

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2007 and Earlier Census Years

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

All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Farmsnumber	107,825	106,797	110,986	98,860	98,082	106,105	112,447	114,963
Land in farmsacres	29,026,573	29,946,035	30,202,772	28,826,188	28,546,875	29,209,187	29,266,609	30,098,727
Average size of farmacres	269	280	272	292	291	275	260	262
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	586,478	424,347	294,636	309,430	225,015	175,612	223,247	191,130
Average per acredollars	2,179	1,508	1,084	1,069	774	640	856	723
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	7,350,255	5,162,542	4,336,960	4,058,126	3,537,197	3,007,852	3,418,269	2,874,828
Average per farmdollars	68,171	49,940	39,084	41,051	36,155	28,432	30,450	25,043
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3,868	3,057	3,956	3,148	3,926	4,960	4,713	4,309
10 to 49 acres	25,186	21,639	20,686	16,714	16,211	17,028	19,050	15,772
50 to 179 acres	40,246	39,678	41,552	36,346	34,654	37,413	40,513	42,921
180 to 499 acres	24,537	27,496	29,163	27,298	27,573	30,423	32,292	35,923
500 to 999 acres	8,180	9,163	10,063	9,854	10,292	11,413	11,561	12,200
1,000 to 1,999 acres	3,887	4,079	4,235	4,183	4,289	3,990	3,566	3,213
2,000 acres or more	1,921	1,685	1,331	1,317	1,137	878	752	625
Total croplandfarms	86,299	89,662	95,406	87,092	86,617	93,434	100,593	105,339
.....acres	16,405,595	18,884,920	19,926,421	19,229,468	19,228,832	19,378,031	19,376,192	20,283,258
Harvested croplandfarms	69,585	71,698	77,808	72,316	74,240	80,396	86,837	92,385
.....acres	12,980,113	13,137,184	12,850,509	12,449,272	12,158,832	11,655,304	12,725,378	12,433,661
Irrigated landfarms	3,613	3,304	3,108	2,891	2,914	2,823	2,037	2,136
.....acres	1,199,981	1,032,973	921,113	881,924	708,864	534,795	402,914	320,387
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	7,512,926	4,983,255	5,466,009	5,367,813	4,303,148	3,644,988	3,606,856	3,310,781
Average per farmdollars	69,677	46,661	49,250	54,297	43,873	34,353	32,076	28,799
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	3,494,938	1,992,446	2,389,939	2,307,009	1,861,613	1,460,850	1,546,664	1,391,659
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	4,017,988	2,990,809	3,076,070	3,060,803	2,441,535	2,184,138	2,060,191	1,919,122
Farms by value of sales ² :								
Less than \$2,500	39,479	36,109	32,948	25,039	20,638	23,075	26,779	20,351
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10,172	11,663	15,480	13,981	13,881	15,353	16,764	17,420
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12,872	15,249	17,107	15,962	16,350	17,881	17,693	20,206
\$10,000 to \$24,999	16,261	18,087	18,748	17,863	18,998	20,749	20,144	24,264
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10,563	9,342	9,159	8,801	10,090	11,212	11,909	14,847
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,634	6,931	6,738	6,529	7,525	8,943	10,004	10,969
\$100,000 to \$499,999	8,647	7,784	9,115	8,994	9,573	8,399	8,713	6,591
\$500,000 or more	3,197	1,632	1,691	1,691	1,027	493	413	270
Farms by type of organization:								
Family or individual	94,818	98,435	99,050	87,919	86,776	94,574	99,370	101,807
Partnership	8,202	5,563	8,402	7,708	8,537	9,050	10,733	11,401
Corporation	3,063	2,174	2,748	2,543	2,283	2,096	2,020	1,558
Other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	1,742	625	786	690	486	385	324	197
Principal operator by days of work off farm ³ :								
None	37,445	46,248	38,856	36,025	38,371	40,016	41,586	45,595
Any	70,380	60,549	65,903	57,118	53,243	58,409	61,466	63,617
200 days or more	45,621	45,295	48,391	41,378	37,799	40,925	41,189	41,811
Principal operator by primary occupation:								
Farming	45,031	61,035	47,507	44,751	49,248	53,694	58,511	60,765
Other	62,794	45,762	63,479	54,109	48,834	52,411	53,936	54,198
Average age of principal operator years	57.1	56.0	54.4	54.7	53.8	52.9	51.0	50.6
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	6,135,205	4,578,834	4,354,355	4,214,996	3,395,093	2,804,630	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased (see text)\$1,000	761,333	546,196	588,488	574,610	469,893	397,299	383,293	395,651
Feed purchased\$1,000	1,383,506	1,136,939	1,077,369	1,056,896	751,669	552,814	593,598	510,582
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ⁴\$1,000	671,131	355,973	357,629	345,941	301,298	239,254	255,645	208,886
Gasoline, fuels, and oils\$1,000	412,227	205,423	216,771	208,015	193,235	176,852	258,582	159,754
Hired farm labor ⁶\$1,000	325,526	287,744	261,304	253,888	190,051	163,868	141,232	115,205
Interest expense\$1,000	388,746	362,803	330,315	312,483	288,478	277,614	393,388	(NA)
Chemicals ⁴\$1,000	250,883	190,396	237,981	230,054	170,477	135,348	130,122	88,879
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	58,645	64,862	72,236	67,198	68,413	73,738	81,927	84,365
.....number	4,292,702	4,460,495	4,353,214	4,312,716	4,165,357	4,158,226	4,664,498	4,813,408
Beef cowsfarms	51,289	56,057	62,009	57,935	58,024	61,049	67,102	70,381
.....number	2,089,181	2,108,452	2,048,277	2,023,187	1,876,845	1,818,969	1,933,477	2,056,924
Milk cowsfarms	2,621	3,975	4,351	4,175	5,626	7,712	11,320	13,829
.....number	110,358	162,469	173,340	174,669	215,920	242,039	267,753	248,301
Cattle and calves soldfarms	52,060	57,957	70,736	66,350	67,044	73,947	79,806	84,940
.....number	2,462,198	2,491,094	2,528,572	2,494,869	2,349,975	2,514,867	2,496,490	2,904,931
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	2,999	3,449	5,593	5,419	11,894	14,985	22,589	32,616
.....number	3,101,469	2,909,609	3,529,932	3,546,972	2,908,509	2,581,954	3,186,443	3,837,579
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	2,971	3,752	5,299	5,183	12,133	15,306	23,444	33,370
.....number	9,073,468	9,288,986	8,524,793	8,540,647	5,547,530	4,804,123	5,894,874	6,441,818
Layers inventory (see text)farms	6,099	4,625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	7,249,420	6,978,102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	644	812	481	451	341	316	356	363
.....number	279,937,641	273,135,329	205,091,259	202,970,912	82,990,149	40,991,224	21,466,182	17,576,578

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All farms	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
				1997	1992	1987	1982	1978
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain	farms 15,375	15,655	19,162	18,417	21,382	25,921	25,323	31,616
.....	acres 3,256,195	2,677,491	2,555,175	2,477,027	2,445,489	2,069,238	1,892,882	2,201,675
.....	bushels 439,417,160	268,224,535	282,896,729	274,381,159	308,784,225	218,093,408	178,722,297	184,789,444
Corn for silage or greenchop	farms 1,704	1,803	2,030	2,021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 69,353	71,185	75,674	76,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	tons 1,041,591	942,789	1,042,596	1,048,825	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, all	farms 7,640	8,475	12,928	12,394	16,970	12,683	29,507	17,564
.....	acres 881,227	811,586	1,091,842	1,055,664	1,319,575	750,208	2,044,839	824,801
.....	bushels 36,293,751	34,888,755	53,942,442	52,178,347	58,143,633	31,939,663	68,338,008	27,277,966
Winter wheat for grain	farms 7,640	8,475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 881,227	811,586	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	bushels 36,293,751	34,888,755	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 459	1,300	1,283	1,254	2,402	3,480	3,935	1,934
.....	acres 7,894	25,037	24,209	23,339	46,262	66,414	67,913	28,187
.....	bushels 382,149	1,290,427	1,382,377	1,312,430	2,363,989	2,712,492	2,840,632	1,133,786
Barley for grain	farms 56	170	94	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 1,531	3,847	2,729	2,664	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	bushels 59,238	174,512	140,765	137,135	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 1,085	2,020	3,714	3,566	6,998	9,258	10,317	13,769
.....	acres 105,483	204,007	325,237	311,511	586,559	625,047	746,547	809,384
.....	bushels 9,922,598	16,603,961	28,028,020	26,886,487	53,046,665	50,759,064	54,910,329	59,901,303
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 174	197	253	253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 6,533	4,993	7,555	7,581	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	tons 79,962	47,636	86,068	86,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 18,388	21,687	25,387	24,201	26,600	33,489	38,820	41,137
.....	acres 4,672,738	5,001,858	4,853,457	4,671,797	4,208,729	4,827,272	5,286,129	5,167,477
.....	bushels 165,947,323	165,048,253	170,632,278	164,562,845	150,385,224	148,272,506	153,691,360	140,836,086
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	farms 2	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres (D)	725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	cwt (D)	27,177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 511	596	906	863	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 377,960	395,880	394,153	388,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	bales 723,043	608,280	561,229	554,360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco	farms 111	338	495	481	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 1,577	1,460	2,782	2,677	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	pounds 3,557,585	3,228,580	6,677,460	6,430,795	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 57,184	57,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 3,895,401	4,142,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	tons, dry 7,182,875	8,101,048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 435	445	457	418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 179,300	167,716	124,258	117,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	cwt 12,266,645	9,965,432	6,596,060	6,261,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 28	62	24	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 1,963	3,668	(D)	1,523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	pounds 2,456,340	3,158,151	(D)	2,098,065	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 1	1	1	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	pounds (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁷	farms 1,335	938	948	858	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 32,837	27,404	21,804	21,007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes	farms 313	156	83	79	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 6,127	5,256	5,982	5,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 46	60	20	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 54	73	39	39	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards	farms 1,345	1,267	1,127	1,004	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....	acres 22,447	21,755	17,359	16,525	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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

² Data for 1982 and 1978 exclude abnormal farms.

³ Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁴ Data for 1982 and 1978 do not include cost of custom applications; data for chemicals include the cost of lime for 1978.

⁵ Data for 1997 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

⁶ 1982 data do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁷ Data for 2002 and prior years do not include potatoes, sweet potatoes, or ginseng.