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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
FARMS: NUMBER, ACRES, VALUE AND LAND USE, 1909 - 2017 ¹

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg Size of Farm	Avg Value of Land & Bldgs per Acre	Land Use						
					Cropland			Other Pasture ²	Other Land	Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture ²			Pasture	Other
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1909	1,349	97,956	73	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,664	91,742	55	27	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,541	63,489	41	41	12,692	5,450	6,970	3,515	5,201	5,829	23,832
1929	1,302	59,591	46	37	10,599	6,289	7,695	1,726	3,574	2,277	27,431
1934	2,466	75,872	31	25	15,809	7,843	7,002	1,458	5,768	8,482	29,510
1939	1,385	55,270	40	30	10,092	4,735	6,619	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,248	39,291	32	63	8,536	3,130	5,581	842	641	772	19,789
1949	1,364	46,690	34	69	5,872	3,795	4,412	1,641	6,406	4,323	20,241
1954	1,034	44,827	43	76	4,867	4,207	3,345	2,064	1,403	2,698	26,243
1959	306	16,410	54	114	2,010	826	2,935	125	849	1,925	7,740
1964	155	11,685	75	132	1,187	1,043	1,692	124	319	702	6,613
1969	91	7,021	77	178	802	303	1,564	NA	³ 509	NA	⁴ 3,843
1974	66	4,378	66	465	649	157	894	NA	³ 528	NA	⁴ 2,150
1978	52	4,737	91	623	768	153	836	265	777	507	1,431
1982	56	4,071	73	1,364	649	186	735	504	271	165	1,561
1987	60	5,041	84	897	880	366	1,216	193	179	234	1,973
1992	61	5,419	89	1,049	619	448	1,742	230	642	484	1,254
1997 ⁵	67	4,862	73	1,793	670	476	714	396	524	543	1,539
2002 ⁵	63	6,900	110	1,326	1,117	(D)	(D)	460	474	(D)	(D)
2007 ⁵	69	10,194	148	1,937	1,642	400	2,043	647	455	737	4,270
2012 ⁵	81	8,065	100	1,945	1,251	456	46	2,726	545	1,362	1,679
2017 ⁵	110	15,103	137	1,990	2,541	415	453	4,512	422	911	5,849

¹ Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census.

² Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. ³ Includes Other Pasture. ⁴ Includes Woodland Pasture. ⁵ Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. (NA) Data Not Available. (-) Zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

**CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE GROUP, 1909 - 2017**

Year	Size of Farms (Acres)							All Farms
	1 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 179 50 - 174 ¹	180 - 499 175 - 499 ¹	500 - 999	1,000-1,999 1,000+ ²	2,000+	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>
1909	235	509	471	119	12	3	NA	1,349
1919	393	688	471	97	15	-	NA	1,664
1924	515	671	293	51	9	2	NA	1,541
1929	285	633	332	44	7	1	NA	1,302
1934	1,100	1,034	287	36	6	3	NA	2,466
1939	445	621	275	35	9	-	NA	1,385
1944	439	591	190	25	3	-	NA	1,248
1949	497	602	232	28	5	-	NA	1,364
1954	360	459	175	27	9	4	NA	1,034
1959	40	166	85	11	4	-	NA	306
1964	10	77	56	7	5	-	-	155
1969	5	46	31	8	-	1	-	91
1974	6	38	19	2	-	1	-	66
1978	3	14	28	7	-	-	-	52
1982	6	23	22	5	-	-	-	56
1987	1	22	31	6	-	-	-	60
1992	2	19	29	11	-	-	-	61
1997 ³	4	25	30	8	-	-	-	67
2002 ³	4	17	32	8	2	-	-	63
2007 ³	3	25	22	15	3	1	-	69
2012 ³	7	39	28	4	1	2	-	81
2017 ³	17	37	35	12	7	2	-	110

¹ 1909-1929. ² 1909-1959. ³ Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. (NA) Data Not Available. (-) Zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
TOTAL & SPECIFIED FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 1939 - 2017

Year	Total	Feed Purchased	Livestock and Poultry Purchased	Hired Labor	Petroleum Products and Utilities	Seed, Plants, Vines and Trees	Fertilizer, Lime, Soil Conditioners & Chemicals Purchased ¹
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
1939	NA	37,219	NA	14,508	2,515	NA	3,702
1944	NA	123,833	NA	22,159	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	140,600	22,000	18,725	24,800	20,430	NA
1954	NA	96,270	NA	11,342	10,014	NA	17,425
1959	NA	31,890	3,240	33,200	10,295	1,865	NA
1964	NA	16,780	7,330	3,895	10,728	4,601	6,041
1969	116,000	33,026	20,994	3,759	7,706	3,252	11,754
1974	123,000	32,000	33,000	4,000	6,000	3,000	15,000
1978	NA	36,000	10,000	9,000	16,000	6,000	22,000
1982	NA	33,000	145,000	27,000	38,000	5,000	15,000
1987	260,000	41,000	33,000	16,000	29,000	6,000	19,000
1992	230,000	39,000	47,000	7,000	24,000	2,000	12,000
1997 ²	188,000	32,000	10,000	8,000	³ 19,000	2,000	⁴ 14,000
2002 ²	335,000	38,000	29,000	7,000	42,000	13,000	18,000
2007 ²	614,000	53,000	31,000	11,000	90,000	12,000	(D)
2012 ²	782,000	114,000	210,000	53,000	95,000	8,000	44,000
2017 ²	1,351,000	163,000	187,000	156,000	195,000	25,000	72,000

¹ Beginning in 1987, includes cost of custom applications. ² Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. ³ 1997 does not include utilities. ⁴ 1997 does not include lime or manure. (NA) Data Not Available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD, 1969 - 2017**

Year	Total	Crops, including Nursery & Greenhouse ¹	Grains, Oilseeds	Tobacco	Hay and Other Crops	Livestock, Poultry and their Products ²	Poultry and Eggs	Milk and Other Dairy Products	Cattle and Calves	Hogs and Pigs
	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)
1969	118	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	87	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	120	34	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80	(Z)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	234	32	(D)	13	9	202	(D)	(D)	101	95
1982	325	51	6	28	10	274	1	-	200	70
1987	339	106	8	21	22	234	(D)	-	124	102
1992	192	23	(D)	(D)	10	169	-	-	152	(D)
1997 ³	143	36	NA	-	NA	107	(D)	-	103	(D)
2002 ³	216	60	(D)	-	6	155	(D)	-	(D)	-
2007 ³	278	115	(D)	-	68	163	2	(D)	133	(D)
2012 ³	489	(D)	(D)	-	63	(D)	17	(D)	171	(D)
2017 ³	505	245	19	-	78	260	12	-	190	(D)

¹ Includes a value of crops not listed. ² Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. ³ Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. (NA) Data Not Available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Zero. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
OCCUPATION AND AGE, 1969 - 2017 ¹**

Year	Operators by ²								Average Age
	Principal Occupation		Age Group						
	Farming	Other	Under 25 Years	25 to 34 Years	35 to 44 Years	45 to 54 Years	55 to 64 Years	65 and over	
<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	
1969	(NA)	(NA)	1	8	10	27	27	18	53.6
1974	34	31	-	9	9	2	21	24	55.3
1978	12	40	1	8	14	10	10	9	49.3
1982	16	40	2	6	15	12	12	9	48.8
1987	15	45	1	4	20	20	7	8	48.3
1992	15	46	-	2	17	18	16	8	51.6
1997 ¹	13	54	2	4	14	17	11	19	54.5
2002 ¹	23	40	2	1	4	26	17	13	55.0
2007 ¹	28	41	1	4	14	14	29	7	52.8
2012 ¹	39	42	-	4	12	6	37	22	58.1
2017 ¹	41	104	2	4	32	35	43	29	54.0

¹ Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. ² Counts may not be comparable from Census to Census due to changes in the report form. (-) Zero. (NA) Data Not Available.