TRENDS IN U.S. AND ARIZONA AGRICULTURE
## Trends in U.S. Agriculture – A 20th Century Time Capsule

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<td>Number of Farms</td>
<td>5,739,657</td>
<td>2,215,876</td>
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<td>Average Farm Acreage</td>
<td>147 acres</td>
<td>431 acres</td>
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### Crops: Percent of Farms Growing:

- **Corn for Grain**: 82% (Begin) → 20% (End)
- **Hay**: 62% (Begin) → 46% (End)
- **Vegetables**: 61% (Begin) → 2.7% (End)
- **Potatoes**: 49% (Begin) → 0.5% (End)
- **Orchards**: 48% (Begin) → 5.6% (End)
- **Oats**: 37% (Begin) → 4.3% (End)
- **Soybeans**: 0% (Begin) → 17% (End)
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<td><strong>Livestock: Percent of Farms Raising:</strong></td>
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<td>Cattle</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>Milk Cows</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<td>Hogs and Pigs</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>Chickens</td>
<td>97%</td>
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| **Farm Mechanization: Percent of Farms With:** |   |   |
| Wheel Tractors         | 4% | 89% |
| Horses                 | 79%| 22% |
| Mules                  | 26%| 2%  |
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<td>Government Payments</td>
<td>$ 0</td>
<td>$ 5 billion</td>
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<td>% of Population Living on Farms</td>
<td>39.2%</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<td>% of Labor Force on Farms</td>
<td>38.8%</td>
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Arizona
Durum Wheat - Acres Harvested
1982-2010
Arizona
Winter Wheat - Acres Harvested
1982-2010
Arizona
Grain Sorghum - Acres Harvested
1982-2010
Official Estimates Not Available During the 1990s. 1992 data is from 1992 Census of Agriculture
Arizona
Sorghum for Silage - Acres Harvested
1981-2009

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Arizona
Upland Cotton - Acres Harvested
1981-2009
Arizona
Pima Cotton - Acres Harvested
1981-2009
Arizona
Alfalfa Hay - Acres Harvested
1982-2010
Arizona
Corn for Silage - Acres Harvested
1981-2009
Arizona
Head Lettuce - Acres Harvested
1980-2009
Arizona
Leaf Lettuce - Acres Harvested
1993-2009
Arizona
Romaine Lettuce - Acres Harvested
1992-2009
Arizona Cantaloupes - Acres Harvested 1980-2009

Estimates were discontinued after 1980 and resumed in 1992
Arizona
Honeydews - Acres Harvested
1980-2009
Arizona
Lemons - Acres Harvested
1989-2009
Arizona
Valencia Oranges - Acres Harvested
1989-2009
Arizona
Navel Oranges - Acres Harvested
1989-2009
Arizona
Grapefruit - Acres Harvested
1989-2009
Arizona
All Cattle Inventory
January 1, 1982-2010
Arizona
Milk Cow Inventory
January 1, 1982-2010
Arizona
Beef Cow Inventory
January 1, 1982-2010
Arizona
Cattle On Feed Inventory
January 1, 1982-2010