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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	1,531	177,437	116	16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,524	174,871	115	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,462	175,431	120	23	39,398	17,360	50,943	8,155	13,442	12,921	33,212
1929	1,236	156,860	127	23	37,177	15,926	46,270	10,149	6,763	13,914	26,661
1934	1,465	175,850	120	17	43,995	16,574	49,024	8,065	11,653	12,558	33,981
1939	1,295	158,841	123	25	41,933	6,557	50,811	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,036	143,540	139	30	39,354	5,455	31,574	26,240	6,947	10,830	23,140
1949	11,110	150,564	136	50	44,433	12,246	31,610	15,920	7,331	13,571	25,453
1954	1,003	137,171	137	59	38,739	6,520	44,401	6,659	4,525	12,703	23,624
1959	1,019	140,905	138	87	36,887	11,016	37,370	8,485	6,437	11,094	29,616
1964	887	138,135	156	121	30,909	13,745	38,649	11,316	6,361	12,392	24,630
1969	971	132,255	136	198	26,794	12,118	40,844	NA	<sup>3</sup> 19,620	NA	<sup>4</sup> 32,879
1974	838	119,220	142	400	35,858	5,033	35,397	NA	<sup>3</sup> 16,707	NA	<sup>4</sup> 26,225
1978	827	120,028	145	759	39,701	6,415	31,701	5,264	6,404	9,849	20,694
1982	888	121,911	137	976	51,411	4,796	22,024	8,884	7,129	8,634	19,033
1987	809	117,135	145	840	41,817	11,626	23,977	6,343	7,170	8,933	17,269
1992	880	119,533	136	1,112	41,739	10,303	28,910	5,924	4,607	10,420	17,630
1997 <sup>5</sup>	964	129,046	134	1,789	49,583	10,588	26,148	10,243	4,973	8,456	19,055
2002 <sup>5</sup>	955	134,771	141	2,068	49,025	10,035	23,199	16,618	6,784	8,631	20,479
2007 <sup>5</sup>	887	121,448	137	2,945	48,991	6,424	9,740	23,976	6,022	7,380	18,915
2012 <sup>5</sup>	754	119,495	158	3,244	57,249	4,111	2,358	23,683	6,003	5,400	20,691
2017 <sup>5</sup>	781	141,054	181	4,328	64,318	5,563	10,471	29,899	8,270	4,741	17,792

<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	65	305	855	291	13	2	NA	1,531
1919	59	303	851	302	8	1	NA	1,524
1924	50	278	812	306	15	1	NA	1,462
1929	29	193	712	297	5	-	NA	1,236
1934	71	260	795	331	7	1	NA	1,465
1939	90	221	689	282	13	-	NA	1,295
1944	42	119	596	269	10	-	NA	1,036
1949	58	190	567	276	18	1	NA	1,110
1954	74	150	511	247	20	1	NA	1,003
1959	99	159	476	264	19	2	NA	1,019
1964	38	123	465	236	22	2	1	887
1969	86	155	465	246	16	2	1	971
1974	72	162	362	219	18	4	1	838
1978	82	159	365	184	33	3	1	827
1982	105	242	329	165	41	4	2	888
1987	79	211	314	163	33	8	1	809
1992	88	258	339	152	35	6	2	880
1997 <sup>3</sup>	90	331	352	144	38	6	3	964
2002 <sup>3</sup>	59	353	363	137	27	13	3	955
2007 <sup>3</sup>	72	329	316	132	27	9	2	887
2012 <sup>3</sup>	46	290	262	119	19	14	4	754
2017 <sup>3</sup>	76	325	211	96	47	22	4	781

<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	50,656	NA	53,123	11,950	NA	46,656
1944	NA	233,464	NA	84,240	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	242,525	346,690	125,160	106,425	74,095	NA
1954	NA	291,805	NA	200,050	195,395	NA	232,420
1959	NA	469,420	582,705	144,175	181,450	46,000	NA
1964	NA	403,855	458,265	163,765	201,085	68,660	289,915
1969	4,069,000	703,707	1,059,691	259,654	236,551	90,881	408,091
1974	6,149,000	1,054,000	1,188,000	288,000	383,000	195,000	979,000
1978	NA	987,000	1,471,000	737,000	734,000	372,000	1,417,000
1982	NA	1,185,000	2,030,000	832,000	1,350,000	566,000	2,191,000
1987	11,296,000	1,257,000	1,376,000	677,000	849,000	520,000	1,828,000
1992	12,329,000	1,365,000	1,144,000	881,000	990,000	614,000	2,210,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	14,874,000	2,600,000	1,344,000	1,155,000	<sup>3</sup> 914,000	754,000	<sup>4</sup> 2,358,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	18,515,000	3,425,000	1,546,000	993,000	1,257,000	715,000	2,334,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	25,883,000	6,422,000	1,897,000	847,000	2,469,000	1,187,000	4,256,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	36,073,000	8,721,000	2,625,000	1,409,000	3,263,000	2,374,000	7,228,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	41,198,000	5,161,000	2,799,000	1,758,000	2,392,000	3,635,000	6,176,000

<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	5,544	1,570	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,934	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	8,608	3,748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,791	184	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	11,800	5,091	2,689	2,079	287	6,709	2	196	4,319	2,168
1982	17,052	9,105	5,911	2,760	290	7,947	4	387	4,529	2,945
1987	13,847	5,424	2,963	1,998	238	8,423	3	504	4,768	3,021
1992	17,861	9,061	3,946	4,405	596	8,800	(D)	736	5,535	2,469
1997 <sup>3</sup>	19,480	9,597	NA	3,027	NA	9,883	2,270	782	4,881	1,873
2002 <sup>3</sup>	16,171	6,876	3,596	1,658	1,397	9,295	3,601	602	4,502	230
2007 <sup>3</sup>	28,712	12,312	8,325	2,103	1,790	16,400	8,435	1,131	6,505	20
2012 <sup>3</sup>	36,571	18,905	16,082	863	1,643	17,666	10,427	363	6,606	(D)
2017 <sup>3</sup>	45,793	28,007	23,452	1,738	2,463	17,786	9,395	(D)	7,927	22

<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)	24	113	181	273	219	161	50.6
1974	385	451	20	73	185	205	223	130	51.2
1978	301	526	27	111	178	207	178	126	49.3
1982	346	542	19	151	204	214	165	135	48.2
1987	295	514	14	101	166	194	187	147	50.9
1992	341	539	8	76	193	221	190	192	52.7
1997 <sup>1</sup>	314	650	9	67	212	262	203	211	52.9
2002 <sup>1</sup>	517	438	17	34	170	286	209	239	54.5
2007 <sup>1</sup>	343	544	-	41	127	266	207	246	56.0
2012 <sup>1</sup>	372	382	1	42	73	207	221	210	57.0
2017 <sup>1</sup>	356	701	16	111	124	204	304	298	55.2

<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.