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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	2,916	244,214	84	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	3,088	250,128	81	19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,614	207,205	79	17	38,401	21,123	34,873	5,649	8,725	6,356	92,078
1929	2,815	207,393	74	20	39,410	25,865	34,063	5,997	9,847	17,352	74,859
1934	3,446	228,808	66	14	41,910	19,281	36,481	6,152	15,405	10,335	115,731
1939	3,574	231,613	65	16	45,206	19,970	49,991	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,718	217,871	80	20	34,421	18,359	47,436	19,466	5,902	16,928	75,359
1949	2,693	202,883	75	39	29,137	18,890	40,316	14,396	6,721	14,679	78,744
1954	2,365	172,033	73	47	21,423	30,133	33,749	4,407	5,321	18,120	58,880
1959	1,465	149,628	102	59	15,101	12,458	26,395	4,215	7,237	23,340	60,882
1964	1,325	130,936	99	80	8,909	12,756	19,652	11,118	5,838	16,077	56,579
1969	794	97,129	122	131	5,389	10,085	13,557	NA	<sup>3</sup> 14,672	NA	<sup>4</sup> 53,426
1974	595	90,000	151	235	5,222	4,325	14,517	NA	<sup>3</sup> 15,982	NA	<sup>4</sup> 49,954
1978	689	85,662	124	569	6,031	7,872	8,871	5,392	8,420	13,822	35,254
1982	614	75,355	123	877	4,966	8,196	9,646	3,154	10,084	7,486	31,823
1987	537	74,381	139	727	4,679	7,013	8,951	8,157	5,339	6,233	34,009
1992	511	68,373	134	723	4,178	5,946	6,773	3,841	3,717	7,958	35,960
1997 <sup>5</sup>	431	59,008	137	966	5,103	4,037	7,506	2,751	4,540	7,056	28,015
2002 <sup>5</sup>	386	55,240	143	959	5,656	4,820	5,405	4,075	5,248	5,736	24,300
2007 <sup>5</sup>	336	51,194	152	1,874	7,180	3,116	4,670	5,106	2,903	4,380	23,839
2012 <sup>5</sup>	243	35,124	145	1,592	5,439	3,773	721	5,514	3,005	2,902	13,770
2017 <sup>5</sup>	233	44,356	190	1,814	5,324	2,415	544	4,695	3,012	4,625	23,741

<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 50 - 174 <sup>1</sup>	180 - 499 175 - 499 <sup>1</sup>	500 - 999	1,000-1,999 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	447	1,079	1,045	295	35	15	NA	2,916
1919	297	1,207	1,283	255	32	14	NA	3,088
1924	298	983	1,097	196	27	13	NA	2,614
1929	368	1,025	1,202	193	16	11	NA	2,815
1934	499	1,489	1,203	223	20	12	NA	3,446
1939	624	1,538	1,170	204	22	16	NA	3,574
1944	369	960	1,118	234	28	9	NA	2,718
1949	280	1,011	1,175	205	15	7	NA	2,693
1954	338	912	899	190	24	2	NA	2,365
1959	101	470	665	199	26	4	NA	1,465
1964	101	434	611	151	23	4	1	1,325
1969	70	188	371	145	14	6	-	794
1974	73	109	263	125	16	7	2	595
1978	74	153	302	138	21	1	-	689
1982	85	139	252	122	14	-	2	614
1987	73	105	234	102	21	-	2	537
1992	81	101	218	95	13	2	1	511
1997 <sup>3</sup>	57	89	182	81	20	2	-	431
2002 <sup>3</sup>	36	73	173	88	16	-	-	386
2007 <sup>3</sup>	24	76	149	71	12	2	2	336
2012 <sup>3</sup>	14	63	96	59	11	-	-	243
2017 <sup>3</sup>	11	55	101	46	13	4	3	233

<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	41,343	NA	37,457	17,657	NA	13,348
1944	NA	167,198	NA	93,464	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	212,481	113,360	96,176	9,841	68,264	NA
1954	NA	124,365	NA	61,175	34,635	NA	162,732
1959	NA	71,685	39,250	33,235	20,820	10,735	NA
1964	NA	231,915	82,616	95,050	66,640	39,656	179,315
1969	1,125,000	150,874	159,813	156,602	89,551	19,103	166,045
1974	1,428,000	207,000	192,000	132,000	104,000	26,000	266,000
1978	NA	276,000	278,000	340,000	280,000	38,000	313,000
1982	NA	181,000	433,000	263,000	341,000	24,000	199,000
1987	1,901,000	75,000	214,000	262,000	174,000	41,000	297,000
1992	3,089,000	180,000	93,000	412,000	291,000	60,000	526,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	3,286,000	221,000	64,000	650,000	<sup>3</sup> 225,000	107,000	<sup>4</sup> 395,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	2,935,000	138,000	59,000	753,000	210,000	271,000	248,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	4,677,000	807,000	300,000	373,000	537,000	217,000	526,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	6,337,000	672,000	525,000	1,584,000	536,000	343,000	664,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	4,608,000	660,000	203,000	837,000	363,000	255,000	580,000

<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	1,836	1,327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	492	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	2,531	1,960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	561	32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	3,820	2,961	107	2,784	53	859	2	(D)	580	233
1982	4,727	3,844	84	3,681	40	883	1	33	654	(D)
1987	3,359	2,587	61	2,332	74	773	(D)	(D)	538	211
1992	5,426	4,471	203	3,955	77	955	(D)	139	661	146
1997 <sup>3</sup>	5,310	4,462	NA	4,014	NA	847	1	(D)	580	(D)
2002 <sup>3</sup>	3,713	3,001	176	1,940	157	712	(D)	(D)	579	(D)
2007 <sup>3</sup>	4,223	2,409	143	1,234	(D)	1,813	7	(D)	917	(D)
2012 <sup>3</sup>	4,658	3,282	507	1,452	332	1,376	14	(D)	1,071	(D)
2017 <sup>3</sup>	5,219	3,923	388	2,139	(D)	1,296	23	-	810	376

<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	
<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)	14	65	136	187	230	162	53.0
1974	354	240	9	50	105	127	153	150	53.9
1978	301	388	11	68	120	161	150	179	53.2
1982	246	368	10	58	115	127	135	169	53.7
1987	190	347	7	51	111	122	128	118	53.0
1992	204	307	12	47	93	113	97	149	53.7
1997 <sup>1</sup>	167	264	4	39	71	115	87	115	54.2
2002 <sup>1</sup>	208	178	7	11	74	81	101	112	56.0
2007 <sup>1</sup>	104	232	2	11	60	73	98	92	55.9
2012 <sup>1</sup>	81	162	-	10	37	59	49	88	57.3
2017 <sup>1</sup>	119	186	9	36	24	60	80	96	55.6

<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.