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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	1,179	128,130	109	6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,303	132,282	104	14	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,309	141,530	108	13	19,422	4,318	10,384	9,402	5,701	11,708	80,595
1929	1,261	130,311	103	16	20,687	12,392	12,430	4,663	6,342	17,568	56,229
1934	1,424	131,080	92	10	19,129	10,903	11,913	6,757	4,432	24,569	53,377
1939	1,345	113,050	84	13	16,379	8,469	18,056	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,425	120,212	84	14	22,583	4,250	9,528	17,013	3,082	14,464	49,292
1949	1,132	109,790	97	36	17,926	5,363	15,212	2,926	6,254	17,336	44,773
1954	740	79,146	107	61	12,316	4,751	13,414	1,105	2,048	6,047	39,465
1959	785	94,420	120	67	11,540	8,948	15,389	3,099	2,626	8,247	44,571
1964	756	88,946	118	121	9,045	6,783	13,231	3,065	2,448	9,535	44,839
1969	642	68,657	107	171	6,023	4,720	10,332	NA	<sup>3</sup> 13,688	NA	<sup>4</sup> 33,894
1974	531	59,523	112	294	7,190	4,360	14,167	NA	<sup>3</sup> 8,763	NA	<sup>4</sup> 25,043
1978	497	51,865	104	544	6,416	4,657	10,629	1,031	2,546	6,408	20,178
1982	556	57,311	103	638	8,207	4,274	10,372	3,812	4,536	5,297	20,813
1987	501	55,908	112	638	7,646	5,120	8,479	4,016	4,968	3,042	22,637
1992	509	49,712	98	844	6,922	6,627	8,460	2,521	2,607	2,099	20,476
1997 <sup>5</sup>	459	45,409	99	1,175	7,694	4,410	10,128	2,224	2,646	3,377	14,930
2002 <sup>5</sup>	436	50,825	117	1,330	12,454	3,165	8,969	5,321	4,584	3,455	12,877
2007 <sup>5</sup>	386	49,963	129	1,979	10,901	3,250	5,307	10,813	4,308	2,158	13,226
2012 <sup>5</sup>	356	42,255	119	2,133	11,136	2,415	1,486	8,326	2,788	2,553	13,551
2017 <sup>5</sup>	329	39,565	120	2,770	9,754	2,289	1,102	7,992	2,515	2,185	13,728

<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	103	306	588	157	20	5	NA	1,179
1919	74	336	709	165	15	4	NA	1,303
1924	44	341	748	153	18	5	NA	1,309
1929	51	309	723	161	14	3	NA	1,261
1934	99	439	738	132	12	4	NA	1,424
1939	113	430	661	128	12	1	NA	1,345
1944	141	430	706	135	11	2	NA	1,425
1949	47	312	640	121	9	3	NA	1,132
1954	46	189	394	103	5	3	NA	740
1959	39	185	426	116	16	3	NA	785
1964	70	160	399	111	14	2	-	756
1969	70	150	328	84	7	3	-	642
1974	46	132	267	72	14	-	-	531
1978	58	113	253	64	8	1	-	497
1982	68	158	256	61	10	3	-	556
1987	61	124	222	87	5	2	-	501
1992	71	137	227	69	4	1	-	509
1997 <sup>3</sup>	67	144	168	71	8	1	-	459
2002 <sup>3</sup>	42	133	188	55	16	1	1	436
2007 <sup>3</sup>	16	128	162	64	14	1	1	386
2012 <sup>3</sup>	14	113	165	53	9	1	1	356
2017 <sup>3</sup>	12	137	113	52	14	-	1	329

<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	33,971	NA	16,854	6,542	NA	20,695
1944	NA	153,357	NA	73,267	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	111,255	88,893	64,168	31,615	46,107	NA
1954	NA	241,020	NA	103,765	26,637	NA	92,396
1959	NA	90,055	62,821	48,410	54,855	23,548	NA
1964	NA	172,405	58,464	80,506	64,919	29,051	126,615
1969	876,000	127,430	139,313	85,901	85,278	20,998	119,089
1974	1,566,000	353,000	138,000	126,000	115,000	39,000	275,000
1978	NA	352,000	276,000	186,000	163,000	31,000	208,000
1982	NA	507,000	387,000	321,000	374,000	89,000	306,000
1987	2,578,000	241,000	255,000	216,000	323,000	68,000	372,000
1992	3,902,000	293,000	297,000	262,000	391,000	86,000	596,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	2,948,000	167,000	224,000	406,000	<sup>3</sup> 235,000	106,000	<sup>4</sup> 424,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	4,279,000	610,000	420,000	279,000	344,000	102,000	342,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	5,399,000	812,000	466,000	757,000	686,000	101,000	583,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	6,266,000	918,000	341,000	1,151,000	644,000	250,000	565,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	6,366,000	709,000	359,000	1,551,000	515,000	178,000	355,000

<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	1,466	923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	2,498	1,569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	907	175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	3,120	1,764	170	1,472	99	1,357	(D)	248	685	83
1982	4,747	3,224	365	2,583	154	1,523	(D)	168	1,070	70
1987	3,056	1,848	148	1,428	174	1,208	(D)	(D)	898	96
1992	4,799	3,550	166	2,999	186	1,249	(D)	177	939	59
1997 <sup>3</sup>	4,520	3,375	NA	2,807	NA	1,145	(D)	(D)	885	(D)
2002 <sup>3</sup>	5,639	2,449	(D)	1,584	336	3,190	1	(D)	2,275	(D)
2007 <sup>3</sup>	4,831	1,812	258	713	509	3,019	9	102	2,557	(D)
2012 <sup>3</sup>	5,235	2,518	1,506	96	560	2,717	26	(D)	2,202	(D)
2017 <sup>3</sup>	4,147	1,661	588	62	698	2,486	3	-	1,838	45

<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)	16	65	128	172	151	110	50.7
1974	218	312	6	62	78	142	125	117	52.4
1978	208	289	15	69	107	102	113	91	50.1
1982	245	311	20	81	107	118	127	103	50.5
1987	200	301	6	39	95	89	131	141	54.7
1992	185	324	7	58	111	103	95	135	52.9
1997 <sup>1</sup>	141	318	4	39	135	110	67	104	51.6
2002 <sup>1</sup>	222	214	2	9	88	137	85	115	54.7
2007 <sup>1</sup>	136	250	2	33	45	113	104	89	55.0
2012 <sup>1</sup>	105	251	4	16	49	62	108	117	57.8
2017 <sup>1</sup>	150	284	2	22	60	94	93	163	58.4

<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.