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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	1,714	151,884	89	56	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,065	147,892	72	129	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,826	153,325	84	75	46,849	2,954	76,468	14,486	9,231	1,879	1,458
1929	1,850	154,738	84	76	50,325	2,554	79,195	7,954	6,698	6,457	1,555
1934	2,117	154,385	73	58	45,639	1,944	89,470	4,022	9,529	6,294	7,803
1939	1,932	148,382	77	78	42,173	2,896	88,937	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,969	149,164	76	107	46,448	4,308	59,364	27,304	9,002	1,858	880
1949	1,934	158,070	82	155	45,897	1,771	57,520	37,041	7,950	5,067	2,824
1954	1,823	151,547	83	199	39,014	3,388	55,122	38,778	4,870	7,560	2,815
1959	1,387	151,829	109	229	35,426	3,180	56,817	39,336	6,975	6,731	3,364
1964	1,342	157,556	117	290	33,614	5,119	68,308	34,876	7,869	5,339	2,420
1969	1,313	148,917	113	331	29,164	6,483	69,651	NA	³ 33,012	NA	⁴ 10,607
1974	1,071	135,185	126	518	29,474	4,094	63,553	NA	³ 29,406	NA	⁴ 8,658
1978	1,169	138,807	119	999	34,266	5,912	60,609	18,033	7,788	7,532	4,667
1982	1,209	145,660	120	1,366	39,661	7,747	56,809	20,449	5,781	7,598	7,615
1987	1,106	144,404	131	1,179	39,744	8,634	52,800	21,520	6,924	7,547	7,235
1992	1,085	133,173	123	1,400	36,717	6,889	54,833	16,731	6,033	5,888	6,082
1997 ⁵	1,079	129,979	120	1,913	38,720	6,176	48,772	16,566	6,727	5,830	7,188
2002 ⁵	1,086	133,692	123	2,852	42,663	5,173	38,424	27,300	7,265	5,235	7,632
2007 ⁵	1,111	141,437	127	3,421	45,436	4,941	24,526	45,355	6,300	5,655	9,224
2012 ⁵	1,067	144,250	135	3,379	46,511	5,931	6,982	58,496	8,305	6,905	11,120
2017 ⁵	1,108	136,446	123	3,925	46,230	10,112	3,326	54,476	8,232	3,457	10,613

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	138	600	759	199	17	1	NA	1,714
1919	246	815	834	161	9	-	NA	2,065
1924	180	598	848	191	8	1	NA	1,826
1929	119	650	888	182	10	1	NA	1,850
1934	330	725	888	163	10	1	NA	2,117
1939	250	626	887	165	3	1	NA	1,932
1944	367	572	863	158	6	3	NA	1,969
1949	321	532	911	155	11	4	NA	1,934
1954	309	492	846	164	7	5	NA	1,823
1959	169	313	676	209	17	3	NA	1,387
1964	150	304	645	219	15	8	1	1,342
1969	167	305	588	231	16	5	1	1,313
1974	100	230	523	194	15	7	2	1,071
1978	133	299	515	198	18	4	2	1,169
1982	152	313	522	195	18	5	4	1,209
1987	107	296	471	204	19	4	5	1,106
1992	105	320	446	183	25	2	4	1,085
1997 ³	88	353	453	155	21	5	4	1,079
2002 ³	56	389	435	173	23	7	3	1,086
2007 ³	63	416	420	163	38	7	4	1,111
2012 ³	66	385	378	189	28	19	2	1,067
2017 ³	88	393	428	159	27	8	5	1,108

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	87,654	NA	161,286	36,812	NA	23,714
1944	NA	382,232	NA	512,426	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	471,985	1,080,350	609,581	174,655	171,415	NA
1954	NA	659,756	NA	506,022	265,635	NA	230,759
1959	NA	732,682	626,500	722,067	295,831	74,544	NA
1964	NA	780,395	883,905	688,845	361,355	89,516	309,065
1969	7,241,000	1,056,518	1,763,041	853,694	421,417	99,170	453,193
1974	9,152,000	1,679,000	1,621,000	884,000	562,000	136,000	828,000
1978	NA	2,469,000	3,189,000	1,661,000	1,277,000	328,000	1,214,000
1982	NA	3,494,000	3,185,000	2,310,000	2,001,000	358,000	1,099,000
1987	20,786,000	2,922,000	4,150,000	2,128,000	1,532,000	419,000	1,601,000
1992	26,598,000	3,928,000	6,277,000	2,979,000	1,562,000	513,000	1,549,000
1997 ²	23,908,000	3,452,000	3,443,000	2,604,000	³ 1,316,000	777,000	⁴ 1,524,000
2002 ²	25,828,000	2,611,000	4,288,000	2,772,000	1,619,000	366,000	1,686,000
2007 ²	45,308,000	5,808,000	14,197,000	3,764,000	3,239,000	548,000	1,679,000
2012 ²	53,827,000	11,737,000	18,099,000	2,869,000	3,944,000	1,051,000	2,177,000
2017 ²	49,802,000	4,688,000	14,831,000	4,952,000	2,146,000	1,286,000	2,368,000

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	11,022	4,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,426	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	14,008	7,441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,512	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	22,508	8,704	534	7,664	342	13,804	2	5,023	6,698	860
1982	31,118	14,273	1,448	12,350	372	16,846	2	7,101	7,165	1,064
1987	27,228	9,013	925	7,300	630	18,215	(D)	5,475	9,817	497
1992	35,662	16,199	1,031	13,776	1,011	19,463	28	5,763	11,621	249
1997 ³	30,858	14,967	NA	12,795	NA	15,891	7	4,147	10,407	17
2002 ³	28,900	8,946	366	6,099	1,559	19,954	32	3,500	12,108	10
2007 ³	43,179	5,333	160	3,059	1,475	37,845	38	2,998	28,205	73
2012 ³	50,677	9,406	4,040	2,802	1,600	41,271	46	2,604	35,507	(D)
2017 ³	45,903	12,034	7,207	1,656	2,605	33,868	69	775	30,369	12

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)	24	134	259	342	307	247	51.4
1974	623	446	37	105	190	285	225	227	51.6
1978	575	594	23	138	263	296	253	196	50.3
1982	566	643	35	153	261	267	264	229	50.6
1987	501	605	24	127	216	255	238	246	52.1
1992	498	587	7	114	228	272	237	227	52.5
1997 ¹	413	666	15	102	212	305	212	233	52.6
2002 ¹	589	497	5	45	213	295	274	254	54.4
2007 ¹	459	652	11	46	161	277	328	288	55.8
2012 ¹	436	631	12	81	125	229	303	317	56.2
2017 ¹	543	966	29	158	153	345	401	423	55.0

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.