	502,633	482,913	333,396	313,794	290,987	306,690	273,817
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	1,504,261	1,832,951	1,267,184	937,355	1,034,466	973,221	755,864	621,876
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	313,335	351,184	205,463	135,921	119,871	109,826	108,455	115,061
Hired farm labor\$1,000	247,822	312,238	245,604	126,126	128,375	112,649	107,247	98,275
Interest expense\$1,000	784,029	671,592	590,891	443,050	412,247	362,811	352,456	292,030
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	221,529	257,009	220,775	187,899	165,762	146,763	144,542	146,793
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	22,729	25,189	25,975	28,163	33,210	26,525	27,984	33,381
Beef cowsfarms	1,621,303	1,626,374	1,609,147	1,632,649	1,690,364	1,672,295	1,699,820	1,745,617
Milk cowsfarms	13,176	11,880	12,253	14,743	11,237	13,768	11,429	13,429
Cattle and calves soldfarms	217,617	148,249	158,430	212,234	165,186	169,134	157,773	160,694
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	6,914	7,829	8,333	9,629	11,981	10,920	12,448	15,096
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	527,617	532,335	553,321	591,531	625,200	621,530	625,165	673,054
Layers inventory (see text)farms	18,149	19,381	19,784	20,571	29,063	24,783	26,008	31,243
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	767,197	880,431	810,533	808,556	892,160	857,149	954,013	975,472
Wheat for grain, allfarms	2,777	3,097	3,637	3,825	4,359	3,456	5,097	6,983
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	1,239,301	1,134,957	1,167,449	1,226,845	1,094,066	1,100,754	1,074,574	919,755
Winter wheat for grainfarms	2,878	2,672	3,440	3,785	3,552	2,971	4,577	6,495
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	5,534,127	4,677,032	4,198,235	4,269,350	2,472,738	2,469,824	2,263,427	1,997,713
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	9,290	9,539	7,604	5,165	7,267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	26,317,523	25,147,630	21,982,408	23,196,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	1,568	1,395	1,139	1,231	1,197	845	839	1,052
Acres	183,894,324	166,691,355	150,102,682	132,507,545	135,535,891	118,545,429	108,113,026	106,382,310
Acres	13,693	16,800	16,030	15,172	21,986	18,732	21,610	26,968
Bushels	949,375	998,376	980,753	790,111	1,009,021	970,895	1,012,263	1,070,293
Acres	144,684,352	125,500,345	118,964,770	52,645,120	96,956,097	93,320,717	112,034,518	99,282,796
Acres	7,059	9,752	10,230	11,968	13,504	12,598	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	353,212	412,695	429,139	536,615	486,865	484,951	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	6,849,437	7,205,366	7,057,789	5,770,515	6,417,582	6,363,560	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	3,370	4,053	4,577	5,499	7,267	6,381	7,734	9,719
Acres	151,920	144,725	152,528	172,137	175,665	167,488	182,021	186,100
Bushels	10,100,176	9,037,847	8,949,116	8,936,589	8,896,467	8,526,375	8,670,089	7,663,537
Acres	176	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	5,235	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	340,018	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	3,201	4,053	4,577	5,499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Acres	146,685	144,725	152,528	172,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Bushels	9,760,158	9,037,847	8,949,116	8,936,589	(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	2,711	4,524	5,089	7,396	10,615	9,041	11,205	14,900
farms	49,693	65,158	79,943	117,653	152,696	144,456	184,186	243,257
bushels	2,878,421	3,802,765	4,237,273	6,768,130	8,542,744	8,122,302	11,064,027	13,881,340
Barley for grain	1,546	2,626	2,104	3,033	3,775	3,515	(NA)	(NA)
farms	42,626	52,853	41,986	54,292	64,465	63,782	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	3,105,185	3,816,281	3,053,989	3,774,180	4,138,589	4,091,499	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	133	75	117	142	119	108	(NA)	(NA)
farms	4,969	2,170	3,155	4,529	2,788	2,754	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	373,176	165,396	177,639	181,215	188,115	189,932	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	224	510	335	471	475	460	(NA)	(NA)
farms	6,033	9,475	4,471	6,211	6,087	6,066	(NA)	(NA)
acres	81,334	106,654	40,767	51,523	52,719	52,514	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	8,048	7,718	6,374	5,931	7,238	6,486	(NA)	(NA)
farms	650,111	519,718	431,053	378,846	362,550	347,981	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	31,653,360	25,008,038	17,386,829	9,665,498	13,487,668	12,941,343	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	7	21	17	16	72	55	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	608	153	525	1,352	1,264	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	14,617	3,045	12,160	18,769	17,484	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	812	1,312	1,152	897	1,484	1,357	(NA)	(NA)
farms	7,476	9,532	7,886	5,470	8,634	7,953	(NA)	(NA)
acres	17,431,368	22,119,230	18,811,546	9,677,757	18,676,597	17,098,232	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	30,269	33,131	34,923	35,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1,620,334	1,651,917	1,747,589	1,956,072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,850,904	4,505,059	4,487,424	4,526,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
tons, dry equivalent	39	30	32	77	24	18	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	841	657	660	937	(D)	433	(NA)	(NA)
farms	929,160	593,682	405,407	566,771	(D)	226,720	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4,218	3,968	4,338	3,478	3,576	3,103	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	48,063	49,397	55,655	48,698	47,960	44,533	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1,107	1,330	1,258	984	906	740	(NA)	(NA)
farms	7,643	8,659	9,690	11,094	13,274	12,597	(NA)	(NA)
acres	259	93	54	81	43	36	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	151	50	38	34	22	20	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2,412	2,282	2,686	2,370	2,753	2,069	2,317	2,805
acres	43,509	41,437	46,560	50,287	63,675	56,029	57,656	66,537

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.