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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	1,348	116,385	86	39	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	1,518	116,221	77	90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,532	119,469	78	60	32,104	2,273	61,483	1,694	13,714	4,630	3,571
1929	1,208	117,345	97	49	31,479	5,233	49,665	11,132	7,643	8,596	3,597
1934	1,111	107,365	96	31	26,498	2,889	54,160	5,824	5,442	8,546	4,006
1939	1,115	114,710	103	50	30,656	2,203	59,690	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,007	114,008	113	67	32,852	3,477	31,340	28,384	6,550	7,263	4,142
1949	1,079	120,751	112	94	30,737	2,350	50,572	9,668	5,906	14,921	6,597
1954	966	117,939	122	119	30,932	3,936	39,555	18,991	9,970	11,298	3,257
1959	858	117,598	137	155	26,701	11,103	41,956	18,082	6,740	8,572	4,444
1964	727	109,885	151	196	24,307	5,704	41,633	12,104	4,528	15,776	5,782
1969	708	110,052	155	282	21,179	8,016	44,972	NA	³ 18,733	NA	⁴ 17,152
1974	643	102,385	159	521	26,050	4,759	36,821	NA	³ 19,722	NA	⁴ 15,033
1978	665	105,137	158	815	28,655	5,187	34,721	8,371	6,165	11,221	10,817
1982	651	100,922	155	1,039	31,383	6,218	29,406	8,753	6,225	7,912	11,025
1987	659	99,927	152	809	29,765	7,678	24,943	12,519	6,268	7,836	10,918
1992	648	93,887	145	1,237	29,044	6,050	28,675	7,650	4,948	7,610	9,910
1997 ⁵	646	84,441	131	1,841	31,820	4,157	21,835	5,674	6,475	6,865	7,615
2002 ⁵	623	77,525	124	2,540	27,501	4,141	15,072	10,913	4,949	5,987	8,962
2007 ⁵	596	73,289	123	3,295	25,044	4,923	6,178	20,333	4,595	5,327	6,889
2012 ⁵	529	69,125	131	3,134	28,120	2,192	845	19,941	4,607	4,232	9,188
2017 ⁵	606	74,197	122	4,542	29,837	3,836	1,167	20,882	4,062	4,221	10,192

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	131	538	478	193	8	-	NA	1,348
1919	200	584	564	165	5	-	NA	1,518
1924	143	575	649	159	6	-	NA	1,532
1929	94	351	572	183	7	1	NA	1,208
1934	91	345	501	167	7	-	NA	1,111
1939	111	266	563	168	6	1	NA	1,115
1944	93	166	555	189	4	-	NA	1,007
1949	148	194	543	186	6	2	NA	1,079
1954	141	156	456	200	12	1	NA	966
1959	118	102	404	222	11	1	NA	858
1964	95	71	334	215	10	1	1	727
1969	73	98	327	188	19	2	1	708
1974	81	72	302	165	19	3	1	643
1978	85	79	293	186	19	2	1	665
1982	92	82	281	174	18	3	1	651
1987	86	102	285	163	19	3	1	659
1992	79	140	270	126	30	1	2	648
1997 ³	67	177	267	111	19	3	2	646
2002 ³	44	213	242	109	10	4	1	623
2007 ³	20	213	238	111	11	2	1	596
2012 ³	26	208	180	94	15	5	1	529
2017 ³	61	238	193	94	14	4	2	606

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	50,918	NA	72,930	25,998	NA	11,363
1944	NA	369,778	NA	166,347	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	375,360	243,650	238,570	141,625	78,640	NA
1954	NA	491,955	NA	307,090	208,045	NA	227,845
1959	NA	617,795	249,170	247,825	193,675	33,320	NA
1964	NA	478,805	155,815	191,315	294,615	62,828	249,455
1969	4,391,000	1,023,504	423,099	398,127	283,667	62,550	304,054
1974	6,008,000	1,498,000	457,000	465,000	428,000	133,000	727,000
1978	NA	1,873,000	662,000	598,000	911,000	284,000	1,061,000
1982	NA	1,943,000	618,000	880,000	1,059,000	291,000	866,000
1987	11,290,000	1,976,000	730,000	1,048,000	1,237,000	394,000	1,108,000
1992	12,316,000	2,005,000	603,000	1,526,000	998,000	305,000	1,392,000
1997 ²	12,555,000	1,894,000	666,000	1,140,000	³ 852,000	629,000	⁴ 1,478,000
2002 ²	12,585,000	1,176,000	416,000	2,120,000	954,000	591,000	1,297,000
2007 ²	12,217,000	1,321,000	548,000	1,249,000	1,494,000	628,000	1,292,000
2012 ²	15,368,000	2,329,000	1,057,000	1,157,000	1,771,000	919,000	2,106,000
2017 ²	16,588,000	1,147,000	919,000	1,915,000	1,129,000	1,043,000	1,585,000

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	7,277	2,502	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	11,460	5,927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,481	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	13,587	5,688	905	4,481	278	8,169	2	5,159	2,636	362
1982	18,262	8,943	1,589	6,932	218	9,319	(D)	6,610	2,251	(D)
1987	16,049	6,629	1,016	4,268	395	9,420	1	6,049	2,920	430
1992	21,995	12,208	1,699	9,102	550	9,787	4	6,144	3,261	355
1997 ³	19,988	11,992	NA	8,858	NA	7,996	(D)	4,016	3,822	30
2002 ³	11,381	6,970	1,150	3,552	527	4,411	4	1,463	2,595	2
2007 ³	11,539	6,732	1,302	1,802	903	4,807	33	984	3,503	41
2012 ³	15,614	10,308	5,718	2,323	775	5,306	27	450	4,620	(D)
2017 ³	18,279	13,736	7,429	3,522	974	4,543	54	(D)	4,124	(D)

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)	21	104	123	152	176	132	50.4
1974	(NA)	(NA)	10	60	137	171	146	112	51.5
1978	393	272	11	93	144	149	147	121	50.2
1982	354	297	24	72	137	136	141	141	51.4
1987	312	347	13	66	117	163	131	169	52.9
1992	297	351	11	101	110	142	130	154	52.0
1997 ¹	248	398	3	51	145	145	143	159	53.9
2002 ¹	304	319	-	24	103	162	173	161	55.8
2007 ¹	228	368	-	27	71	137	172	189	58.0
2012 ¹	217	312	2	24	42	117	186	158	58.8
2017 ¹	305	552	8	40	87	163	246	313	58.3

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.