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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	2,086	165,833	80	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,011	156,771	78	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,013	159,166	79	21	38,287	22,440	25,791	3,979	19,056	10,927	38,686
1929	2,154	160,028	74	24	45,949	11,943	27,422	5,006	22,052	8,884	38,772
1934	2,202	160,814	73	19	42,904	11,475	35,405	10,163	12,108	13,674	35,085
1939	2,205	158,450	72	25	49,337	6,217	40,684	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,627	156,343	96	28	43,999	6,833	31,471	21,042	6,357	13,042	33,599
1949	2,212	173,538	79	52	47,034	9,067	47,568	7,518	12,003	13,230	37,118
1954	2,024	161,741	80	65	41,738	9,341	46,944	5,158	7,614	13,218	37,728
1959	1,545	144,964	94	90	35,431	10,754	39,249	5,466	10,591	12,951	30,522
1964	1,530	142,655	93	131	30,158	9,622	42,122	10,340	7,674	11,778	30,890
1969	1,493	164,933	110	168	25,762	19,122	42,307	NA	<sup>3</sup> 25,007	NA	<sup>4</sup> 52,735
1974	1,213	140,863	116	313	26,507	6,768	38,359	NA	<sup>3</sup> 23,261	NA	<sup>4</sup> 45,968
1978	1,159	143,843	124	578	31,451	10,452	37,488	9,528	9,595	12,378	32,951
1982	1,096	134,006	122	787	31,411	9,926	32,154	10,991	7,631	17,560	24,333
1987	1,088	137,344	126	667	33,374	12,446	35,903	9,388	7,383	13,445	25,405
1992	1,067	136,869	128	688	31,134	10,737	37,326	9,878	6,174	11,673	29,947
1997 <sup>5</sup>	1,018	135,364	133	1,239	31,002	7,599	33,294	15,576	6,850	15,170	25,873
2002 <sup>5</sup>	950	131,990	139	1,594	34,837	9,058	29,175	14,466	4,928	12,069	27,457
2007 <sup>5</sup>	964	149,491	155	2,333	42,204	6,500	20,549	33,640	5,592	12,701	28,305
2012 <sup>5</sup>	924	125,293	136	2,256	35,327	9,888	4,471	35,370	9,068	10,633	20,536
2017 <sup>5</sup>	945	138,477	147	2,677	43,087	12,501	2,985	37,037	7,324	11,247	24,296

<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	92	811	986	187	8	2	NA	2,086
1919	119	707	1,024	154	7	-	NA	2,011
1924	102	742	994	167	7	1	NA	2,013
1929	148	860	983	151	10	2	NA	2,154
1934	182	876	990	142	10	2	NA	2,202
1939	132	908	1,016	141	8	-	NA	2,205
1944	85	471	883	175	10	3	NA	1,627
1949	168	823	1,051	161	8	1	NA	2,212
1954	240	700	907	165	10	2	NA	2,024
1959	114	425	810	185	11	-	NA	1,545
1964	229	377	733	177	12	2	-	1,530
1969	158	345	756	213	17	1	3	1,493
1974	112	288	603	187	18	3	2	1,213
1978	142	234	560	194	22	4	3	1,159
1982	157	239	483	188	23	4	2	1,096
1987	151	223	485	197	25	7	-	1,088
1992	157	237	451	190	23	5	4	1,067
1997 <sup>3</sup>	90	218	488	191	26	3	2	1,018
2002 <sup>3</sup>	60	255	415	183	27	9	1	950
2007 <sup>3</sup>	36	251	428	203	34	9	3	964
2012 <sup>3</sup>	64	240	412	166	33	9	-	924
2017 <sup>3</sup>	71	295	366	153	45	14	1	945

<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	26,348	NA	32,687	NA	NA	46,020
1944	NA	205,608	NA	77,694	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	218,835	212,240	92,405	76,765	100,785	NA
1954	NA	314,730	NA	148,525	189,120	NA	345,555
1959	NA	351,150	244,645	128,110	194,035	74,195	NA
1964	NA	371,715	215,215	174,345	229,805	111,475	407,815
1969	3,862,000	615,451	463,510	287,295	305,152	107,577	542,174
1974	6,350,000	1,176,000	867,000	315,000	388,000	123,000	963,000
1978	NA	1,712,000	1,581,000	651,000	841,000	239,000	1,391,000
1982	NA	2,673,000	1,204,000	1,158,000	1,653,000	338,000	1,183,000
1987	13,785,000	2,693,000	1,319,000	1,122,000	1,149,000	293,000	1,772,000
1992	15,544,000	2,800,000	2,856,000	1,215,000	1,112,000	198,000	1,977,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	16,876,000	4,414,000	2,596,000	948,000	<sup>3</sup> 824,000	339,000	<sup>4</sup> 1,657,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	30,414,000	8,505,000	4,222,000	1,472,000	2,472,000	311,000	1,862,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	28,801,000	7,830,000	2,959,000	1,533,000	2,899,000	557,000	3,220,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	33,428,000	10,713,000	3,306,000	1,496,000	3,529,000	934,000	4,317,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	39,320,000	6,980,000	4,245,000	3,479,000	2,435,000	1,517,000	4,967,000

<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	6,852	3,395	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,344	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	10,375	5,801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,531	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	15,819	7,919	1,187	6,367	354	7,900	1	3,955	3,318	601
1982	21,006	10,382	1,210	8,799	353	10,624	2	6,868	2,875	725
1987	19,866	6,783	500	5,684	584	13,083	3	8,081	4,143	822
1992	24,165	11,269	655	9,759	765	12,896	2	6,829	5,650	365
1997 <sup>3</sup>	25,312	10,726	NA	9,252	NA	14,586	2	6,959	7,511	63
2002 <sup>3</sup>	29,782	5,886	(D)	4,113	1,232	23,895	4,664	8,177	10,614	(D)
2007 <sup>3</sup>	33,362	6,361	1,213	3,188	1,474	27,001	5,246	8,892	12,368	11
2012 <sup>3</sup>	35,019	10,545	2,219	5,688	1,909	24,474	6,168	6,487	11,527	(D)
2017 <sup>3</sup>	43,143	20,433	5,616	11,402	2,809	22,710	5,197	5,636	11,591	16

<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)	50	171	273	347	342	310	51.3
1974	832	378	38	145	187	300	266	274	52.1
1978	721	438	47	137	250	236	277	212	50.4
1982	685	411	41	151	229	251	230	194	49.6
1987	600	488	35	135	216	238	245	219	51.0
1992	548	519	21	94	219	232	211	290	53.5
1997 <sup>1</sup>	444	574	11	85	213	228	251	230	53.4
2002 <sup>1</sup>	594	356	13	80	186	217	212	242	53.7
2007 <sup>1</sup>	404	560	7	63	149	250	242	253	55.1
2012 <sup>1</sup>	447	477	1	79	119	221	224	280	56.0
2017 <sup>1</sup>	531	742	8	103	157	288	343	374	56.1

<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.