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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	2,301	238,885	104	67	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,709	238,926	88	153	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,570	213,491	83	86	63,378	7,981	120,392	2,395	14,260	3,758	1,327
1929	2,337	228,302	98	86	74,876	2,451	120,967	8,892	11,427	8,629	1,060
1934	2,553	234,481	92	58	75,092	8,207	105,528	22,173	13,357	6,608	3,516
1939	2,086	229,397	110	79	67,647	4,947	133,623	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,769	235,165	85	111	72,343	3,714	59,448	68,098	17,522	8,776	5,264
1949	2,205	234,738	106	165	69,718	6,387	110,550	15,614	14,688	9,902	7,879
1954	2,150	237,882	111	187	66,153	4,131	112,061	20,042	15,010	15,586	4,899
1959	1,802	223,391	124	240	58,404	8,336	111,481	12,981	13,906	11,915	6,368
1964	1,735	228,185	132	273	59,299	10,645	87,530	32,966	13,635	17,116	6,870
1969	1,729	227,656	132	425	56,933	14,970	92,999	NA	<sup>3</sup> 43,606	NA	<sup>4</sup> 19,148
1974	1,503	217,387	145	726	61,259	10,042	79,795	NA	<sup>3</sup> 42,315	NA	<sup>4</sup> 23,976
1978	1,588	225,403	142	1,270	79,328	14,330	77,093	14,008	16,810	11,127	12,707
1982	1,652	224,909	136	1,717	89,255	9,112	65,631	16,579	17,818	11,417	15,097
1987	1,581	224,123	142	1,395	77,475	18,133	62,792	21,664	15,430	11,524	17,105
1992	1,640	229,838	140	1,760	83,373	18,192	62,515	18,934	16,027	11,762	19,035
1997 <sup>5</sup>	1,533	204,292	133	2,567	79,705	10,505	53,058	17,539	15,259	11,270	16,956
2002 <sup>5</sup>	1,557	201,667	130	3,221	89,373	10,671	40,465	20,432	16,115	7,931	16,680
2007 <sup>5</sup>	1,651	205,286	124	4,432	93,994	8,633	21,581	39,896	14,289	9,498	17,395
2012 <sup>5</sup>	1,518	199,341	131	4,881	98,726	8,292	4,240	47,624	15,958	6,751	17,750
2017 <sup>5</sup>	1,548	200,875	130	5,809	105,111	10,446	8,860	39,239	13,819	6,609	16,791

<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	198	711	950	425	15	2	NA	2,301
1919	320	911	1,097	368	9	4	NA	2,709
1924	426	754	1,063	315	12	-	NA	2,570
1929	234	620	1,113	360	9	1	NA	2,337
1934	426	626	1,116	374	10	1	NA	2,553
1939	248	396	1,070	356	14	2	NA	2,086
1944	725	523	1,171	333	13	4	NA	2,769
1949	374	397	1,010	406	15	3	NA	2,205
1954	377	344	1,014	393	20	2	NA	2,150
1959	277	255	842	404	22	2	NA	1,802
1964	293	241	725	441	32	3	-	1,735
1969	326	227	720	414	37	4	1	1,729
1974	205	225	627	399	42	5	-	1,503
1978	254	296	604	366	60	7	1	1,588
1982	290	363	601	323	63	10	2	1,652
1987	229	342	617	314	69	7	3	1,581
1992	232	409	593	322	70	11	3	1,640
1997 <sup>3</sup>	164	470	560	274	54	8	3	1,533
2002 <sup>3</sup>	144	548	558	243	47	9	8	1,557
2007 <sup>3</sup>	149	630	570	242	42	11	7	1,651
2012 <sup>3</sup>	108	657	511	181	30	23	8	1,518
2017 <sup>3</sup>	224	629	442	180	38	26	9	1,548

<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	185,863	NA	346,903	57,659	NA	68,493
1944	NA	1,007,821	NA	803,852	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	1,199,447	768,832	863,790	333,822	158,114	NA
1954	NA	1,168,123	NA	764,354	325,861	NA	595,261
1959	NA	1,439,417	618,247	913,622	454,017	97,260	NA
1964	NA	1,370,750	634,595	935,668	506,515	143,615	684,345
1969	11,387,000	1,833,605	1,262,715	1,384,678	663,594	184,682	917,022
1974	18,873,000	4,026,000	2,150,000	1,942,000	952,000	437,000	2,039,000
1978	NA	4,579,000	3,297,000	2,467,000	2,001,000	648,000	2,683,000
1982	NA	5,209,000	2,069,000	4,199,000	3,608,000	957,000	3,171,000
1987	31,032,000	5,079,000	3,113,000	3,371,000	2,401,000	909,000	2,930,000
1992	40,795,000	6,485,000	3,327,000	5,035,000	2,793,000	1,144,000	4,319,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	37,975,000	4,619,000	3,496,000	4,570,000	<sup>3</sup> 1,982,000	1,671,000	<sup>4</sup> 3,676,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	41,579,000	3,443,000	2,440,000	6,097,000	2,988,000	2,170,000	3,708,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	56,420,000	5,975,000	5,171,000	6,550,000	5,173,000	3,796,000	5,637,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	78,465,000	9,481,000	5,248,000	11,436,000	7,047,000	5,561,000	12,001,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	74,147,000	4,926,000	4,622,000	10,510,000	4,565,000	4,931,000	6,608,000

<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	18,820	7,324	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	31,330	14,125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,903	163	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	40,996	17,979	3,488	13,027	930	23,018	4	12,172	7,003	2,243
1982	55,278	27,829	5,824	20,375	699	27,449	11	16,497	6,392	2,437
1987	46,663	18,703	3,250	12,639	1,152	27,960	7	14,181	9,274	2,599
1992	59,834	32,830	4,873	23,181	1,507	27,004	8	13,302	9,683	1,990
1997 <sup>3</sup>	56,575	33,250	NA	21,583	NA	23,325	6	8,348	9,550	1,865
2002 <sup>3</sup>	45,637	26,169	4,650	10,943	1,605	19,467	10	5,330	9,226	1,155
2007 <sup>3</sup>	56,992	29,612	9,826	8,424	2,230	27,380	150	5,478	15,015	36
2012 <sup>3</sup>	76,804	54,844	33,883	13,056	3,235	21,960	229	3,565	14,985	14
2017 <sup>3</sup>	72,101	48,735	30,547	6,811	4,231	23,366	74	1,774	15,777	40

<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	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	
1969	(NA)	(NA)	35	202	326	466	406	294	51.1
1974	941	551	26	216	265	336	336	313	51.1
1978	810	778	50	192	362	369	365	250	49.9
1982	820	832	46	202	418	358	355	273	49.7
1987	722	859	21	171	326	378	352	333	51.9
1992	743	897	7	136	322	443	357	375	53.2
1997 <sup>1</sup>	636	897	6	96	304	403	349	375	54.2
2002 <sup>1</sup>	805	752	4	80	240	430	396	407	55.5
2007 <sup>1</sup>	677	974	6	47	207	429	493	469	57.3
2012 <sup>1</sup>	615	903	4	49	155	298	449	563	59.5
2017 <sup>1</sup>	825	1,262	9	146	232	420	552	728	57.6

<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.