

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years

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

All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Farmsnumber	2,042,220	2,109,303	2,204,792	2,128,982	2,215,876	1,911,859	1,925,300	2,087,759
Land in farmsacres	900,217,576	914,527,657	922,095,840	938,279,056	954,752,502	931,795,255	945,531,506	964,470,625
Average size of farmacres	441	434	418	441	431	487	491	462
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farmdollars	1,311,808	1,075,491	791,138	537,833	416,007	449,748	357,056	289,387
Average per acredollars	2,976	2,481	1,892	1,213	967	933	727	627
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹\$1,000	272,297,744	243,966,688	194,783,471	136,624,880	119,302,923	110,256,802	93,316,496	85,801,360
Average per farmdollars	133,363	115,706	88,357	66,570	53,861	57,678	48,605	41,227
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	273,325	223,634	232,849	179,346	205,390	153,515	166,496	183,257
10 to 49 acres	583,001	589,549	620,283	563,772	530,902	410,833	387,711	412,437
50 to 179 acres	564,763	634,047	660,530	658,705	694,489	592,972	584,146	644,849
180 to 499 acres	315,017	346,038	368,368	388,617	428,215	402,769	427,648	478,294
500 to 999 acres	133,321	142,555	149,713	161,552	179,447	175,690	186,387	200,058
1,000 to 1,999 acres	87,666	91,273	92,656	99,020	103,007	101,468	101,923	102,078
2,000 acres or more	85,127	82,207	80,393	77,970	74,426	74,612	70,989	66,786
Total croplandfarms	1,475,627	1,551,654	1,685,339	1,751,450	1,857,239	1,661,395	1,697,137	1,848,574
.....acres	396,433,817	389,690,414	406,424,909	434,164,946	445,324,765	431,144,896	435,365,878	443,318,233
Harvested cropland.....farms	1,245,548	1,288,875	1,328,004	1,362,608	1,545,681	1,410,606	1,491,786	1,643,633
.....acres	320,041,858	314,964,600	309,607,601	302,697,252	318,937,401	309,395,475	295,936,976	282,223,880
Irrigated landfarms	294,235	296,303	301,028	299,583	308,818	279,442	279,357	291,620
.....acres	58,013,907	55,822,231	56,599,305	55,311,236	56,289,172	55,058,128	49,404,030	46,386,201
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text)\$1,000	388,522,695	394,644,481	297,220,491	200,646,355	201,379,812	196,864,649	162,608,334	136,048,516
Average per farmdollars	190,245	187,097	134,807	94,245	90,880	102,970	84,459	65,165
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1,000	193,546,699	212,397,074	143,657,928	95,151,954	100,668,794	98,055,656	75,228,256	58,931,085
Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,000	194,975,996	182,247,407	153,562,563	105,494,401	100,711,018	98,808,993	87,380,078	77,117,431
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	791,701	788,310	900,327	826,558	693,026	496,514	422,767	490,296
\$2,500 to \$4,999	185,341	191,422	200,302	213,326	265,667	228,477	231,867	262,918
\$5,000 to \$9,999	208,074	214,245	218,531	223,168	267,575	237,975	251,883	274,972
\$10,000 to \$24,999	228,218	244,954	248,285	256,157	293,639	274,400	301,804	326,166
\$25,000 to \$49,999	144,113	152,873	154,732	157,906	179,629	170,705	195,354	219,636
\$50,000 to \$99,999	119,434	129,366	125,456	140,479	163,510	158,160	187,760	218,050
\$100,000 to \$499,999	218,771	232,955	240,873	240,746	282,422	277,194	286,951	263,698
\$500,000 or more	146,568	155,178	116,286	70,642	70,408	68,794	46,914	32,023
Farms by legal status for tax purposes:								
Family or individual	1,751,126	1,828,946	1,906,335	1,909,598	1,922,590	1,643,424	1,653,491	1,809,324
Partnership	130,173	137,987	174,247	129,593	185,607	169,462	186,806	199,559
Corporation	116,840	106,716	96,074	73,752	90,432	84,002	72,567	66,969
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc.	44,081	35,654	28,136	16,039	17,247	14,971	12,436	11,907
Total farm production expenses ¹\$1,000	326,390,640	328,939,354	241,113,666	173,199,216	157,752,357	150,590,993	130,779,261	108,138,053
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased or leased\$1,000	44,934,482	41,586,018	38,003,682	27,420,965	22,213,229	21,614,559	23,043,431	19,344,645
Feed purchased\$1,000	62,625,223	75,706,467	49,095,106	31,694,850	34,749,048	32,759,966	24,084,507	19,163,364
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ²\$1,000	23,543,177	28,532,713	18,107,194	9,751,460	9,999,752	9,597,128	8,204,324	6,684,944
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased\$1,000	13,474,121	16,573,188	12,912,179	6,675,419	6,715,936	6,371,515	6,120,452	5,277,227
Hired farm labor\$1,000	31,635,981	26,986,669	21,877,661	18,568,446	15,457,896	14,841,036	12,961,639	10,866,236
Interest expense\$1,000	12,396,094	12,123,573	10,880,731	9,571,577	9,392,431	8,928,107	8,111,337	8,158,268
Chemicals purchased\$1,000	17,585,163	16,459,840	10,074,914	7,608,921	7,934,936	7,581,424	6,133,705	4,690,243
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventoryfarms	882,692	913,246	963,669	1,018,359	1,188,659	1,046,863	1,074,349	1,176,346
.....number	93,648,041	89,994,614	96,347,858	95,947,994	99,907,017	98,989,244	96,135,825	95,847,279
Beef cowsfarms	729,046	727,906	764,984	796,436	899,756	804,595	803,241	841,778
.....number	31,722,039	28,956,553	32,834,801	33,398,271	34,193,965	34,066,615	32,545,976	31,652,593
Milk cowsfarms	54,599	64,098	69,890	91,989	125,041	116,874	155,339	202,068
.....number	9,539,631	9,252,272	9,266,574	9,103,959	9,139,812	9,095,439	9,491,818	10,084,697
Cattle and calves soldfarms	711,827	740,978	798,290	851,971	1,121,003	1,011,809	1,034,189	1,150,523
.....number	69,812,061	69,759,776	74,071,936	73,509,165	75,005,184	74,089,046	70,562,908	72,603,841
Hogs and pigs inventoryfarms	66,439	63,246	75,442	78,895	124,889	109,754	191,347	243,398
.....number	72,381,007	66,026,785	67,786,318	60,405,103	61,188,149	61,206,236	57,563,118	52,271,120
Hogs and pigs soldfarms	64,871	55,882	74,789	82,028	112,377	102,106	188,167	238,819
.....number	235,282,860	199,115,305	206,807,181	184,997,686	142,956,569	142,611,882	111,326,807	96,569,359
Layers inventory (see text)farms	232,500	198,272	145,615	98,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....number	368,241,393	350,715,978	349,772,508	334,435,155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens soldfarms	32,751	32,935	27,091	32,006	27,737	23,937	23,949	27,645
.....number	8,889,759,283	8,463,194,794	8,914,828,122	8,500,313,357	7,366,526,456	6,741,927,110	5,428,589,485	4,361,975,630
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grainfarms	304,801	348,530	347,760	348,590	450,520	430,711	503,935	627,602
.....acres	84,738,562	87,413,045	86,248,542	68,230,523	71,088,454	69,796,716	69,339,869	58,701,505
.....bushels	14,773,403,430	10,333,410,157	12,738,519,330	8,613,061,814	8,732,478,098	8,578,634,770	8,697,362,804	6,725,001,837
Corn for silage or greenchopfarms	59,500	86,365	84,317	103,621	123,325	119,308	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	6,109,414	7,196,628	5,979,661	6,683,995	5,771,666	5,727,594	(NA)	(NA)
.....tons	120,443,839	113,153,064	104,224,795	97,132,738	89,219,954	88,380,934	(NA)	(NA)
Wheat for grain, allfarms	104,792	147,632	160,810	169,528	252,922	243,668	292,464	352,237
.....acres	38,811,620	49,040,226	50,932,969	45,519,976	62,084,743	58,836,344	59,089,470	53,224,174
.....bushels	1,788,456,593	2,185,108,114	1,993,648,378	1,577,005,140	2,329,807,815	2,204,026,684	2,206,729,476	1,887,103,964
Durum wheat for grainfarms	3,093	3,515	3,723	5,325	7,070	6,887	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	2,206,169	2,139,150	2,138,734	2,717,841	3,202,949	3,099,732	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	63,273,647	86,110,218	73,201,303	81,170,077	88,251,199	85,802,466	(NA)	(NA)
Other spring wheat for grain (see text)farms	20,076	25,794	28,733	30,333	47,193	46,268	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres	10,419,033	12,177,715	13,008,266	13,498,842	18,024,687	17,488,113	(NA)	(NA)
.....bushels	440,770,319	521,904,259	475,906,637	391,500,672	537,892,213	519,176,940	(NA)	(NA)

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Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2017 and Earlier Census Years (continued)

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All farms	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage		
						1997	1992	1987
Selected crops harvested: - Con.								
Wheat for grain, all - Con.								
Winter wheat for grain	farms 86,596	126,085	136,103	141,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 26,186,417	34,723,361	35,785,969	29,303,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 1,284,412,628	1,577,093,637	1,444,540,438	1,104,334,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	farms 19,842	35,038	42,558	63,763	94,811	89,606	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 814,140	1,078,698	1,509,149	1,996,916	2,739,810	2,680,958	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 50,406,624	65,646,178	89,508,669	109,840,449	154,654,269	151,327,329	(NA)	(NA)
Barley for grain	farms 11,188	18,667	19,848	24,747	43,269	41,930	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,206,808	3,283,905	3,521,957	4,015,654	6,108,682	5,944,951	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 161,624,924	215,059,358	207,089,232	214,800,035	346,413,080	336,435,009	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for grain	farms 15,339	20,037	26,242	33,172	50,860	49,397	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 5,070,159	5,142,099	6,769,834	6,755,326	8,647,643	8,470,353	(NA)	(NA)
	bushels 354,737,072	264,337,547	482,452,865	333,485,523	569,984,239	559,070,136	(NA)	(NA)
Sorghum for silage or greenchop	farms 3,064	5,288	5,625	7,042	7,962	7,918	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 335,647	466,645	450,041	406,031	384,320	382,024	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 4,434,915	5,639,863	5,763,450	3,904,834	4,669,985	4,640,291	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms 303,191	302,963	279,110	317,611	367,300	354,692	381,000	441,899
	acres 90,149,480	76,104,780	63,915,821	72,399,844	67,773,274	66,147,726	56,351,304	55,291,205
	bushels 4,356,024,186	2,926,822,777	2,582,423,697	2,707,719,216	2,560,330,804	2,504,307,294	2,053,163,265	1,838,053,979
Dry edible beans, excluding chickpeas and limas (see text)	farms 5,408	6,896	6,236	8,647	11,348	10,911	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,470,136	1,642,797	1,455,549	1,691,775	1,731,898	1,691,899	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 30,625,986	31,424,290	25,353,900	29,687,475	27,888,555	27,223,851	(NA)	(NA)
Cotton, all	farms 16,149	18,155	18,605	24,805	33,640	31,493	34,812	43,046
	acres 11,401,965	9,384,080	10,493,238	12,456,162	13,897,404	13,235,236	10,961,720	9,826,081
	bales 20,413,180	16,534,302	18,898,128	17,145,345	18,706,703	17,878,743	15,370,310	13,280,143
Tobacco	farms 6,237	10,014	16,234	56,977	93,530	89,706	124,270	136,682
	acres 331,552	342,932	359,846	428,631	837,363	838,530	831,231	633,310
	pounds 715,446,022	766,609,252	778,301,825	873,350,412	1,744,192,909	1,747,702,321	1,697,831,562	1,215,221,360
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	farms 799,627	813,583	869,534	884,831	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 56,858,622	55,775,162	61,455,483	64,041,337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	tons, dry equivalent 140,229,237	127,345,016	155,393,762	154,976,932	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice	farms 4,637	5,591	6,084	8,046	9,627	9,291	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 2,395,054	2,693,759	2,758,792	3,197,641	3,161,576	3,122,120	(NA)	(NA)
	cwt 176,274,671	200,239,288	198,538,690	210,358,014	184,412,536	182,231,457	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflower seed, all	farms 3,389	4,953	6,403	7,506	11,176	11,067	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,324,030	1,877,145	2,000,153	1,833,435	(D)	2,534,708	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 2,086,855,236	2,728,794,260	2,820,962,445	2,042,510,240	(D)	3,198,790,249	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets for sugar	farms 3,496	3,913	4,022	5,027	7,057	7,102	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,150,682	1,249,481	1,253,817	1,365,769	1,449,819	1,453,824	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 35,488,911	35,417,494	31,937,325	27,793,126	29,740,760	29,775,479	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane for sugar	farms 627	666	692	953	1,079	973	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 843,454	(D)	846,666	978,393	890,193	875,180	(NA)	(NA)
	tons 30,949,944	30,269,684	31,127,405	35,319,767	31,986,258	31,549,377	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nuts	farms 6,379	6,561	6,182	8,640	12,788	12,221	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,786,767	1,621,631	1,200,564	1,223,093	1,377,097	1,352,155	(NA)	(NA)
	pounds 7,114,985,199	6,660,492,899	3,703,138,887	3,137,586,781	3,434,648,039	3,377,142,874	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale ³ (see text)	farms 74,276	72,045	69,172	54,391	60,631	53,727	61,969	60,819
	acres 4,365,149	4,492,086	4,682,588	3,698,744	3,906,983	3,773,219	3,782,358	3,467,563
Potatoes	farms 16,554	21,079	15,014	9,408	11,649	10,523	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 1,133,128	1,168,199	1,131,963	1,266,087	1,372,458	1,355,241	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	farms 4,798	2,202	1,910	2,366	1,976	1,770	(NA)	(NA)
	acres 172,983	125,726	105,284	92,310	80,953	77,384	(NA)	(NA)
Land in orchards ⁴	farms 111,955	106,488	115,935	113,649	123,420	106,069	116,207	120,434
	acres 5,665,600	5,199,729	5,039,476	5,330,439	5,349,292	5,158,064	4,770,778	4,560,163

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.