

**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	64,793	69,754	78,463	77,131	79,541	65,602	67,959	75,131
Land in farms .....acres	14,318,630	14,568,926	15,190,804	15,741,552	16,232,744	14,900,205	15,463,551	16,606,567
Average size of farm .....acres	221	209	194	204	204	227	228	221
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm .....dollars	1,083,640	819,551	624,428	464,127	258,638	282,135	210,179	182,950
Average per acre .....dollars	4,904	3,924	3,225	2,272	1,264	1,244	925	826
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	10,152,321	9,037,376	7,554,247	5,386,373	4,762,238	4,375,650	4,481,945	4,053,360
Average per farm .....dollars	156,689	129,561	96,278	72,300	59,899	66,731	66,001	54,037
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres .....	5,923	4,603	4,861	4,141	4,500	3,142	3,605	4,012
10 to 49 acres .....	16,919	17,825	19,895	17,152	13,915	9,673	8,655	8,778
50 to 179 acres .....	21,254	25,502	29,765	29,458	30,995	24,546	24,121	27,498
180 to 499 acres .....	14,177	15,688	17,837	20,021	24,043	22,228	25,570	28,828
500 to 999 acres .....	4,180	3,885	4,149	4,465	4,592	4,573	4,790	4,923
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	1,619	1,580	1,399	1,395	1,166	1,121	1,014	921
2,000 acres or more .....	721	671	557	499	330	319	204	171
Total cropland .....farms	56,590	60,936	68,478	69,883	72,657	61,166	64,229	71,320
.....acres	10,085,021	9,910,991	10,116,279	10,728,655	10,999,803	10,353,300	10,948,614	11,618,876
Harvested cropland.....farms	49,304	52,083	54,105	54,741	62,656	54,369	61,125	69,141
.....acres	9,234,611	9,149,273	8,884,628	8,928,083	8,996,941	8,625,011	8,843,649	9,335,007
Irrigated land .....farms	3,284	3,240	2,907	2,457	2,269	2,146	2,146	1,850
.....acres	454,362	421,721	377,291	385,902	358,467	341,813	330,838	284,637
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) .....\$1,000	11,427,423	11,744,476	8,967,358	5,623,275	5,794,100	5,579,861	5,259,670	4,909,869
Average per farm .....dollars	176,368	168,370	114,288	72,906	72,844	85,056	77,395	65,351
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....\$1,000	4,067,436	4,601,488	2,669,326	1,690,071	1,754,487	1,640,283	1,126,566	936,624
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....\$1,000	7,359,987	7,142,988	6,298,032	3,933,204	4,039,613	3,939,578	4,133,103	3,973,245
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500 .....	20,714	22,531	30,296	30,491	22,254	14,007	9,932	9,838
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	4,837	4,859	5,955	5,389	6,711	5,161	5,355	6,039
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	5,653	5,888	6,732	5,788	7,278	6,177	6,576	7,505
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	7,186	7,246	7,732	8,362	10,024	8,841	8,995	10,678
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	4,951	5,705	5,704	5,929	7,700	6,826	7,872	10,491
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	5,572	6,379	5,397	7,242	9,153	8,818	11,916	15,223
\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	11,180	12,316	13,189	12,192	14,928	14,325	16,471	14,750
\$500,000 or more .....	4,700	4,830	3,458	1,738	1,493	1,447	842	607
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual .....	55,135	60,617	68,138	68,719	69,452	56,598	58,298	64,642
Partnership .....	4,599	4,667	6,386	5,347	6,452	5,746	6,930	7,909
Corporation .....	3,691	3,334	3,333	2,726	3,145	2,870	2,502	2,322
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. ....	1,368	1,136	606	339	492	388	229	258
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....\$1,000	9,652,703	9,419,263	6,748,715	4,642,287	4,430,522	4,202,802	4,029,737	3,638,957
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased ....\$1,000	475,309	454,402	356,954	294,121	324,928	306,830	349,520	294,202
Feed purchased .....\$1,000	2,024,483	2,066,721	1,091,862	785,165	880,382	847,206	785,140	675,221
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased <sup>2</sup> .....\$1,000	719,654	896,548	495,308	260,006	268,793	258,450	248,410	236,568
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....\$1,000	425,508	542,592	425,000	193,005	187,629	198,442	183,421	175,966
Hired farm labor .....\$1,000	1,052,738	878,266	785,018	515,473	431,317	409,009	362,356	312,325
Interest expense .....\$1,000	522,703	492,131	523,903	342,250	379,856	356,573	346,096	400,274
Chemicals purchased .....\$1,000	355,396	367,149	263,235	184,368	175,810	169,356	135,926	104,934
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory .....farms	27,777	29,908	35,125	38,120	46,036	39,593	46,052	53,315
.....number	3,494,462	3,494,084	3,373,923	3,338,122	3,497,475	3,440,300	3,866,998	4,138,221
Beef cows .....farms	13,954	13,020	14,775	13,300	13,594	11,642	10,395	10,355
.....number	287,100	248,305	269,820	231,649	220,031	222,522	195,810	180,276
Milk cows .....farms	9,037	11,543	14,158	16,886	24,065	22,576	30,156	37,325
.....number	1,280,395	1,270,091	1,249,309	1,243,315	1,361,041	1,336,626	1,521,969	1,743,427
Cattle and calves sold .....farms	23,808	25,614	30,193	31,807	43,947	38,832	45,227	52,816
.....number	1,913,129	1,784,697	1,513,662	1,533,092	1,616,528	1,547,935	1,808,889	1,982,183
Hogs and pigs inventory .....farms	2,198	2,270	3,188	2,993	3,974	3,686	6,760	8,737
.....number	298,879	311,651	436,814	535,393	758,141	738,339	1,173,783	1,312,818
Hogs and pigs sold .....farms	2,508	2,210	3,516	3,245	3,857	3,591	6,776	8,899
.....number	804,586	934,000	1,085,793	1,294,440	1,590,206	1,523,490	2,244,673	2,515,246
Layers inventory (see text) .....farms	7,992	7,348	7,211	4,243	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	7,639,627	5,413,563	4,873,675	4,415,462	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....farms	1,217	1,499	1,238	1,226	830	587	504	674
.....number	53,438,462	48,766,897	46,804,252	33,652,214	27,747,569	27,607,761	13,686,548	10,761,742
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain .....farms	22,212	27,809	27,505	29,021	37,383	34,315	36,674	48,665
.....acres	3,074,502	3,306,621	3,250,847	2,862,031	2,981,830	2,877,971	2,830,496	2,787,734
.....bushels	519,334,406	397,056,812	437,174,706	385,057,040	374,550,814	362,498,739	283,709,848	311,689,830
Corn for silage or greenchop .....farms	10,608	14,477	15,338	17,632	23,830	22,498	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	921,602	953,876	732,636	704,513	733,284	717,549	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	17,474,959	14,047,188	11,645,140	11,233,740	10,643,670	10,444,465	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all .....farms	3,866	5,211	5,422	4,801	4,867	4,578	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	200,613	261,519	280,464	194,863	156,454	150,469	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	13,285,868	18,368,973	18,789,893	11,693,175	8,387,371	8,083,650	(NA)	(NA)
Durum wheat for grain .....farms	1	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	(D)	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text) .....farms	175	401	202	183	325	298	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	(D)	16,253	7,500	6,500	6,841	6,393	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	(D)	771,184	250,334	208,078	274,278	256,716	(NA)	(NA)

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Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain .....	farms 3,707	4,870	5,257	4,653	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres (D) 245,266	272,964	272,964	188,363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels (D) 17,597,789	18,539,559	18,539,559	11,485,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain .....	farms 3,356	6,403	7,934	11,300	16,416	14,925	22,195	31,065
	acres 88,290	130,374	166,794	245,695	335,107	314,722	488,332	679,203
	bushels 5,432,722	7,713,979	11,122,339	14,600,211	19,746,962	18,623,580	27,900,172	37,458,060
Barley for grain .....	farms 463	847	1,104	1,489	3,006	2,806	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 16,734	20,315	23,645	35,226	67,107	64,060	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 759,230	886,356	1,351,838	1,735,478	3,556,712	3,403,587	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain .....	farms 32	33	11	19	9	9	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 3,171	717	242	1,294	595	595	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 292,849	29,737	12,774	93,075	44,000	44,000	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop .....	farms 89	241	138	159	134	125	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,646	6,327	2,201	2,048	2,130	2,008	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 34,866	60,558	19,645	20,255	20,425	19,467	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans .....	farms 18,302	17,391	14,513	15,245	12,580	12,028	8,957	5,628
	acres 2,214,985	1,699,728	1,363,124	1,520,471	997,861	990,531	575,088	297,226
	bushels 101,917,737	67,454,065	54,701,222	67,060,605	42,996,339	42,681,842	17,659,688	11,491,031
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text) .....	farms 15	14	6	17	88	75	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 4,912	(D)	6,069	7,398	11,611	10,554	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 114,656	103,832	93,244	148,408	186,131	171,239	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco .....	farms 108	181	195	452	950	839	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 478	810	934	1,517	2,846	2,553	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 983,963	1,800,756	2,254,739	3,807,667	5,996,086	5,355,466	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text) .....	farms 35,001	37,020	42,082	43,561	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,372,478	2,396,640	2,797,497	3,089,564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 7,711,061	7,218,964	8,528,063	10,135,628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all .....	farms 41	57	78	46	72	69	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,820	2,404	3,722	2,076	(D)	3,985	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 2,558,712	2,440,816	4,449,621	2,774,463	(D)	5,566,905	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale <sup>3</sup> (see text) .....	farms 3,157	2,873	3,319	2,850	3,540	3,288	4,269	4,177
	acres 251,094	288,528	297,238	252,693	285,311	270,130	347,581	328,902
Potatoes .....	farms 717	718	608	399	442	418	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 70,110	66,400	63,933	80,332	84,922	85,304	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes .....	farms 144	42	14	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 335	23	13	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards <sup>4</sup> .....	farms 1,552	1,321	1,135	1,009	1,116	853	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 8,362	9,481	9,730	9,683	12,758	10,851	(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.