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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 | 3,707 | 267,062 | 72 | 53 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1919 | 3,808 | 240,006 | 63 | 114 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1924 | 3,916 | 238,037 | 61 | 86 | 106,282 | 29,667 | 56,048 | 8,865 | 24,619 | 2,454 | 10,102 |
| 1929 | 3,728 | 245,053 | 66 | 67 | 108,742 | 30,997 | 47,789 | 12,520 | 27,250 | 7,550 | 10,205 |
| 1934 | 3,764 | 262,821 | 70 | 44 | 108,734 | 34,819 | 57,819 | 8,273 | 36,350 | 4,225 | 12,601 |
| 1939 | 3,294 | 259,758 | 79 | 57 | 103,465 | 34,364 | 64,206 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1944 | 3,201 | 249,768 | 78 | 71 | 116,624 | 18,105 | 37,236 | 33,411 | 28,725 | 5,002 | 10,665 |
| 1949 | 2,950 | 249,447 | 85 | 109 | 120,998 | 22,364 | 49,826 | 11,193 | 21,742 | 8,463 | 14,861 |
| 1954 | 2,481 | 233,292 | 94 | 132 | 113,609 | 9,098 | 61,761 | 6,123 | 14,894 | 12,746 | 15,061 |
| 1959 | 2,109 | 244,254 | 116 | 211 | 112,964 | 18,452 | 51,248 | 10,091 | 22,637 | 6,841 | 22,021 |
| 1964 | 1,952 | 245,036 | 126 | 284 | 109,895 | 25,277 | 48,984 | 17,049 | 15,944 | 8,817 | 18,972 |
| 1969 | 1,971 | 249,731 | 127 | 374 | 101,934 | 32,417 | 49,048 | NA | ³ 34,383 | NA | ⁴ 31,949 |
| 1974 | 1,619 | 229,072 | 141 | 619 | 127,128 | 10,964 | 35,351 | NA | ³ 33,412 | NA | ⁴ 22,217 |
| 1978 | 1,573 | 239,118 | 152 | 1,363 | 154,204 | 9,421 | 28,441 | 7,009 | 14,427 | 7,567 | 18,049 |
| 1982 | 1,497 | 240,192 | 160 | 1,360 | 166,368 | 8,456 | 20,650 | 7,021 | 13,679 | 7,205 | 16,813 |
| 1987 | 1,288 | 248,898 | 193 | 1,140 | 161,794 | 26,438 | 20,208 | 8,442 | 11,558 | 5,973 | 14,485 |
| 1992 | 1,264 | 250,128 | 198 | 1,553 | 178,766 | 13,213 | 20,954 | 8,470 | 8,333 | 5,648 | 14,744 |
| 1997 ⁵ | 1,161 | 260,806 | 225 | 1,664 | 190,145 | 5,145 | 18,818 | 10,547 | 14,211 | 5,386 | 16,554 |
| 2002 ⁵ | 1,062 | 254,332 | 239 | 2,041 | 191,446 | 6,279 | 16,836 | 13,543 | 7,395 | 3,787 | 15,046 |
| 2007 ⁵ | 1,008 | 256,922 | 255 | 3,024 | 187,316 | 7,114 | 14,543 | 16,261 | 9,459 | 4,058 | 18,171 |
| 2012 ⁵ | 837 | 237,234 | 283 | 3,884 | 183,421 | 4,400 | 2,390 | 18,652 | 8,287 | 2,556 | 17,528 |
| 2017 ⁵ | 919 | 237,989 | 259 | 4,986 | 183,130 | 6,610 | 1,072 | 14,367 | 9,290 | 3,931 | 19,589 |

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 | 276 | 1,426 | 1,743 | 248 | 13 | 1 | NA | 3,707 |
| 1919 | 444 | 1,509 | 1,681 | 165 | 7 | 2 | NA | 3,808 |
| 1924 | 460 | 1,547 | 1,747 | 153 | 7 | 2 | NA | 3,916 |
| 1929 | 483 | 1,340 | 1,705 | 191 | 9 | - | - | 3,728 |
| 1934 | 538 | 1,203 | 1,808 | 202 | 10 | 3 | NA | 3,764 |
| 1939 | 423 | 902 | 1,727 | 219 | 18 | 5 | NA | 3,294 |
| 1944 | 442 | 966 | 1,542 | 222 | 25 | 4 | NA | 3,201 |
| 1949 | 404 | 792 | 1,460 | 270 | 20 | 4 | NA | 2,950 |
| 1954 | 358 | 619 | 1,202 | 264 | 30 | 8 | NA | 2,481 |
| 1959 | 217 | 528 | 1,015 | 291 | 48 | 7 | 3 | 2,109 |
| 1964 | 292 | 450 | 827 | 308 | 60 | 14 | 1 | 1,952 |
| 1969 | 257 | 493 | 854 | 301 | 42 | 18 | 6 | 1,971 |
| 1974 | 157 | 410 | 729 | 242 | 52 | 25 | 4 | 1,619 |
| 1978 | 206 | 438 | 595 | 234 | 63 | 33 | 4 | 1,573 |
| 1982 | 233 | 450 | 495 | 216 | 59 | 37 | 7 | 1,497 |
| 1987 | 155 | 408 | 400 | 202 | 72 | 39 | 12 | 1,288 |
| 1992 | 180 | 410 | 403 | 157 | 57 | 37 | 20 | 1,264 |
| 1997 ³ | 131 | 389 | 363 | 152 | 66 | 38 | 22 | 1,161 |
| 2002 ³ | 90 | 373 | 356 | 125 | 50 | 45 | 23 | 1,062 |
| 2007 ³ | 75 | 367 | 317 | 129 | 61 | 35 | 24 | 1,008 |
| 2012 ³ | 73 | 316 | 254 | 88 | 38 | 41 | 27 | 837 |
| 2017 ³ | 87 | 396 | 247 | 84 | 34 | 40 | 31 | 919 |

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 | 207,039 | NA | 233,752 | 67,356 | NA | 48,634 |
| 1944 | NA | 801,578 | NA | 464,199 | NA | NA | NA |
| 1949 | NA | 659,733 | 560,270 | 494,566 | 382,194 | 227,708 | NA |
| 1954 | NA | 652,545 | NA | 560,180 | 567,330 | NA | 517,585 |
| 1959 | NA | 1,194,248 | 1,320,475 | 631,418 | 611,938 | 186,854 | NA |
| 1964 | NA | 1,912,379 | 1,949,605 | 899,204 | 708,232 | 276,597 | 951,067 |
| 1969 | 12,753,000 | 1,816,730 | 1,930,148 | 1,274,593 | 852,078 | 402,051 | 1,400,131 |
| 1974 | 20,546,000 | 3,118,000 | 2,496,000 | 1,562,000 | 1,266,000 | 797,000 | 3,919,000 |
| 1978 | NA | 2,358,000 | 1,980,000 | 2,655,000 | 2,563,000 | 1,329,000 | 6,345,000 |
| 1982 | NA | 2,493,000 | 1,091,000 | 3,474,000 | 4,600,000 | 1,790,000 | 8,219,000 |
| 1987 | 29,502,000 | 1,285,000 | 520,000 | 3,017,000 | 2,807,000 | 1,977,000 | 7,666,000 |
| 1992 | 41,235,000 | 2,486,000 | 768,000 | 4,783,000 | 3,299,000 | 3,206,000 | 10,680,000 |
| 1997 ² | 49,103,000 | 5,368,000 | 1,450,000 | 4,867,000 | ³ 2,809,000 | 4,078,000 | ⁴ 12,778,000 |
| 2002 ² | 54,328,000 | 6,987,000 | 2,378,000 | 5,467,000 | 3,878,000 | 4,600,000 | 11,508,000 |
| 2007 ² | 80,612,000 | 13,741,000 | 3,843,000 | 6,476,000 | 6,435,000 | 7,864,000 | 18,646,000 |
| 2012 ² | 127,050,000 | 39,502,000 | 4,551,000 | 8,144,000 | 8,907,000 | 11,103,000 | 27,615,000 |
| 2017 ² | 133,126,000 | 30,661,000 | 3,884,000 | 12,910,000 | 5,380,000 | 12,482,000 | 19,510,000 |

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 | 17,276 | 9,503 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 7,715 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1974 | 35,919 | 25,869 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 9,951 | 1,315 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1978 | 45,640 | 34,901 | 24,187 | 10,268 | 225 | 10,739 | (D) | 2,182 | 4,884 | 2,194 |
| 1982 | 54,046 | 45,321 | 31,653 | 13,124 | 235 | 8,725 | (D) | 1,868 | 3,048 | 2,182 |
| 1987 | 45,168 | 38,055 | 28,431 | 8,382 | 355 | 7,112 | 3 | 1,762 | 3,081 | 2,155 |
| 1992 | 66,957 | 58,141 | 40,559 | 14,482 | 657 | 8,817 | (D) | 1,924 | 3,531 | 3,253 |
| 1997 ³ | 73,251 | 59,769 | NA | 13,685 | NA | 13,483 | 3,760 | 1,484 | 3,970 | 4,181 |
| 2002 ³ | 62,732 | 46,022 | 34,359 | 7,302 | 400 | 16,711 | 6,998 | 1,307 | 4,420 | 3,620 |
| 2007 ³ | 117,621 | 88,201 | 76,552 | 8,330 | 858 | 29,420 | 19,930 | 920 | 6,008 | 2,335 |
| 2012 ³ | 176,406 | 115,752 | 104,104 | (D) | (D) | 60,654 | 27,535 | 908 | (D) | (D) |
| 2017 ³ | 185,879 | 119,690 | 102,466 | 13,365 | 724 | 66,189 | 26,326 | (D) | (D) | (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 | |
| | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number | |
| 1969 | (NA) | (NA) | 68 | 242 | 357 | 437 | 513 | 354 | 50.9 |
| 1974 | 907 | 699 | 32 | 212 | 298 | 384 | 387 | 293 | 51.0 |
| 1978 | 760 | 813 | 62 | 218 | 333 | 376 | 368 | 216 | 48.9 |
| 1982 | 703 | 794 | 57 | 230 | 327 | 341 | 313 | 229 | 48.6 |
| 1987 | 582 | 706 | 32 | 169 | 290 | 292 | 298 | 207 | 50.0 |
| 1992 | 570 | 694 | 28 | 137 | 273 | 298 | 261 | 267 | 51.4 |
| 1997 ¹ | 484 | 677 | 20 | 111 | 270 | 251 | 256 | 253 | 52.2 |
| 2002 ¹ | 603 | 459 | 11 | 49 | 221 | 297 | 241 | 243 | 53.5 |
| 2007 ¹ | 455 | 553 | 18 | 49 | 133 | 321 | 249 | 238 | 55.0 |
| 2012 ¹ | 408 | 429 | 7 | 33 | 84 | 190 | 294 | 229 | 57.4 |
| 2017 ¹ | 514 | 695 | 16 | 81 | 164 | 271 | 320 | 357 | 56.0 |

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.