

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2019 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	2019	2014	2009	1998	1988	1979	1970	1959 ¹⁸	1949 ¹⁹	1929
All horticultural specialty crops ¹	20,655	23,221	21,585	23,758	21,088	22,347	12,962	17,999	17,400	(NA)
operations	13,778,944	13,789,048	11,687,323	10,599,298	4,791,893	3,212,010	960,919	515,681	300,638	192,105
sales (\$1,000)	10,939	12,415	12,009	13,809	(NA)	(NA)	7,969	11,772	12,427	14,982
Floriculture ²	5,544,587	5,879,685	5,018,449	4,462,860	2,570,005	1,619,974	501,473	292,302	218,521	109,895
operations	8,165	9,709	9,604	10,629	9,098	8,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	3,167,076	3,512,384	3,149,701	2,357,185	896,196	285,520	61,627	32,844	16,925	(NA)
Bedding/garden plants	6,687	7,964	7,989	9,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Annual bedding/garden plants ³	2,244,460	2,567,534	2,305,913	1,729,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	5,108	6,291	6,416	7,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	922,616	944,850	843,788	627,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potted herbaceous perennial plants ⁴	3,977	4,059	4,043	5,080	6,405	7,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	1,200,387	1,084,274	871,474	868,131	586,302	418,007	125,826	69,469	26,901	25,652
sales (\$1,000)	2,336	2,644	2,728	3,074	4,201	5,463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potted flowering plants for indoor or patio use ⁵	691,472	721,889	509,873	594,760	485,910	466,913	38,376	25,607	9,842	(NA)
operations	2,035	1,998	1,703	2,067	3,120	3,900	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	385,668	462,098	403,254	512,570	506,677	353,415	229,944	140,207	123,574	67,430
Cut cultivated greens ⁷	644	728	634	758	787	674	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	99,984	99,040	84,148	130,213	94,920	33,595	8,827	2,433	(NA)	1,712
sales (\$1,000)	6,458	8,226	8,441	8,305	7,000	7,436	3,764	6,757	4,643	7,207
Nursery stock sold	4,545,276	4,266,631	3,850,363	3,096,723	1,132,387	944,920	283,636	155,506	71,053	58,183
operations	1,038	1,067	1,178	1,868	1,681	880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	720,448	695,126	601,657	493,049	190,090	62,524	36,873	21,742	13,667	2,717
Sod, sprigs, or plugs sold ^{10 11}	1,068	1,289	1,403	1,143	825	1,060	545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	1,271,561	1,138,465	876,847	835,212	247,775	206,611	43,366	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	263	204	223	254	179	372	270	861	870	1,935
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers ¹²	60,072	74,014	48,512	55,389	29,175	23,544	10,375	9,964	9,237	5,364
operations	2,994	2,521	1,476	1,015	581	866	2,555	819	768	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	703,469	796,664	553,270	222,624	31,743	26,685	18,359	19,546	13,046	12,384
Food crops grown under protection ^{13 14}	491	693	502	493	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	369,864	371,817	330,647	156,273	50,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	335	385	340	436	352	528	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetable seeds ¹⁵	127,198	135,122	89,031	93,147	23,113	37,562	6,874	(NA)	(NA)	12,809
operations	166	169	141	120	93	84	(NA)	85	60	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	43,927	31,607	30,825	19,480	7,585	4,463	1,645	2,593	1,823	713
Other ^{16 17}	3,207	3,902	3,274	3,785	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	392,543	399,918	287,722	302,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	238	345	375	381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Aquatic plants	25,034	20,205	26,000	23,635	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	2,857	3,352	2,699	3,195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	357,190	366,632	249,821	256,161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cultivated Christmas trees sold	18	49	23	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations	5,090	1,845	2,173	12,642	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
sales (\$1,000)	99	183	189	207	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Short rotation woody crops sold	5,228	11,236	9,728	10,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
operations										
sales (\$1,000)										
Tobacco transplants										
operations										
sales (\$1,000)										

¹ Data for 1929 through 1998 include cultivated mushrooms.
² Data for 1949 include greenhouse vegetables and mushroom operations.
³ Data for 1970 include vegetable plant sales of \$16,802,715.
⁴ Data for 1998 include flats and hanging baskets.
⁵ Data for 1929 include flowering and foliage plants.
⁶ Data for 1949 include cut flowers and cut cultivated greens.
⁷ Data for 1959 include only asparagus plumosus.
⁸ Data for 1929 include bedding plants.
⁹ Data prior to 1988 do not include nursery lining out stock.
¹⁰ Data prior to 1998 only include sod harvested.
¹¹ Data for 1970 include pasture sod from 70 operations with sales of \$4,280,370.
¹² Data for 1929 include sales of flowers cut from bulbs grown in the open and from forced bulbs.
¹³ Data for 1929 include vegetable plants grown in hotbeds and covered frames with sales of \$2,076,498.
¹⁴ Data for 1970 include 1,884 vegetable plant operations. Sales included with annual bedding plants.
¹⁵ Data for 1970 include 261 vegetable and flower seed operations.
¹⁶ Data prior to 1998 do not include cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops, and tobacco.
¹⁷ Data prior to 1998 summarized aquatic plants with nursery plants under other environmentals.
¹⁸ Data for 1959 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$585,751,415 and wholesale sales were \$435,052,807.
¹⁹ Data for 1949 at wholesale prices. Actual total sales were \$467,346,986 and wholesale sales were \$249,814,924.