



# BUTLER COUNTY

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**CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**  
**FARMS: NUMBER, ACRES, VALUE AND LAND USE, 1909 - 2017 <sup>1</sup>**

| Year              | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Avg Size of Farm | Avg Value of Land & Bldgs per Acre | Land Use     |               |                      |                            |                     |              |                     |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
|                   |                 |               |                  |                                    | Cropland     |               |                      | Other Pasture <sup>2</sup> | Other Land          | Woodland     |                     |
|                   |                 |               |                  |                                    | Harvested    | Not Harvested | Pasture <sup>2</sup> |                            |                     | 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              | 2,511           | 242,729       | 97               | 10                                 | NA           | NA            | NA                   | NA                         | NA                  | NA           | NA                  |
| 1919              | 2,540           | 246,016       | 97               | 20                                 | NA           | NA            | NA                   | NA                         | NA                  | NA           | NA                  |
| 1924              | 2,537           | 238,108       | 94               | 17                                 | 60,705       | 29,099        | 36,495               | 9,297                      | 27,681              | 15,510       | 59,321              |
| 1929              | 2,150           | 228,517       | 106              | 14                                 | 62,633       | 28,845        | 34,073               | 8,759                      | 22,152              | 20,180       | 51,875              |
| 1934              | 2,273           | 233,505       | 103              | 11                                 | 60,729       | 16,032        | 30,370               | 20,504                     | 34,359              | 18,600       | 52,911              |
| 1939              | 2,091           | 223,888       | 107              | 12                                 | 57,749       | 20,750        | 42,368               | NA                         | NA                  | NA           | NA                  |
| 1944              | 1,827           | 212,620       | 116              | 16                                 | 56,166       | 15,806        | 23,044               | 31,263                     | 16,183              | 18,759       | 51,399              |
| 1949              | 1,910           | 222,693       | 117              | 32                                 | 54,301       | 23,643        | 31,730               | 30,624                     | 23,530              | 19,269       | 39,596              |
| 1954              | 1,490           | 195,275       | 131              | 37                                 | 51,016       | 17,520        | 28,611               | 18,506                     | 12,221              | 21,645       | 45,756              |
| 1959              | 1,119           | 161,430       | 144              | 50                                 | 39,331       | 17,317        | 26,574               | 11,260                     | 12,254              | 17,029       | 37,665              |
| 1964              | 913             | 150,885       | 165              | 75                                 | 27,079       | 18,175        | 28,536               | 11,905                     | 8,016               | 18,716       | 38,448              |
| 1969              | 1,007           | 174,578       | 173              | 128                                | 26,121       | 25,418        | 39,044               | NA                         | <sup>3</sup> 28,141 | NA           | <sup>4</sup> 55,854 |
| 1974              | 796             | 157,803       | 198              | 249                                | 33,437       | 8,945         | 39,121               | NA                         | <sup>3</sup> 24,736 | NA           | <sup>4</sup> 51,564 |
| 1978              | 761             | 156,040       | 205              | 516                                | 44,241       | 11,304        | 28,095               | 11,821                     | 12,231              | 18,502       | 29,846              |
| 1982              | 733             | 146,245       | 200              | 573                                | 49,826       | 8,637         | 18,909               | 11,286                     | 8,621               | 16,655       | 32,311              |
| 1987              | 651             | 147,220       | 226              | 547                                | 43,401       | 12,475        | 20,094               | 15,143                     | 6,143               | 14,007       | 35,957              |
| 1992              | 671             | 140,810       | 210              | 766                                | 41,402       | 11,011        | 22,776               | 10,262                     | 8,012               | 13,029       | 34,318              |
| 1997 <sup>5</sup> | 812             | 165,306       | 204              | 958                                | 46,032       | 11,368        | 28,069               | 14,612                     | 9,430               | 16,580       | 39,215              |
| 2002 <sup>5</sup> | 729             | 161,712       | 222              | 1,537                              | 46,512       | 12,446        | 21,283               | 18,671                     | 9,059               | 15,404       | 38,337              |
| 2007 <sup>5</sup> | 778             | 173,965       | 224              | 1,935                              | 45,521       | 11,646        | 16,414               | 30,185                     | 8,749               | 11,752       | 49,698              |
| 2012 <sup>5</sup> | 697             | 152,552       | 219              | 2,023                              | 46,815       | 13,491        | 2,470                | 27,610                     | 9,929               | 10,302       | 41,935              |
| 2017 <sup>5</sup> | 642             | 146,810       | 229              | 2,648                              | 59,632       | 13,912        | 2,086                | 20,642                     | 8,179               | 6,976        | 35,383              |

<sup>1</sup> Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census.  
<sup>2</sup> Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>3</sup> Includes Other Pasture. <sup>4</sup> Includes Woodland Pasture. <sup>5</sup> 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<br>50 - 174 <sup>1</sup> | 180 - 499<br>175 - 499 <sup>1</sup> | 500 - 999  | 1,000-1,999<br>1,000+ <sup>2</sup> | 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              | 68                    | 723        | 1,391                             | 309                                 | 17         | 3                                  | NA         | 2,511      |
| 1919              | 71                    | 683        | 1,484                             | 285                                 | 14         | 3                                  | NA         | 2,540      |
| 1924              | 95                    | 736        | 1,403                             | 284                                 | 14         | 5                                  | NA         | 2,537      |
| 1929              | 49                    | 580        | 1,198                             | 308                                 | 8          | 7                                  | NA         | 2,150      |
| 1934              | 105                   | 557        | 1,269                             | 324                                 | 13         | 5                                  | NA         | 2,273      |
| 1939              | 82                    | 522        | 1,172                             | 292                                 | 21         | 2                                  | NA         | 2,091      |
| 1944              | 117                   | 336        | 1,055                             | 294                                 | 20         | 5                                  | NA         | 1,827      |
| 1949              | 79                    | 397        | 1,110                             | 302                                 | 18         | 4                                  | NA         | 1,910      |
| 1954              | 40                    | 251        | 890                               | 278                                 | 28         | 3                                  | NA         | 1,490      |
| 1959              | 33                    | 158        | 633                               | 271                                 | 20         | 4                                  | NA         | 1,119      |
| 1964              | 21                    | 109        | 477                               | 268                                 | 37         | 1                                  | -          | 913        |
| 1969              | 41                    | 117        | 510                               | 292                                 | 40         | 5                                  | 2          | 1,007      |
| 1974              | 32                    | 91         | 363                               | 268                                 | 28         | 12                                 | 2          | 796        |
| 1978              | 37                    | 94         | 356                               | 213                                 | 48         | 9                                  | 4          | 761        |
| 1982              | 48                    | 114        | 328                               | 192                                 | 35         | 9                                  | 7          | 733        |
| 1987              | 34                    | 89         | 307                               | 169                                 | 35         | 12                                 | 5          | 651        |
| 1992              | 41                    | 111        | 299                               | 160                                 | 42         | 11                                 | 7          | 671        |
| 1997 <sup>3</sup> | 24                    | 149        | 386                               | 183                                 | 48         | 14                                 | 8          | 812        |
| 2002 <sup>3</sup> | 17                    | 122        | 354                               | 169                                 | 44         | 13                                 | 10         | 729        |
| 2007 <sup>3</sup> | 25                    | 159        | 346                               | 171                                 | 49         | 19                                 | 9          | 778        |
| 2012 <sup>3</sup> | 26                    | 137        | 323                               | 153                                 | 30         | 20                                 | 8          | 697        |
| 2017 <sup>3</sup> | 29                    | 159        | 261                               | 130                                 | 34         | 20                                 | 9          | 642        |

<sup>1</sup> 1909-1929. <sup>2</sup> 1909-1959. <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                   | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i>                  | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i>                   | <i>Dollars</i>                | <i>Dollars</i>   |
| 1939              | NA             | 43,133         | NA                              | 25,436         | 7,585                            | NA                            | 16,225   |
| 1944              | NA             | 208,460        | NA                              | 49,649         | NA                               | NA                            | NA   |
| 1949              | NA             | 249,039        | 163,437                         | 84,960         | 109,063                          | 65,686                        | NA   |
| 1954              | NA             | 198,935        | NA                              | 66,170         | 162,630                          | NA                            | 275,693  |
| 1959              | NA             | 288,430        | 139,020                         | 58,160         | 140,423                          | 52,559                        | NA   |
| 1964              | NA             | 378,675        | 137,955                         | 78,956         | 156,145                          | 66,800                        | 193,785  |
| 1969              | 2,526,000      | 556,529        | 285,454                         | 120,279        | 211,800                          | 81,295                        | 296,703  |
| 1974              | 4,157,000      | 799,000        | 542,000                         | 178,000        | 301,000                          | 176,000                       | 693,000  |
| 1978              | NA             | 858,000        | 497,000                         | 360,000        | 746,000                          | 386,000                       | 1,596,000  |
| 1982              | NA             | 1,005,000      | 651,000                         | 550,000        | 1,182,000                        | 463,000                       | 2,087,000  |
| 1987              | 8,419,000      | 1,120,000      | 553,000                         | 435,000        | 742,000                          | 389,000                       | 1,632,000  |
| 1992              | 11,681,000     | 1,660,000      | 988,000                         | 703,000        | 962,000                          | 576,000                       | 2,414,000  |
| 1997 <sup>2</sup> | 22,228,000     | 7,203,000      | 3,222,000                       | 982,000        | <sup>3</sup> 869,000             | 754,000                       | <sup>4</sup> 2,721,000   |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | 16,161,000     | 4,193,000      | 1,305,000                       | 984,000        | 1,252,000                        | 809,000                       | 2,218,000  |
| 2007 <sup>2</sup> | 24,680,000     | 6,791,000      | 1,584,000                       | 1,207,000      | 2,176,000                        | 962,000                       | 3,655,000  |
| 2012 <sup>2</sup> | 33,077,000     | 9,766,000      | 2,655,000                       | 1,036,000      | 2,759,000                        | 2,235,000                     | 6,829,000  |
| 2017 <sup>2</sup> | 35,370,000     | 7,094,000      | 2,893,000                       | 1,365,000      | 1,992,000                        | 2,934,000                     | 5,597,000  |

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 1987, includes cost of custom applications. <sup>2</sup> Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage. <sup>3</sup> 1997 does not include utilities. <sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> | Grains, Oilseeds   | Tobacco            | Hay and Other Crops | Livestock, Poultry and their Products <sup>2</sup> | 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              | 3,607              | 1,259  | (NA)               | (NA)               | (NA)                | 2,282  | (NA)               | (NA)                          | (NA)               | (NA)               |
| 1974              | 6,364              | 3,291  | (NA)               | (NA)               | (NA)                | 2,980  | 6                  | (NA)                          | (NA)               | (NA)               |
| 1978              | 10,242             | 5,763  | 4,578              | 1,000              | 176                 | 4,479  | 2                  | 290                           | 2,444              | 1,706              |
| 1982              | 12,257             | 7,804  | 5,803              | 1,678              | 281                 | 4,453  | 1                  | (D)                           | 1,690              | 2,220              |
| 1987              | 11,010             | 5,811  | 4,651              | 787                | 321                 | 5,199  | (D)                | 424                           | 2,195              | 2,558              |
| 1992              | 13,995             | 8,624  | 6,414              | 1,851              | 326                 | 5,371  | (D)                | 541                           | 2,770              | 2,042              |
| 1997 <sup>3</sup> | 24,043             | 9,130  | NA                 | 1,480              | NA                  | 14,913   | 4,942              | 458                           | 5,981              | 3,477              |
| 2002 <sup>3</sup> | 19,097             | 7,074  | 5,960              | 746                | 223                 | 12,023   | 4,289              | 590                           | 3,712              | 3,214              |
| 2007 <sup>3</sup> | 27,719             | 10,655   | 9,700              | (D)                | (D)                 | 17,064   | 7,214              | (D)                           | 4,953              | (D)                |
| 2012 <sup>3</sup> | 42,393             | 23,171   | 21,184             | 448                | 1,243               | 19,222   | 10,903             | (D)                           | 6,749              | (D)                |
| 2017 <sup>3</sup> | 48,934             | 27,316   | 25,880             | -                  | 1,115               | 21,618   | 14,233             | (D)                           | 4,669              | (D)                |

<sup>1</sup> Includes a value of crops not listed. <sup>2</sup> Includes values of other livestock and livestock products not listed. <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>**

| Year              | Operators by <sup>2</sup> |        |                |                |                |                |                |             | 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 |             |
|                   | Number                    | Number | Number         | Number         | Number         | Number         | Number         | Number      |             |
| 1969              | (NA)                      | (NA)   | 10             | 87             | 168            | 283            | 290            | 169         | 52.4        |
| 1974              | 426                       | 370    | 18             | 118            | 110            | 192            | 218            | 140         | 50.8        |
| 1978              | 350                       | 411    | 17             | 128            | 155            | 171            | 163            | 127         | 49.1        |
| 1982              | 328                       | 405    | 29             | 122            | 163            | 147            | 138            | 134         | 48.7        |
| 1987              | 275                       | 376    | 14             | 96             | 135            | 139            | 126            | 141         | 50.7        |
| 1992              | 267                       | 404    | 12             | 91             | 116            | 144            | 121            | 187         | 53.1        |
| 1997 <sup>1</sup> | 269                       | 543    | 13             | 66             | 196            | 192            | 159            | 186         | 52.6        |
| 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 345                       | 384    | 6              | 43             | 134            | 208            | 163            | 175         | 54.1        |
| 2007 <sup>1</sup> | 271                       | 507    | 5              | 42             | 99             | 218            | 192            | 222         | 56.2        |
| 2012 <sup>1</sup> | 254                       | 443    | 3              | 53             | 102            | 154            | 197            | 188         | 55.8        |
| 2017 <sup>1</sup> | 225                       | 596    | 1              | 33             | 125            | 179            | 255            | 228         | 57.5        |

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