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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	1,596	154,166	97	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,601	132,006	83	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,707	102,837	60	26	14,751	8,649	18,238	1,666	5,212	2,870	51,451
1929	1,674	109,812	66	27	15,137	10,774	15,938	1,482	4,248	7,367	54,866
1934	2,518	125,322	50	14	19,282	10,891	16,779	5,377	7,096	8,596	57,301
1939	2,670	116,051	44	21	19,144	9,811	16,378	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,625	109,202	42	30	16,357	7,245	14,099	11,732	3,004	12,811	43,954
1949	1,722	89,631	52	50	7,550	11,538	11,765	4,932	5,523	9,835	38,488
1954	1,574	82,240	52	52	6,000	8,944	8,651	2,998	4,069	12,866	38,712
1959	610	42,495	70	60	2,124	4,287	4,548	1,155	1,055	6,218	23,108
1964	344	24,718	72	72	1,056	1,477	1,479	1,558	2,594	2,659	13,915
1969	83	10,317	124	132	402	328	2,782	NA	³ 1,476	NA	⁴ 5,329
1974	50	4,525	91	295	255	42	1,230	NA	³ 844	NA	⁴ 2,154
1978	43	3,540	82	554	494	178	321	258	152	(D)	2,137
1982	49	4,173	85	1,029	262	24	680	301	604	857	1,445
1987	36	3,200	89	955	268	(D)	535	(D)	(D)	627	1,553
1992	30	3,383	113	867	157	(D)	(D)	277	242	(D)	(D)
1997 ⁵	38	3,022	80	811	189	39	313	450	379	314	1,338
2002 ⁵	46	2,869	62	1,038	146	186	299	287	178	417	1,356
2007 ⁵	66	3,617	55	1,678	334	(D)	(D)	588	350	(D)	(D)
2012 ⁵	54	2,876	53	2,313	(D)	(D)	(D)	444	342	(D)	(D)
2017 ⁵	103	5,623	55	3,000	239	65	114	1,731	455	737	2,282

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	160	534	660	207	27	8	NA	1,596
1919	194	586	645	151	22	3	NA	1,601
1924	382	697	524	84	16	4	NA	1,707
1929	159	796	610	97	7	5	NA	1,674
1934	748	1,048	605	88	23	6	NA	2,518
1939	769	1,192	629	65	9	6	NA	2,670
1944	614	1,256	683	65	7	-	NA	2,625
1949	268	852	532	61	8	1	NA	1,722
1954	276	759	467	65	5	2	NA	1,574
1959	20	299	248	40	3	-	NA	610
1964	9	165	143	26	-	1	-	344
1969	3	31	39	6	2	2	-	83
1974	4	12	30	4	-	-	-	50
1978	2	14	22	5	-	-	-	43
1982	4	17	23	5	-	-	-	49
1987	4	10	17	5	-	-	-	36
1992	4	5	15	6	-	-	-	30
1997 ³	3	10	24	1	-	-	-	38
2002 ³	6	19	18	3	-	-	-	46
2007 ³	14	27	22	3	-	-	-	66
2012 ³	3	28	22	1	-	-	-	54
2017 ³	16	55	26	6	-	-	-	103

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	56,283	NA	14,393	11,773	NA	5,489
1944	NA	177,364	NA	29,360	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	162,640	27,785	29,765	8,600	18,078	NA
1954	NA	191,281	NA	16,185	6,315	NA	21,802
1959	NA	102,170	13,705	1,565	11,845	3,040	NA
1964	NA	56,559	9,491	5,073	2,666	4,931	7,313
1969	206,000	96,396	62,402	7,613	5,201	1,996	4,886
1974	68,000	22,000	17,000	2,000	4,000	2,000	6,000
1978	NA	13,000	10,000	8,000	13,000	3,000	9,000
1982	NA	23,000	11,000	5,000	16,000	2,000	8,000
1987	84,000	20,000	11,000	5,000	(D)	2,000	7,000
1992	85,000	17,000	15,000	3,000	8,000	1,000	5,000
1997 ²	120,000	26,000	11,000	(D)	³ 10,000	2,000	⁴ 10,000
2002 ²	259,000	45,000	17,000	13,000	32,000	10,000	10,000
2007 ²	421,000	115,000	16,000	14,000	98,000	3,000	22,000
2012 ²	303,000	96,000	17,000	27,000	39,000	5,000	32,000
2017 ²	564,000	145,000	92,000	11,000	39,000	5,000	20,000

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	196	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	183	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	54	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	45	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	93	39	17	-	5	54	(D)	(D)	46	6
1982	57	20	(D)	-	(D)	37	(D)	(D)	26	4
1987	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	8	28	2	(D)	14	(D)
1992	62	16	-	(D)	9	45	2	-	22	20
1997 ³	65	7	NA	(D)	NA	58	(D)	-	34	22
2002 ³	181	121	(D)	-	12	60	-	-	(D)	(D)
2007 ³	168	78	1	-	30	90	5	-	59	4
2012 ³	133	86	(D)	-	39	46	1	-	15	3
2017 ³	138	61	6	-	24	77	27	-	46	(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	1	23	12	17	29	56.7
1974	21	29	-	-	5	20	16	9	56.2
1978	18	25	1	3	5	12	9	13	54.9
1982	11	38	-	9	3	8	11	18	55.8
1987	16	20	-	3	6	6	8	13	57.2
1992	13	17	-	3	7	1	8	11	56.7
1997 ¹	12	26	-	4	9	12	4	9	51.7
2002 ¹	28	18	-	2	9	17	8	10	53.4
2007 ¹	16	50	-	4	10	19	23	10	53.5
2012 ¹	13	41	-	7	9	14	10	14	54.1
2017 ¹	28	102	-	15	39	22	24	30	51.7

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.