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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	2,809	213,786	76	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,733	201,396	74	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,561	204,320	80	43	34,493	5,473	116,842	15,409	20,204	10,247	1,652
1929	2,263	205,895	91	47	36,929	2,814	85,111	39,116	9,214	29,252	3,459
1934	2,470	201,660	82	31	32,444	6,393	80,669	51,798	7,322	21,248	1,786
1939	1,993	204,400	103	41	30,691	4,219	138,340	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,193	198,476	90	49	34,193	2,299	42,333	76,289	15,536	25,385	2,441
1949	1,749	202,436	116	74	31,084	2,651	84,102	51,644	13,616	15,001	4,338
1954	1,668	199,350	120	80	27,994	7,084	88,132	27,208	11,589	28,210	9,133
1959	1,404	203,126	145	113	23,583	8,267	80,554	32,273	14,008	35,771	8,670
1964	1,125	181,595	161	173	21,250	11,700	55,725	48,195	9,192	26,941	8,556
1969	1,090	179,579	165	193	17,112	10,358	60,886	NA	<sup>3</sup> 52,719	NA	<sup>4</sup> 38,504
1974	917	170,513	186	311	19,078	9,687	64,888	NA	<sup>3</sup> 32,661	NA	<sup>4</sup> 44,199
1978	1,067	184,204	173	628	25,980	13,731	65,404	21,271	13,808	22,703	21,307
1982	1,102	177,678	161	756	26,177	8,560	59,149	26,317	12,633	19,505	25,337
1987	984	178,045	181	705	26,453	10,408	56,074	24,599	11,966	20,866	27,679
1992	948	176,828	187	760	30,501	11,131	56,463	21,684	7,224	20,874	28,951
1997 <sup>5</sup>	864	153,880	178	1,192	31,168	7,189	47,228	20,150	7,201	17,036	23,908
2002 <sup>5</sup>	788	154,787	196	1,664	34,653	7,548	42,957	26,990	8,360	13,760	20,519
2007 <sup>5</sup>	864	157,932	183	2,279	37,891	7,981	23,381	45,150	8,624	14,541	20,364
2012 <sup>5</sup>	701	131,959	188	2,306	33,673	6,674	5,407	46,440	9,569	10,567	19,629
2017 <sup>5</sup>	821	157,396	192	2,831	42,783	11,015	7,881	53,073	6,929	12,272	23,443

<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	215	1,078	1,270	233	13	-	NA	2,809
1919	307	963	1,225	231	7	-	NA	2,733
1924	286	831	1,188	245	9	2	NA	2,561
1929	244	570	1,150	291	7	1	NA	2,263
1934	357	699	1,162	244	7	1	NA	2,470
1939	131	449	1,130	273	8	2	NA	1,993
1944	321	492	1,106	267	6	1	NA	2,193
1949	151	258	1,032	297	8	3	NA	1,749
1954	237	231	864	317	15	4	NA	1,668
1959	162	143	745	321	27	6	NA	1,404
1964	146	85	549	309	29	3	4	1,125
1969	137	100	520	281	47	4	1	1,090
1974	86	92	412	268	49	8	2	917
1978	91	127	495	305	41	6	2	1,067
1982	116	130	502	312	36	5	1	1,102
1987	89	95	448	296	51	3	2	984
1992	107	124	385	270	54	5	3	948
1997 <sup>3</sup>	52	135	410	208	46	13	-	864
2002 <sup>3</sup>	18	128	389	192	39	22	-	788
2007 <sup>3</sup>	19	169	408	210	44	12	2	864
2012 <sup>3</sup>	21	142	329	157	38	12	2	701
2017 <sup>3</sup>	33	200	351	177	36	16	8	821

<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	54,157	NA	68,679	13,571	NA	21,894
1944	NA	241,194	NA	204,078	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	307,330	332,475	218,215	114,060	122,730	NA
1954	NA	329,912	NA	217,858	148,535	NA	280,810
1959	NA	462,397	401,390	253,935	195,418	34,028	NA
1964	NA	402,845	226,765	351,275	260,965	66,585	284,025
1969	3,836,000	458,073	401,030	382,389	295,077	53,052	325,345
1974	5,937,000	885,000	711,000	524,000	395,000	73,000	685,000
1978	NA	1,094,000	911,000	1,060,000	935,000	190,000	673,000
1982	NA	1,172,000	572,000	1,600,000	1,488,000	179,000	772,000
1987	10,084,000	1,192,000	646,000	1,116,000	1,033,000	313,000	967,000
1992	12,507,000	1,332,000	770,000	1,678,000	1,193,000	213,000	1,318,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	13,493,000	1,085,000	1,307,000	1,702,000	<sup>3</sup> 967,000	415,000	<sup>4</sup> 1,277,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	17,131,000	2,361,000	2,040,000	1,507,000	1,176,000	709,000	1,199,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	16,342,000	2,069,000	2,193,000	1,105,000	2,044,000	391,000	1,422,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	20,484,000	3,159,000	4,425,000	1,010,000	2,154,000	541,000	1,783,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	24,042,000	2,258,000	2,282,000	3,862,000	1,812,000	653,000	2,362,000

<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	6,949	4,400	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,530	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	11,339	8,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,055	(Z)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	16,116	10,270	164	9,538	529	5,847	1	2,383	3,305	97
1982	21,653	15,714	263	14,898	524	5,939	1	2,523	3,193	82
1987	16,507	9,250	180	8,418	595	7,257	(D)	2,783	4,360	14
1992	21,588	14,814	217	13,790	721	6,773	(D)	2,243	4,408	(D)
1997 <sup>3</sup>	21,868	16,042	NA	14,945	NA	5,826	(D)	959	4,769	(D)
2002 <sup>3</sup>	16,848	7,991	83	6,881	723	8,857	(D)	1,041	7,201	7
2007 <sup>3</sup>	17,324	7,077	186	5,008	1,613	10,246	18	849	9,094	(D)
2012 <sup>3</sup>	21,239	10,478	1,886	4,891	3,279	10,760	(D)	(D)	10,019	(D)
2017 <sup>3</sup>	23,897	13,117	1,408	7,728	3,509	10,780	23	(D)	10,230	(D)

<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)	30	102	215	263	262	218	51.7
1974	639	274	21	103	125	216	232	216	53.4
1978	582	485	27	138	226	263	218	195	50.3
1982	592	510	34	146	242	234	223	223	50.4
1987	474	510	16	127	199	221	204	217	51.5
1992	489	459	17	99	180	185	217	250	53.6
1997 <sup>1</sup>	367	497	11	64	150	240	186	213	54.0
2002 <sup>1</sup>	406	382	-	48	134	189	204	213	55.6
2007 <sup>1</sup>	336	528	2	52	111	185	237	277	57.2
2012 <sup>1</sup>	286	415	1	38	78	139	214	231	58.5
2017 <sup>1</sup>	381	666	12	80	130	217	265	343	56.9

<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.