Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years [For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see intro	2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage				
_					1997	1992	1987	1982	
Farms	46,030	47,383	47,606	49,366	41,095	42,222	44,799	51,859	
	8,302,444	8,103,925	8,624,829	8,753,625	8,228,226	8,297,011	8,676,336	9,436,854	
	180	171	181	177	200	197	194	182	
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹: Average per farmdollars Average per acredollars	776,719	720,538	490,064	356,425	384,979	320,488	232,374	205,034	
	4,306	4,213	2,675	1,975	1,920	1,636	1,198	1,125	
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1 \$1,000 Average per farm dollars	3,339,696	3,120,923	2,005,079	1,927,837	1,718,392	1,388,837	1,350,875	1,396,216	
	72,561	65,870	43,303	39,063	41,835	33,090	30,249	26,976	
Farms by size: 1 to 9 acres 10 to 49 acres 50 to 179 acres 180 to 499 acres 500 to 999 acres 1,000 to 1,999 acres 2,000 acres or more	3,343	3,530	3,027	3,860	2,864	3,357	3,408	4,158	
	14,425	15,177	14,082	13,908	10,283	10,361	10,753	12,762	
	16,850	17,589	18,315	19,138	15,938	16,293	17,553	20,489	
	7,864	7,777	8,613	8,730	8,293	8,422	9,252	10,393	
	2,173	1,985	2,183	2,465	2,469	2,517	2,624	2,837	
	1,009	960	1,023	937	923	987	968	956	
	366	365	363	328	325	285	264	264	
Total croplandfarms	34,525	35,954	41,047	43,124	37,177	38,779	41,491	48,550	
	2,990,561	3,274,137	4,194,158	4,525,365	4,322,425	4,311,840	4,363,106	4,559,543	
Harvested cropland farms acres farms Irrigated land farms acres acres	31,041	30,563	33,791	36,326	32,124	34,255	37,332	44,259	
	2,618,291	2,544,997	2,623,776	2,600,860	2,520,961	2,449,013	2,406,976	2,779,282	
	2,456	2,347	3,331	2,509	2,337	2,312	3,054	1,839	
	68,651	82,187	98,913	86,388	84,926	61,759	78,681	42,824	
Market value of agricultural products sold (see text) \$1,000 Average per farm dollars	3,753,287	2,906,188	2,360,911	2,394,779	2,343,518	2,055,958	1,588,770	1,606,915	
	81,540	61,334	49,593	48,511	57,027	48,694	35,464	30,986	
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000 Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	1,360,146	858,301	718,219	794,010	780,099	696,489	465,379	629,303	
	2,393,141	2,047,887	1,642,692	1,600,769	1,563,418	1,359,469	1,123,391	977,612	
Farms by value of sales ² : Less than \$2,500 \$2,500 to \$4,999 \$5,000 to \$9,999 \$10,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 or \$99,999	17,103 5,063 6,436 6,940 3,837 2,220 2,665 1,766	20,191 5,391 6,191 6,597 3,399 1,886 2,347 1,381	18,424 6,669 6,946 6,737 3,060 1,849 2,845 1,076	16,355 8,018 8,170 7,444 3,160 2,057 3,066 1,096	10,999 6,754 7,203 7,011 3,042 1,965 3,035 1,086	10,546 7,161 7,687 7,402 3,266 1,946 3,439 775	13,622 7,995 7,580 6,895 3,028 2,102 3,110 467	15,842 9,509 8,558 7,753 3,660 2,617 3,541	
Farms by legal status for tax purposes (see text): Family or individual	40,156	41,173	42,851	43,445	35,824	36,866	39,344	45,731	
	2,874	3,625	2,757	3,866	3,425	3,786	4,004	4,765	
	2,550	2,269	1,723	1,787	1,620	1,327	1,173	1,023	
	450	316	275	268	226	243	278	340	
Principal operator by days of work off farm *: None	17,648	16,385	21,530	17,351	15,297	15,878	16,275	17,984	
	28,382	30,998	26,076	29,047	23,215	23,465	25,826	29,561	
	18,876	19,236	18,747	20,961	16,433	16,795	18,291	20,648	
Principal operator by primary occupation: Farming Other	20,740	20,294	25,500	20,479	18,410	19,571	20,617	24,090	
	25,290	27,089	22,106	28,887	22,685	22,651	24,182	27,769	
Average age of principal operatoryears	59.5	58.2	56.7	55.8	56.4	55.6	54.5	53.3	
Total farm production expenses 1\$1,000	3,494,672	2,711,537	2,045,598	2,064,754	1,924,690	1,699,051	1,334,393	(NA)	
Selected farm production expenses ': Livestock and poultry purchased or leased	424,722	323,214	277,272	230,527	208,871	230,888	169,333	161,849	
	1,067,299	727,195	507,692	690,144	649,741	461,703	360,422	295,721	
Fertilizer, lime, and soil \$1,000	235,173	189,325	114,943	119,804	113,688	108,844	92,982	116,005	
	190,119	156,818	84,041	85,685	79,765	79,225	64,261	98,762	
	354,999	293,996	242,131	205,151	192,798	188,671	145,364	126,893	
	128,243	123,286	90,843	93,671	85,752	85,120	83,237	105,832	
	116,536	76,060	67,506	73,198	69,655	64,381	51,382	50,270	
Livestock and poultry: Cattle and calves inventory	23,911	25,957	27,733	31,862	26,547	27,638	28,325	33,114	
	1,631,882	1,566,217	1,622,767	1,702,675	1,639,058	1,653,191	1,510,920	1,672,006	
	19,596	21,907	23,030	25,273	21,753	22,519	22,228	25,556	
	657,320	695,061	680,610	695,774	688,541	674,068	581,298	617,787	
	1,168	1,154	1,580	1,887	1,671	2,369	3,372	5,577	
	94,105	98,917	114,724	124,762	121,823	140,033	157,128	173,418	
Cattle and calves soldfarms number	20,091	21,884	23,970	30,761	26,350	26,917	28,222	31,287	
	845,381	880,607	931,879	958,985	906,897	855,634	859,708	814,465	
Hogs and pigs inventory farms number Hogs and pigs sold farms number number	1,265	1,240	855	1,533	1,170	2,085	3,711	7,239	
	239,899	371,176	409,284	389,752	385,755	412,736	345,058	474,393	
	919	964	834	1,007	823	1,596	3,016	5,282	
	559,658	965,117	847,002	717,263	710,320	715,452	642,863	804,740	

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Table 1. Historical Highlights: 2012 and Earlier Census Years (continued)

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All farms		2012	2007	2002	1997	Not adjusted for coverage			
		-				1997	1992	1987	1982
Livestock and poultry: - Con.									
Layers inventory (see text)	farms	5,656	3,464	1,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Broilers and other meat-	number	2,897,238	3,208,912	3,222,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
type chickens sold		807	672	855	696	671	640	567	559
numbe	number	237,669,378	249,184,367	266,103,921	259,406,650	258,684,455	201,697,436	142,971,809	120,078,522
Selected crops harvested:									
Corn for grain	farms acres	2,857 338.132	3,063 401.070	3,123 335.692	4,646 322.456	4,395 318,208	6,169 361.326	8,162 341.412	15,288 611.032
	bushels	33,984,647	34,811,582	22,656,691	29,903,600	29,480,704	40,633,506	20,941,850	58,283,179
Corn for silage or greenchop		1,636	2,013	2,305	2,716	2,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres tons	113,059 1,707,869	126,295 1,717,974	139,420 1,637,114	145,166 1,929,828	143,216 1,901,978	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
Wheat for grain, all	farms	1,601	1,348	1,793	2,969	2,888	3,670	4,339	6,594
-	acres bushels	241,979 14.804.947	200,342 12,345,217	174,887 10,213,252	259,597 15,689,579	257,063 15,504,394	241,042 12,598,036	188,428 8,065,684	296,840 10,873,751
Winter wheat for grain	farms	1,599	1,348	1,793	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
-	acres	240,208	200,342	174,887	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Spring wheat for grain	bushels farms	14,701,510 5	12,345,217	10,213,252	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
3	acres	1,771	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats for grain	bushels	103,437 144	230	- 364	(NA) 400	(NA) 373	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	acres	3,456	4,893	5,529	5,311	5,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
busi	bushels	238,928 594	286,954	317,353 781	286,668	283,852	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
Barley for grainfai	acres	37,023	530 27,833	43.955	874 52,033	854 51.096	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
bus	bushels	2,905,047	2,008,416	3,178,359	3,910,873	3,842,722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	farms acres	96 4.043	43 1.497	88 2.221	185 7.262	174 7.150	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	bushels	258,000	63,521	95,489	472,157	465,311	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
		126	87	108	31	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres tons	4,129 52,012	2,573 17,516	2,788 24,286	964 10,107	964 10,107	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
Soybeans for beans	farms	2,512	2,104	2,576	3,229	3,135	3,709	4,586	7,247
	acres bushels	578,852 22,680,879	490,396 12,624,547	467,210 11,025,598	492,257 11,562,591	487,001 11,406,611	507,878 15,742,573	459,924 10,421,715	612,399 17,698,179
Cotton, all	farms	267	196	318	451	441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	89,072 191,513	59,243 101,745	92,809 93.523	99,597	98,244	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	bales farms	191,513	895	93,523 4.184	138,473 6.067	137,085 5,870	(NA) 8.444	9.750	(NA) 13.485
	acres	22,982	20,881	30,308	53,770	54,035	55,419	45,121	64,005
	pounds	53,179,801	43,338,678	64,751,252	115,057,009	115,735,107	113,240,049	80,582,854	122,488,095
Forage-land used for all hay and									
haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (see text)	forms	25.929	25.986	27.544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
(see text)	acres	1,313,197	1,305,624	1,377,442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
0 "	tons, dry	2,805,640	2,464,783	2,534,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
DOI	tarms acres	11 117	24 137	14 190	11 (D)	10 71	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	pounds	80,625	79,944	29,122	(D)	76,475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peanuts for nutsfa	farms acres	170 20,208	180 21,631	482 57,373	718 75,271	702 74,867	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	pounds	81,182,563	52,797,144	125,121,968	191,071,141	190,590,588	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale		, ,	, ,	, ,		, ,	()	, , ,	(***
(see text) 7	farms acres	1,656 22,454	1,616 27,887	1,195 24.377	1,115 25.964	1,008 25,479	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
Potatoes		762	596	302	405	358	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes	acres	5,423 120	5,408 83	5,774 133	5,974	5,925 103	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
	tarms acres	120 136	330	133 456	113 582	103 606	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)
Land in orchards	farms	1,365	1,277	1,281	1,311	1,080	1,387	1,463	1,714
	acres	19,114	19,713	26,354	28,806	27,650	32,963	34,027	36,274

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

Data for 1982 exclude abnormal farms.

Data for 1997 and prior years do not include imputation for item nonresponse.
Data for 1982 exclude cost of custom applications.

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

Data for 1992 and prior years exclude cost of lime and manure.

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