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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	3,430	248,287	72	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,614	176,988	68	19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	2,947	179,628	61	18	34,927	23,181	42,166	5,700	14,812	12,063	46,779
1929	2,148	132,975	62	22	32,578	17,899	25,318	4,332	7,430	6,389	39,029
1934	3,328	168,111	51	15	41,762	19,933	27,962	8,108	16,374	5,835	62,080
1939	2,796	147,155	53	17	39,220	17,274	28,233	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	2,988	152,097	51	18	40,712	24,872	25,171	4,670	6,001	2,075	48,596
1949	2,695	148,929	55	44	29,591	22,221	23,238	10,092	7,944	10,893	44,950
1954	1,899	112,120	59	46	19,095	18,304	18,656	5,706	4,213	8,551	37,595
1959	1,319	94,948	72	79	15,479	14,768	11,736	8,788	7,792	4,702	31,683
1964	870	74,400	86	78	9,720	12,210	11,288	5,902	2,445	6,563	26,282
1969	581	60,757	105	112	6,165	5,628	13,018	NA	<sup>3</sup> 13,020	NA	<sup>4</sup> 22,926
1974	425	50,446	119	268	6,271	1,891	14,225	NA	<sup>3</sup> 10,218	NA	<sup>4</sup> 17,841
1978	374	43,469	116	539	7,214	3,143	10,275	2,429	1,940	4,199	14,269
1982	438	50,155	115	848	7,659	3,369	13,222	2,436	3,436	4,138	15,895
1987	403	50,379	125	798	6,939	5,758	11,436	4,775	3,853	3,904	13,714
1992	369	44,548	121	888	7,694	3,414	12,581	3,291	1,939	4,718	10,911
1997 <sup>5</sup>	431	48,198	112	1,220	9,732	2,225	14,204	3,169	2,401	5,427	11,040
2002 <sup>5</sup>	530	64,370	121	1,530	14,403	3,611	12,724	11,660	3,116	6,104	12,752
2007 <sup>5</sup>	565	73,414	130	2,459	16,217	4,127	7,414	19,863	2,837	5,285	17,671
2012 <sup>5</sup>	496	58,423	118	2,168	12,985	2,902	970	18,203	3,659	3,288	16,416
2017 <sup>5</sup>	548	58,983	108	2,532	14,592	4,537	1,043	16,629	3,659	4,545	13,978

<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	530	1,200	1,422	249	23	6	NA	3,430
1919	255	961	1,227	157	14	-	NA	2,614
1924	549	1,105	1,143	130	14	6	NA	2,947
1929	274	795	963	113	3	-	NA	2,148
1934	772	1,344	1,086	117	6	3	NA	3,328
1939	515	1,218	961	91	8	3	NA	2,796
1944	599	1,213	1,078	90	7	1	NA	2,988
1949	487	1,134	964	100	8	2	NA	2,695
1954	268	793	754	75	8	1	NA	1,899
1959	73	561	597	78	9	1	NA	1,319
1964	42	300	445	78	3	2	-	870
1969	45	138	314	73	9	2	-	581
1974	14	105	236	58	10	2	-	425
1978	14	77	206	74	3	-	-	374
1982	28	123	199	80	6	2	-	438
1987	21	117	184	70	8	2	1	403
1992	22	101	180	55	10	1	-	369
1997 <sup>3</sup>	23	120	207	73	7	1	-	431
2002 <sup>3</sup>	17	166	241	91	8	7	-	530
2007 <sup>3</sup>	29	161	266	87	16	4	2	565
2012 <sup>3</sup>	30	162	215	76	7	5	1	496
2017 <sup>3</sup>	63	184	204	83	11	2	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	61,301	NA	21,481	9,864	NA	30,819
1944	NA	240,163	NA	48,249	NA	NA	NA
1949	NA	200,001	97,212	64,000	14,705	75,970	NA
1954	NA	164,220	NA	42,390	38,395	NA	74,030
1959	NA	153,835	84,225	24,505	25,785	13,943	NA
1964	NA	164,185	94,077	33,701	46,509	27,890	58,551
1969	818,000	134,736	153,387	72,085	70,729	20,538	79,282
1974	1,278,000	395,000	156,000	75,000	72,000	28,000	171,000
1978	NA	524,000	390,000	167,000	150,000	26,000	165,000
1982	NA	595,000	305,000	98,000	255,000	63,000	166,000
1987	2,137,000	319,000	352,000	104,000	157,000	36,000	233,000
1992	2,190,000	189,000	366,000	126,000	194,000	34,000	223,000
1997 <sup>2</sup>	2,606,000	288,000	531,000	108,000	<sup>3</sup> 152,000	53,000	<sup>4</sup> 376,000
2002 <sup>2</sup>	5,184,000	962,000	581,000	139,000	401,000	53,000	369,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	5,492,000	931,000	307,000	329,000	803,000	120,000	555,000
2012 <sup>2</sup>	8,186,000	1,667,000	2,072,000	399,000	842,000	90,000	429,000
2017 <sup>2</sup>	6,838,000	863,000	1,334,000	259,000	711,000	134,000	573,000

<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	1,052	429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	593	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974	1,734	564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,144	263	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1978	2,416	585	43	433	98	1,831	84	254	899	563
1982	2,962	1,110	172	795	92	1,852	(D)	331	769	716
1987	2,639	828	47	512	195	1,811	3	281	1,038	291
1992	2,810	1,345	40	994	236	1,465	3	95	1,334	17
1997 <sup>3</sup>	3,279	1,135	NA	826	NA	2,144	(D)	(D)	1,983	18
2002 <sup>3</sup>	4,843	1,203	73	407	209	3,640	970	105	2,349	20
2007 <sup>3</sup>	4,629	1,363	167	391	(D)	3,266	33	131	2,904	39
2012 <sup>3</sup>	5,382	1,689	311	-	1,034	3,693	44	-	3,550	17
2017 <sup>3</sup>	6,059	2,073	560	-	1,214	3,986	30	(D)	3,508	(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)	7	39	73	117	218	127	55.2
1974	171	254	11	31	66	116	114	87	53.0
1978	116	258	6	31	75	84	107	71	52.6
1982	144	294	7	51	76	96	110	98	52.9
1987	114	289	-	50	74	87	88	104	53.4
1992	130	239	6	20	72	80	81	110	55.4
1997 <sup>1</sup>	104	327	4	33	103	98	101	92	53.0
2002 <sup>1</sup>	273	257	-	28	84	145	154	119	55.1
2007 <sup>1</sup>	242	323	-	22	96	125	184	138	55.9
2012 <sup>1</sup>	148	348	4	16	55	99	160	162	58.9
2017 <sup>1</sup>	228	440	12	15	87	139	183	232	57.7

<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.