

**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	43,225	46,030	47,383	47,606	49,366	41,095	42,222	44,799
Land in farms .....acres	7,797,979	8,302,444	8,103,925	8,624,829	8,753,625	8,228,226	8,297,011	8,676,336
Average size of farm .....acres	180	180	171	181	177	200	197	194
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	834,254	776,719	720,538	490,064	356,425	384,979	320,488	232,374
Average per acre .....dollars	4,624	4,306	4,213	2,675	1,975	1,920	1,636	1,198
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	3,723,234	3,339,696	3,120,923	2,005,079	1,927,837	1,718,392	1,388,837	1,350,875
Average per farm .....dollars	86,136	72,561	65,870	43,303	39,063	41,835	33,090	30,249
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	4,595	3,343	3,530	3,027	3,860	2,864	3,357	3,408
10 to 49 acres .....	13,631	14,425	15,177	14,082	13,908	10,283	10,361	10,753
50 to 179 acres .....	14,800	16,850	17,589	18,315	19,138	15,938	16,293	17,530
180 to 499 acres .....	6,732	7,864	7,777	8,613	8,730	8,293	8,422	9,252
500 to 999 acres .....	2,127	2,173	1,985	2,183	2,465	2,469	2,517	2,624
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	966	1,009	960	1,023	937	923	987	968
2,000 acres or more .....	374	366	365	363	328	325	285	264
Total cropland .....farms	32,091	34,525	35,954	41,047	43,124	37,177	38,779	41,491
.....acres	3,084,067	2,990,561	3,274,137	4,194,158	4,525,365	4,322,425	4,311,840	4,363,106
Harvested cropland.....farms	28,783	31,041	30,563	33,791	36,326	32,124	34,255	37,332
.....acres	2,613,010	2,618,291	2,544,997	2,623,776	2,600,860	2,520,961	2,449,013	2,406,976
Irrigated land .....farms	2,053	2,456	2,347	2,331	2,509	2,337	2,312	3,054
.....acres	63,433	68,651	82,187	98,913	86,388	84,926	61,759	78,681
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	3,960,501	3,753,287	2,906,188	2,360,911	2,394,779	2,343,518	2,055,958	1,588,770
Average per farm .....dollars	91,625	81,540	61,334	49,593	48,511	57,027	48,694	35,464
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	1,361,462	1,360,146	858,301	718,219	794,010	780,099	696,489	465,379
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	2,599,039	2,393,141	2,047,887	1,642,692	1,600,769	1,563,418	1,359,469	1,123,391
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	16,351	17,103	20,191	18,424	16,355	10,999	10,546	13,622
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,725	5,063	5,391	6,669	8,018	6,754	7,161	7,995
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,927	6,436	6,191	6,946	8,170	7,203	7,687	7,580
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	6,214	6,940	6,597	6,737	7,444	7,011	7,402	6,895
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	3,459	3,837	3,399	3,060	3,160	3,042	3,266	3,028
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2,119	2,220	1,886	1,849	2,057	1,965	1,946	2,102
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	2,671	2,665	2,347	2,845	3,066	3,035	3,439	3,110
\$500,000 or more .....	1,759	1,766	1,381	1,076	1,096	1,086	775	467
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....	37,362	40,156	41,173	42,851	43,445	35,824	36,866	39,344
Partnership .....	2,529	2,874	3,625	2,757	3,866	3,425	3,786	4,004
Corporation .....	2,764	2,550	2,269	1,723	1,787	1,620	1,327	1,173
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....	570	450	316	275	268	226	243	278
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	3,431,827	3,494,672	2,711,537	2,045,598	2,064,754	1,924,690	1,699,051	1,334,393
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ....\$1,000	432,549	424,722	323,214	277,272	230,527	208,871	230,888	169,333
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	859,311	1,067,299	727,195	507,692	690,144	649,741	461,703	360,422
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	217,774	235,173	189,325	114,943	119,804	113,688	108,844	92,982
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	155,147	190,119	156,818	84,041	85,685	79,765	79,225	64,261
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	419,426	354,999	293,996	242,131	205,151	192,798	188,671	145,364
Interest expense .....\$1,000	136,217	128,243	123,286	90,843	93,671	85,752	85,120	83,237
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	126,534	116,536	76,060	67,506	73,198	69,655	64,381	51,382
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	21,880	23,911	25,957	27,733	31,862	26,547	27,638	28,325
.....number	1,482,888	1,631,882	1,566,217	1,622,767	1,702,675	1,639,058	1,653,191	1,510,920
Beef cows .....farms	18,453	19,596	21,907	23,030	25,273	21,753	22,519	22,228
.....number	638,418	657,320	695,061	680,610	695,774	688,541	674,068	581,298
Milk cows .....farms	1,048	1,168	1,154	1,580	1,887	1,671	1,671	3,372
.....number	87,322	94,105	98,917	114,724	124,762	121,823	140,033	157,128
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	18,729	20,091	21,884	23,970	30,761	26,350	26,917	28,222
.....number	825,758	845,381	880,607	931,879	958,985	906,897	855,634	859,708
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	1,461	1,265	1,240	855	1,533	1,170	2,085	3,711
.....number	249,231	239,899	371,176	409,284	389,752	385,755	412,736	345,058
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	1,244	919	964	834	1,007	823	1,596	3,016
.....number	664,342	559,658	965,117	847,002	717,263	710,320	715,452	642,863
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	5,729	5,656	3,464	1,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	2,447,718	2,897,238	3,208,912	3,222,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	1,080	807	672	855	696	671	640	567
.....number	261,649,137	237,669,378	249,184,367	266,103,921	259,406,650	258,684,455	201,697,436	142,971,809
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	2,548	2,857	3,063	3,123	4,646	4,395	6,169	8,162
.....acres	378,073	338,132	401,070	335,692	322,456	318,208	361,326	341,412
.....bushels	53,849,390	33,984,647	34,811,582	22,656,691	29,903,600	29,480,704	40,633,506	20,941,850
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	1,385	1,636	2,013	2,305	2,716	2,646	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	99,224	113,059	126,295	139,420	145,166	143,216	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	1,792,863	1,707,869	1,717,974	1,637,114	1,929,828	1,901,978	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	1,009	1,601	1,348	1,793	2,969	2,888	3,670	4,339
.....acres	151,869	241,979	200,342	174,887	259,597	257,063	241,042	188,428
.....bushels	10,011,616	14,804,947	12,345,217	10,213,252	15,689,579	15,504,394	12,598,036	8,065,684
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	-	5	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	-	1,771	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	-	103,437	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat for grain .....farms	1,009	1,599	1,348	1,793	2,969	2,888	3,670	4,339
.....acres	151,869	240,208	200,342	174,887	259,597	257,063	241,042	188,428
.....bushels	10,011,616	14,701,510	12,345,217	10,213,252	15,689,579	15,504,394	12,598,036	8,065,684

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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 73	144	230	364	400	373	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,241	3,456	4,893	5,529	5,311	5,216	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 149,765	238,928	286,954	317,353	286,668	283,852	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain .....	farms 251	594	530	781	874	854	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 13,605	37,023	27,833	43,955	52,033	51,096	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 969,562	2,905,047	2,008,416	3,178,359	3,910,873	3,842,722	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 113	96	43	88	185	174	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,393	4,043	1,497	2,221	7,262	7,150	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 576,290	258,000	63,521	95,489	472,157	465,311	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 91	126	87	108	31	31	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 3,617	4,129	2,573	2,788	964	964	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 47,835	52,012	17,516	24,286	10,107	10,107	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms 2,438	2,512	2,104	2,576	3,229	3,135	3,709	4,586
	acres 600,310	578,852	490,396	467,210	492,257	487,001	507,878	459,924
	bushels 25,672,603	22,680,879	12,624,547	11,025,598	11,562,591	11,406,611	15,742,573	10,421,715
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) .....	farms 7	-	-	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 14	-	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 420	-	-	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all .....	farms 247	267	196	318	451	441	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 87,242	89,072	59,243	92,809	99,597	98,244	(NA)	(NA)
	bales 193,236	191,513	101,745	93,523	138,473	137,085	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	farms 306	558	895	4,184	6,067	5,870	8,444	9,750
	acres 23,039	22,982	20,881	30,308	53,770	54,035	55,419	45,121
	pounds 53,410,137	53,179,801	43,338,678	64,751,252	115,057,009	115,735,107	113,240,049	80,582,854
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 23,888	25,929	25,986	27,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,247,300	1,313,197	1,305,624	1,377,442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 2,612,468	2,805,640	2,464,783	2,534,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 8	11	24	14	11	10	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 105	117	137	190	(D)	71	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 92,600	80,625	79,944	29,122	(D)	76,475	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts .....	farms 189	170	180	482	718	702	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 28,510	20,208	21,631	57,373	75,271	74,867	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 128,832,739	81,182,563	52,797,144	125,121,968	191,071,141	190,590,588	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....	farms 1,803	1,656	1,616	1,195	1,115	1,008	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 22,664	22,454	27,887	24,377	25,964	25,479	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes .....	farms 535	762	596	302	405	358	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,213	5,423	5,408	5,774	5,974	5,925	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 269	120	83	133	113	103	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 286	136	330	456	582	606	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....	farms 1,537	1,365	1,277	1,281	1,311	1,080	1,387	1,463
	acres 18,396	19,114	19,713	26,354	28,806	27,650	32,963	34,027

<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.