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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	2,459	204,450	83	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,407	170,821	71	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,381	193,823	81	44	66,000	23,154	42,004	6,787	37,895	4,128	13,855
1929	1,927	171,043	89	33	63,315	18,772	41,874	7,807	24,718	5,532	9,025
1934	2,023	184,462	91	25	66,489	24,762	46,509	5,400	20,482	6,001	14,819
1939	1,647	175,768	107	25	57,148	20,944	40,300	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,608	176,554	110	41	65,051	20,759	34,804	19,821	15,992	4,662	15,465
1949	1,480	181,959	123	49	68,014	25,395	39,526	7,925	15,108	7,451	18,540
1954	1,326	171,097	129	70	64,508	17,379	42,370	5,435	16,172	6,573	18,660
1959	1,057	153,130	145	109	60,233	19,563	32,437	4,625	14,439	5,614	16,219
1964	808	148,266	183	151	51,109	24,968	29,270	8,301	10,117	6,918	17,577
1969	861	157,202	183	202	56,184	30,318	27,606	NA	³ 19,148	NA	⁴ 23,946
1974	698	164,832	236	344	83,151	7,355	26,339	NA	³ 20,646	NA	⁴ 27,341
1978	690	166,986	242	882	98,913	7,420	20,408	6,178	7,554	9,068	17,445
1982	594	155,597	262	787	97,100	2,697	16,631	9,541	7,175	5,680	16,773
1987	492	136,561	278	714	74,551	21,485	12,737	6,538	4,879	4,417	11,954
1992	466	140,432	301	801	87,075	9,838	15,668	6,224	3,769	4,340	13,518
1997 ⁵	524	147,402	281	1,114	96,573	6,734	15,639	5,994	5,372	4,486	12,604
2002 ⁵	595	159,496	268	1,410	96,313	17,835	9,503	6,966	8,968	3,344	16,567
2007 ⁵	556	154,999	279	2,326	82,492	18,906	6,134	12,647	10,433	5,367	19,020
2012 ⁵	500	152,431	305	3,194	91,077	15,177	1,628	13,130	8,687	4,583	18,149
2017 ⁵	499	162,994	327	3,683	103,183	18,301	1,469	10,432	6,271	3,163	20,175

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	111	900	1,228	204	15	1	NA	2,459
1919	147	973	1,111	171	5	-	-	2,407
1924	213	740	1,183	232	13	-	-	2,381
1929	111	574	1,020	214	8	-	-	1,927
1934	125	528	1,155	204	11	-	-	2,023
1939	93	322	998	219	14	1	NA	1,647
1944	100	342	914	234	16	2	NA	1,608
1949	90	281	792	297	18	2	NA	1,480
1954	110	245	676	264	25	6	NA	1,326
1959	93	180	491	251	41	1	-	1,057
1964	46	108	370	237	38	8	1	808
1969	51	125	415	206	51	12	1	861
1974	17	99	302	199	62	16	3	698
1978	53	122	229	199	61	23	3	690
1982	51	92	210	147	70	18	6	594
1987	42	84	180	107	50	22	7	492
1992	28	92	159	112	39	28	8	466
1997 ³	36	101	193	122	37	28	7	524
2002 ³	27	130	249	124	29	27	9	595
2007 ³	35	111	233	109	36	19	13	556
2012 ³	15	115	212	92	33	19	14	500
2017 ³	29	140	177	81	31	22	19	499

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	45,670	NA	42,692	13,285	NA	25,843
1944	NA	239,369	NA	109,034	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	288,040	301,565	183,619	187,130	97,485	NA
1954	NA	356,240	NA	179,765	247,740	NA	315,515
1959	NA	511,880	187,980	128,150	269,290	77,250	NA
1964	NA	677,205	201,695	210,725	291,355	141,475	406,155
1969	4,885,000	790,607	638,801	241,773	429,673	206,784	655,804
1974	9,007,000	1,114,000	609,000	296,000	804,000	573,000	2,157,000
1978	NA	773,000	579,000	656,000	1,406,000	991,000	3,768,000
1982	NA	754,000	422,000	664,000	2,148,000	1,187,000	3,662,000
1987	12,799,000	600,000	532,000	1,017,000	(D)	1,019,000	3,509,000
1992	17,529,000	862,000	1,347,000	1,261,000	1,644,000	1,363,000	4,744,000
1997 ²	24,708,000	5,406,000	2,008,000	1,303,000	³ 1,229,000	2,205,000	⁴ 5,631,000
2002 ²	55,622,000	24,939,000	7,036,000	1,401,000	3,470,000	1,965,000	4,973,000
2007 ²	72,176,000	32,596,000	11,623,000	986,000	3,973,000	2,351,000	7,007,000
2012 ²	80,271,000	31,655,000	10,508,000	2,230,000	4,238,000	6,653,000	11,955,000
2017 ²	90,007,000	31,825,000	11,539,000	2,970,000	2,908,000	6,976,000	7,282,000

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
	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>
1969	6,791	3,172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,598	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	16,748	12,558	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,091	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	20,114	15,214	14,091	960	88	4,899	7	(D)	2,310	2,498
1982	22,269	19,160	17,801	1,179	111	3,109	2	(D)	1,677	1,303
1987	17,374	13,849	12,944	675	200	3,525	4	(D)	2,049	1,418
1992	24,442	19,696	18,001	1,446	231	4,746	-	(D)	3,323	1,354
1997 ³	36,523	24,454	NA	1,386	NA	12,069	8,302	(D)	3,192	485
2002 ³	77,346	17,096	15,903	997	168	60,250	55,550	115	4,286	198
2007 ³	97,021	30,761	29,567	922	268	66,259	57,065	(D)	8,913	175
2012 ³	102,372	44,319	43,035	718	548	58,053	50,061	-	7,897	(D)
2017 ³	141,882	53,150	51,010	1,184	754	88,732	81,825	-	6,407	3

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	
<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)	22	68	125	248	195	203	53.1
1974	411	286	40	87	89	180	171	130	51.1
1978	354	336	30	115	91	160	169	125	50.1
1982	292	302	26	119	108	102	129	110	49.0
1987	242	250	10	47	132	76	109	118	52.3
1992	224	242	16	41	96	94	81	138	53.3
1997 ¹	233	291	15	39	107	147	88	128	52.5
2002 ¹	300	295	7	36	93	144	144	171	55.3
2007 ¹	209	347	-	34	51	132	163	176	58.0
2012 ¹	200	300	3	32	65	107	139	154	56.9
2017 ¹	250	418	10	38	81	117	216	206	57.9

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.