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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	1,752	228,650	130	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,869	228,932	122	71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,950	193,721	99	45	59,097	6,297	71,814	8,091	13,942	10,869	23,611
1929	2,081	225,014	108	48	65,092	8,985	68,947	20,530	14,623	16,576	30,261
1934	2,151	226,922	106	31	56,688	4,573	98,926	6,530	11,729	10,524	37,952
1939	1,968	232,073	118	40	67,042	11,934	86,808	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,087	236,715	113	52	67,982	5,134	69,981	31,087	16,875	8,803	36,853
1949	1,987	243,720	123	84	67,594	4,694	82,694	15,981	11,559	19,269	41,929
1954	1,647	211,645	128	88	57,888	5,946	76,826	12,088	7,611	19,658	31,628
1959	1,586	234,860	148	130	55,318	15,173	72,801	21,624	10,424	17,412	42,108
1964	1,555	229,942	148	176	51,728	14,722	76,261	22,316	9,111	18,423	37,339
1969	1,548	232,707	150	231	47,600	21,079	82,720	NA	³ 29,524	NA	⁴ 51,784
1974	1,369	201,133	147	443	51,682	8,288	68,201	NA	³ 32,150	NA	⁴ 40,812
1978	1,416	199,123	141	793	54,756	11,377	65,176	11,540	11,421	17,878	26,975
1982	1,486	202,598	136	970	67,033	9,280	59,096	11,543	11,229	15,632	28,785
1987	1,369	202,339	148	860	62,201	13,889	56,214	14,305	10,086	17,609	28,035
1992	1,423	191,002	134	1,171	62,336	11,572	56,517	11,975	9,941	13,429	25,232
1997 ⁵	1,401	185,507	132	1,933	67,705	9,338	46,027	14,518	10,366	11,731	25,822
2002 ⁵	1,407	189,104	134	2,154	76,438	7,738	35,545	19,562	11,214	12,013	26,594
2007 ⁵	1,406	196,225	140	3,254	75,950	8,431	20,396	42,434	10,747	11,315	26,952
2012 ⁵	1,326	187,755	142	3,363	87,325	6,377	3,466	45,635	9,675	8,976	26,301
2017 ⁵	1,434	213,534	149	4,061	98,396	6,553	9,057	44,174	12,649	10,267	32,438

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	112	420	808	363	42	7	NA	1,752
1919	113	473	854	393	33	3	NA	1,869
1924	158	661	781	325	22	3	NA	1,950
1929	157	642	876	382	21	3	NA	2,081
1934	208	640	904	370	22	7	NA	2,151
1939	160	486	925	364	26	7	NA	1,968
1944	257	522	894	377	32	5	NA	2,087
1949	210	467	876	390	36	8	NA	1,987
1954	207	304	760	336	30	10	NA	1,647
1959	134	259	756	386	38	13	NA	1,586
1964	141	280	712	366	46	8	2	1,555
1969	155	254	714	365	49	11	-	1,548
1974	127	252	634	303	43	8	2	1,369
1978	140	306	632	280	47	9	2	1,416
1982	169	360	595	308	44	8	2	1,486
1987	157	298	574	270	59	8	3	1,369
1992	169	392	562	230	59	9	2	1,423
1997 ³	125	433	532	249	49	12	1	1,401
2002 ³	93	459	569	229	41	14	2	1,407
2007 ³	128	477	507	223	54	14	3	1,406
2012 ³	140	490	425	203	47	17	4	1,326
2017 ³	203	572	362	198	71	20	8	1,434

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	91,077	NA	187,621	37,306	NA	39,663
1944	NA	623,269	NA	396,096	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	596,974	1,486,299	594,291	239,102	170,887	NA
1954	NA	705,595	NA	394,895	218,225	NA	301,879
1959	NA	910,995	1,243,212	385,789	337,996	71,525	NA
1964	NA	1,217,250	1,085,650	586,315	425,845	159,965	474,035
1969	9,416,000	1,685,626	2,096,580	725,231	525,857	137,081	625,856
1974	12,447,000	3,241,000	1,668,000	793,000	704,000	278,000	1,499,000
1978	NA	3,885,000	3,104,000	1,372,000	1,426,000	421,000	1,749,000
1982	NA	4,837,000	3,369,000	1,838,000	2,665,000	649,000	1,702,000
1987	23,612,000	5,364,000	2,922,000	1,850,000	1,797,000	657,000	2,142,000
1992	28,229,000	6,868,000	2,899,000	2,145,000	2,167,000	654,000	2,382,000
1997 ²	30,641,000	6,096,000	2,265,000	2,913,000	³ 1,642,000	1,041,000	⁴ 3,582,000
2002 ²	27,775,000	4,668,000	2,695,000	2,286,000	2,333,000	1,040,000	3,765,000
2007 ²	47,398,000	8,909,000	7,559,000	2,424,000	4,568,000	1,506,000	5,196,000
2012 ²	65,118,000	12,802,000	10,078,000	3,433,000	5,992,000	3,571,000	10,038,000
2017 ²	63,248,000	5,377,000	7,847,000	4,590,000	4,277,000	4,386,000	6,644,000

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	13,222	3,543	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,655	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	18,753	7,034	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,676	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	26,449	7,777	1,905	5,251	556	18,673	(D)	6,923	7,882	3,533
1982	35,671	13,235	3,954	8,375	820	22,436	11	10,701	6,764	4,592
1987	33,182	8,184	2,101	4,899	1,018	24,998	(D)	10,010	7,550	7,263
1992	40,700	13,917	3,087	9,366	1,349	26,782	1	11,585	8,085	6,889
1997 ³	39,525	14,832	NA	8,634	NA	24,692	5	8,748	7,905	7,617
2002 ³	33,242	11,042	5,372	4,077	1,389	22,200	(D)	6,635	10,632	3,624
2007 ³	54,803	16,435	10,536	3,696	1,838	38,369	75	8,228	21,789	7,408
2012 ³	64,439	34,336	26,587	4,815	2,301	30,103	78	6,018	21,231	1,702
2017 ³	67,099	42,049	34,002	3,399	4,075	25,050	78	2,420	21,594	223

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	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	
1969	(NA)	(NA)	48	177	287	440	323	273	50.5
1974	706	655	27	184	257	319	293	281	51.7
1978	619	797	47	213	295	317	295	249	49.4
1982	651	835	23	222	340	345	277	279	49.9
1987	556	813	27	186	288	287	314	267	50.9
1992	561	862	16	159	333	330	284	301	51.8
1997 ¹	478	923	12	127	328	376	269	289	51.9
2002 ¹	798	609	4	61	288	379	336	339	54.8
2007 ¹	588	818	-	47	226	325	390	418	57.0
2012 ¹	571	755	6	43	137	324	431	385	57.6
2017 ¹	778	1,154	14	139	230	391	522	636	57.1

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.