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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	3,036	260,485	86	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,616	256,758	98	19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,349	212,868	91	17	30,778	13,341	68,647	8,395	14,756	21,857	55,094
1929	2,409	223,480	93	24	36,086	16,881	54,933	18,809	10,499	28,572	57,700
1934	3,081	233,592	76	15	37,820	9,521	48,043	30,892	45,291	42,642	92,917
1939	2,508	212,833	85	16	27,645	5,370	43,893	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,508	210,654	84	20	25,588	5,766	18,687	63,476	15,929	30,493	50,715
1949	1,883	205,973	109	36	21,148	9,408	15,651	48,664	6,644	35,856	68,602
1954	1,554	178,248	115	37	16,629	5,144	9,113	47,457	4,539	42,659	52,707
1959	1,066	140,128	132	46	11,446	4,957	5,192	36,264	5,574	23,181	53,514
1964	990	136,087	138	86	8,823	5,457	7,563	19,911	12,459	34,297	47,557
1969	519	90,410	174	96	4,511	5,378	11,901	NA	<sup>3</sup> 21,798	NA	<sup>4</sup> 46,822
1974	370	70,600	191	202	4,480	2,327	12,740	NA	<sup>3</sup> 14,504	NA	<sup>4</sup> 36,549
1978	370	63,585	172	426	5,023	3,387	9,073	10,618	2,862	9,173	23,449
1982	405	66,353	164	449	4,731	3,376	7,645	6,771	4,829	6,943	32,058
1987	388	62,250	160	708	4,480	4,385	12,363	7,944	4,653	9,739	18,686
1992	342	48,509	142	637	3,860	2,025	7,815	4,089	2,840	9,820	18,060
1997 <sup>5</sup>	334	52,639	158	935	3,641	1,827	7,744	5,663	5,196	10,350	18,218
2002 <sup>5</sup>	318	57,021	179	910	4,655	2,238	8,800	7,058	3,404	13,513	17,353
2007 <sup>5</sup>	337	60,220	179	1,468	5,898	3,482	5,863	11,679	3,270	10,498	19,530
2012 <sup>5</sup>	291	41,681	143	1,416	4,158	1,381	919	10,120	3,668	7,710	13,725
2017 <sup>5</sup>	284	51,216	180	1,599	5,257	2,259	427	11,560	4,242	9,286	18,185

<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	381	1,012	1,282	319	31	11	NA	3,036
1919	185	766	1,306	316	38	5	NA	2,616
1924	156	728	1,197	237	25	6	NA	2,349
1929	179	714	1,195	297	22	2	NA	2,409
1934	402	1,104	1,298	253	23	1	NA	3,081
1939	256	761	1,241	230	17	3	NA	2,508
1944	382	724	1,164	211	23	4	NA	2,508
1949	126	516	955	259	22	5	NA	1,883
1954	106	375	816	231	21	5	NA	1,554
1959	41	247	578	175	18	7	NA	1,066
1964	61	212	512	172	24	7	2	990
1969	14	56	288	131	25	5	-	519
1974	11	45	179	112	19	4	-	370
1978	26	49	159	119	16	1	-	370
1982	37	74	180	92	18	2	2	405
1987	45	69	154	98	19	2	1	388
1992	29	76	138	87	10	2	-	342
1997 <sup>3</sup>	29	59	135	99	11	1	-	334
2002 <sup>3</sup>	13	53	152	80	16	4	-	318
2007 <sup>3</sup>	12	59	145	102	11	8	-	337
2012 <sup>3</sup>	15	62	145	53	14	2	-	291
2017 <sup>3</sup>	18	54	132	60	14	4	2	284

<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	90,925	NA	37,169	7,694	NA	12,897
1944	NA	264,538	NA	58,853	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	352,170	149,655	101,497	35,913	40,090	NA
1954	NA	343,371	NA	65,300	27,963	NA	48,070
1959	NA	155,290	39,075	43,822	35,940	3,901	NA
1964	NA	511,325	189,195	116,615	73,426	26,731	54,297
1969	1,082,000	369,651	211,322	92,278	67,869	14,316	62,972
1974	2,104,000	1,033,000	324,000	136,000	94,000	18,000	113,000
1978	NA	734,000	309,000	89,000	169,000	16,000	75,000
1982	NA	1,539,000	385,000	322,000	282,000	24,000	117,000
1987	3,444,000	1,348,000	492,000	215,000	206,000	51,000	195,000
1992	2,412,000	600,000	307,000	182,000	188,000	23,000	291,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	1,381,000	80,000	84,000	155,000	<sup>3</sup> 123,000	43,000	<sup>4</sup> 161,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	1,717,000	198,000	119,000	82,000	207,000	37,000	136,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	2,880,000	294,000	149,000	210,000	397,000	36,000	162,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	2,721,000	694,000	328,000	102,000	400,000	28,000	98,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	2,453,000	428,000	99,000	79,000	292,000	43,000	93,000

<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	1,501	373	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	2,540	667	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,847	1,188	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	2,690	969	71	757	88	1,721	1,034	(D)	620	13
1982	4,403	1,396	121	1,113	68	3,007	2,331	33	551	61
1987	3,798	888	48	635	94	2,910	2,208	(D)	665	(D)
1992	3,306	1,667	39	1,463	67	1,640	776	105	736	20
1997 <sup>3</sup>	2,165	1,607	NA	1,355	NA	558	-	(D)	510	(D)
2002 <sup>3</sup>	1,792	1,039	15	593	70	753	(D)	55	588	10
2007 <sup>3</sup>	1,691	836	13	98	399	856	(D)	36	746	14
2012 <sup>3</sup>	1,564	835	15	27	530	729	60	-	636	2
2017 <sup>3</sup>	1,256	513	(D)	-	396	743	12	-	630	15

<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)	3	36	57	121	152	150	56.6
1974	149	221	16	37	39	104	97	77	52.9
1978	119	251	5	35	72	86	94	78	52.8
1982	153	252	12	62	79	74	78	100	51.2
1987	153	235	4	40	79	79	70	116	54.0
1992	137	205	3	19	69	61	88	102	56.3
1997 <sup>1</sup>	117	217	-	21	68	69	88	88	55.9
2002 <sup>1</sup>	160	158	2	12	31	84	71	118	58.6
2007 <sup>1</sup>	139	198	-	21	55	73	81	107	57.0
2012 <sup>1</sup>	103	188	-	8	53	90	62	78	56.1
2017 <sup>1</sup>	137	250	-	18	45	86	130	108	57.3

<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.