

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Farmsnumber	40,592	43,223	48,753	45,126	49,872	41,384	37,905	43,318
Land in farmsacres	8,580,940	8,902,654	9,033,537	8,904,387	9,517,377	8,704,385	8,450,823	9,145,753
Average size of farmacres	211	206	185	197	191	210	223	211
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	630,736	547,524	424,674	335,217	282,304	298,244	220,265	168,161
Average per acredollars	2,984	2,658	2,292	1,698	1,471	1,442	1,000	800
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	3,593,520	3,077,900	2,964,616	1,842,080	1,715,628	1,485,851	1,148,900	1,115,106
Average per farmdollars	88,528	71,211	60,810	42,705	34,420	35,914	30,354	25,831
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,633	2,919	3,374	2,571	3,003	2,141	1,902	2,602
10 to 49 acres	12,637	13,267	16,215	14,175	15,505	11,854	10,165	12,356
50 to 179 acres	14,107	16,079	17,808	16,950	19,024	16,015	14,929	16,514
180 to 499 acres	6,492	7,238	7,612	7,692	8,313	7,561	7,162	7,776
500 to 999 acres	2,025	2,230	2,235	2,237	2,428	2,274	2,244	2,469
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1,140	911	960	978	1,083	1,039	990	1,111
2,000 acres or more	558	579	549	523	516	497	513	490
Total croplandfarms	24,665	26,707	31,773	34,073	39,862	34,407	32,327	37,148
acres	2,818,783	2,758,521	3,142,958	3,732,751	4,435,041	4,197,670	4,237,057	4,496,607
Harvested cropland.....farms	20,714	21,283	23,336	23,327	28,290	24,819	24,780	28,509
acres	2,205,766	2,158,026	1,994,743	1,995,139	2,179,636	2,077,139	2,104,064	2,231,623
Irrigated landfarms	1,891	1,747	2,035	1,698	1,503	1,301	1,380	1,344
acres	142,001	113,008	112,819	108,783	79,647	76,871	82,015	84,054
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	5,980,595	5,571,173	4,415,550	3,264,949	3,198,630	3,098,989	2,369,179	1,908,303
Average per farmdollars	147,334	128,894	90,570	72,352	64,137	74,884	62,503	44,053
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	1,212,329	1,314,971	676,987	590,268	656,185	632,978	649,110	497,992
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	4,768,266	4,256,202	3,738,563	2,674,681	2,542,444	2,466,010	1,720,070	1,410,311
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	17,472	18,253	22,582	19,558	20,414	15,286	11,663	15,082
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,341	4,782	5,458	6,428	8,259	6,940	6,506	7,726
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,198	5,591	5,702	6,083	7,444	6,279	5,936	6,534
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,028	5,573	6,457	5,206	5,526	4,985	5,076	5,210
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,724	2,662	2,538	1,934	1,948	1,842	2,178	2,324
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,476	1,510	1,287	1,246	1,477	1,358	1,661	1,956
\$100,000 to \$499,999	1,549	1,636	2,389	2,721	2,900	2,830	3,825	3,946
\$500,000 or more	2,804	3,216	2,340	1,950	1,904	1,864	1,060	540
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	36,875	39,417	45,014	42,359	45,640	37,697	34,257	39,553
Partnership	1,944	2,107	2,377	1,882	3,138	2,734	2,843	3,014
Corporation	1,384	1,316	1,017	658	822	735	666	570
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	389	383	345	227	272	218	139	181
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	4,615,552	4,736,277	3,922,143	2,588,600	2,773,210	2,509,917	1,930,063	1,610,833
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	867,224	751,245	701,381	505,196	368,188	341,450	294,066	290,518
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,813,199	2,195,586	1,611,020	927,774	1,271,085	1,140,545	731,753	570,084
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	235,325	241,072	168,838	106,697	114,890	106,011	103,080	86,491
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	166,355	179,640	163,784	93,418	89,561	80,237	76,567	64,535
Hired farm labor\$1,000	238,038	225,716	208,023	180,937	146,880	134,016	140,414	123,018
Interest expense\$1,000	126,885	145,257	130,780	112,871	101,357	90,000	82,647	81,110
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	146,880	146,534	84,495	79,322	82,184	73,867	72,317	64,530
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	22,046	21,149	23,970	27,094	32,432	28,450	26,360	29,844
number	1,324,233	1,236,467	1,187,171	1,437,795	1,546,399	1,530,566	1,453,137	1,450,416
Beef cowsfarms	20,004	19,685	21,415	23,558	28,258	25,384	23,925	25,879
number	718,472	722,787	678,949	765,901	823,317	832,298	771,151	748,002
Milk cowsfarms	366	219	157	223	700	608	995	1,336
number	5,949	9,116	12,962	18,939	28,019	27,848	45,454	45,994
Cattle and calves soldfarms	17,539	17,620	21,356	23,088	31,225	27,705	25,532	29,320
number	594,866	612,863	711,735	782,393	791,879	767,806	676,215	831,908
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	1,074	689	753	576	1,282	932	1,880	3,585
number	57,850	142,555	178,275	168,013	196,561	183,811	307,672	353,062
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	846	379	547	561	999	750	1,715	3,220
number	241,176	446,448	733,285	713,668	398,583	380,853	571,680	648,262
Layers inventory (see text)farms	3,793	3,469	2,417	1,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
number	7,867,738	9,435,605	9,624,254	9,656,322	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	2,021	2,356	2,428	2,600	2,615	2,477	2,460	2,557
number	1,108,822,526	1,001,776,907	1,016,230,625	1,050,885,771	905,530,341	871,123,702	737,608,903	564,583,477
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	1,463	1,983	1,872	2,301	4,233	3,687	5,305	7,413
acres	243,820	285,328	276,661	176,122	242,714	230,484	281,053	234,669
bushels	38,718,245	25,998,347	21,008,771	15,241,418	20,608,991	19,735,218	24,941,228	15,623,257
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	106	129	126	202	319	293	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7,125	8,371	11,016	17,041	17,403	17,181	(NA)	(NA)
tons	101,553	103,506	86,493	159,297	196,841	194,480	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	373	879	520	507	793	732	870	1,914
acres	102,624	189,390	76,202	57,650	85,490	82,440	86,071	156,466
bushels	7,793,944	10,434,299	3,123,596	2,278,237	3,435,906	3,326,421	3,461,454	4,903,608
Winter wheat for grainfarms	373	879	520	507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	102,624	189,390	76,202	57,650	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	7,793,944	10,434,299	3,123,596	2,278,237	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grainfarms	107	233	238	285	363	347	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10,132	15,069	16,111	13,531	15,733	15,609	(NA)	(NA)
bushels	572,138	750,562	905,087	591,232	732,107	721,962	(NA)	(NA)

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
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Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Barley for grain	farms 7	8	-	12	4	3	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 539	653	-	665	29	19	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 25,307	12,304	-	(D)	465	365	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 40	101	78	110	110	99	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,618	7,044	5,827	6,531	5,685	5,294	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 128,590	331,159	215,276	252,654	275,278	254,902	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 3	38	30	27	13	12	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 112	2,568	1,701	1,407	675	674	(NA)	(NA)
	tons (D)	56,889	17,075	13,988	5,476	5,474	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 1,255	1,502	875	980	2,140	1,889	2,065	4,124
	acres 347,037	334,831	179,673	164,771	336,779	316,019	305,713	575,370
	bushels 15,241,837	13,786,374	3,660,854	3,980,484	8,357,997	7,867,880	8,871,365	11,633,904
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms -	1	-	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	(D)	-	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt -	(D)	-	78	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 874	925	917	1,320	1,600	1,470	1,469	1,820
	acres 431,089	376,464	382,566	523,123	445,064	433,160	431,665	346,013
	bales 782,633	710,958	407,598	567,569	535,773	523,864	601,506	380,936
Tobacco	farms -	1	-	8	18	17	(NA)	(NA)
	acres -	(D)	-	199	277	290	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds -	(D)	-	431,600	522,373	541,112	(NA)	(NA)
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 16,163	16,039	18,735	18,060	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 867,250	807,058	883,196	823,039	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 2,142,003	1,856,452	1,641,373	1,900,762	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 14	9	7	27	6	5	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 46	604	19	158	(D)	9	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 58,930	95,694	13,720	59,912	(D)	8,200	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 667	772	704	1,134	1,671	1,510	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 193,098	217,940	158,424	176,395	188,243	181,393	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 700,333,117	834,701,569	396,914,610	373,313,101	368,324,564	356,492,286	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 1,490	1,388	1,603	1,374	1,416	996	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 19,680	16,522	18,868	20,332	25,776	20,809	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 221	368	267	126	183	147	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 942	808	1,082	2,742	6,221	5,968	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 135	67	83	115	140	112	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,178	1,768	2,297	2,524	3,870	3,489	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 1,684	1,522	1,897	1,852	2,301	1,874	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 15,002	19,675	22,122	28,009	32,631	29,109	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 2002 and prior years are based on a sample of farms.

² Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

³ Data for 2002 and prior years exclude potatoes, sweet potatoes, and ginseng.

⁴ Data for 2012 and prior years exclude pineapples.