

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

Table 2.—ALL LAND IN FARMS AND SPECIFIED USES OF LAND, FOR THE UNITED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1850 TO 1945

(Figures for regions, divisions, and States in tables 8 to 16 and 18)

ITEM AND YEAR	FARMS REPORTING					ACRES					
	Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census		Total	Percent of all land in farms	Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census		Average		
			Number	Percent			Number	Percent	Per farm (based on all farms)	Per farm reporting	
All land in farms.....	1945..	5,859,189	100.0	-237,630	-3.9	1,141,615,364	100.0	80,762,980	7.6	194.8	194.8
	1940..	6,096,799	100.0	-715,551	-10.5	1,060,852,374	100.0	6,337,263	0.6	174.0	174.0
	1935..	6,812,350	100.0	523,702	8.3	1,054,515,111	100.0	67,744,085	6.9	154.8	154.8
	1930..	6,288,648	100.0	-82,992	-1.3	986,771,016	100.0	62,451,664	6.8	156.9	156.9
	1925..	6,371,640	100.0	-76,703	-1.2	924,319,352	100.0	31,564,365	-3.3	145.1	145.1
	1920..	6,448,345	100.0	86,841	1.4	955,883,715	100.0	77,085,390	8.8	148.2	148.2
	1910..	6,381,502	100.0	624,130	10.9	878,798,325	100.0	40,206,551	4.8	138.1	138.1
	1900..	5,737,372	100.0	1,172,731	25.7	858,591,774	100.0	215,375,155	34.6	146.2	146.2
	1890..	4,564,841	100.0	555,734	13.9	623,218,619	100.0	87,156,784	16.3	136.5	136.5
	1880..	4,008,907	100.0	1,348,922	50.7	536,081,855	100.0	128,346,794	31.5	133.7	133.7
	1870..	2,859,985	100.0	615,908	30.1	407,735,041	100.0	522,503	0.1	153.3	153.3
	1860..	2,044,077	100.0	595,004	41.1	407,212,538	100.0	113,651,924	38.7	199.2	199.2
	1850..	1,449,073	100.0			293,560,614	100.0			202.6	202.6
Cropland harvested ¹	1944..	5,363,480	91.5	-349,765	-6.1	352,865,765	30.9	31,623,355	9.8	60.2	65.8
	1939..	5,713,255	93.7	-655,933	-10.3	321,242,430	30.3	25,618,254	8.7	52.7	56.2
	1934..	6,369,188	93.5	407,498	6.3	295,624,176	28.0	63,617,915	-17.7	43.4	46.4
	1929..	5,961,692	94.8			359,242,091	36.4	14,692,824	4.3	57.1	60.3
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	344,549,287	37.3	-3,999,282	-1.1	54.1	(*)
	1919..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	348,603,729	36.5	37,310,347	12.0	54.1	(*)
	1909..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	311,293,382	35.4	28,075,102	9.9	48.9	(*)
	1899..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	285,218,280	33.8	63,512,716	28.9	49.4	(*)
	1889..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	219,735,564	35.3	53,518,980	32.2	48.1	(*)
	1879..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	168,186,584	31.0			41.5	(*)
Crop failure.....	1944..	385,727	6.6	-218,677	-36.2	10,297,172	0.9	-10,282,845	-50.0	1.8	26.7
	1939..	604,404	9.9	-644,848	-51.6	20,580,017	1.9	-43,101,760	-87.7	3.4	34.1
	1934..	1,249,252	18.3	697,930	128.8	63,681,777	6.0	50,975,194	401.2	9.3	51.0
	1929..	551,322	8.8			12,706,583	1.3	-311,366	-2.4	2.0	23.0
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	13,017,949	1.4			2.0	(*)
Cropland, idle or fallow.....	1944..	1,107,224	18.9	-544,995	-33.0	40,082,105	3.5	-16,846,551	-29.6	6.8	36.2
	1939..	1,652,219	27.1	-379,747	-16.7	56,928,656	5.4	899,678	1.6	9.3	34.5
	1934..	2,031,966	29.8	647,374	46.8	56,028,978	5.3	14,741,762	35.7	8.2	27.6
	1929..	1,384,592	22.0			41,287,216	4.2	7,394,530	21.8	6.6	29.8
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	33,892,686	3.7			5.3	(*)
Cropland used only for pasture ²	1944..	1,644,535	28.1			47,449,184	4.2			8.1	28.9
Plowable pasture ³	1939..	3,290,587	54.0	425,793	14.9	131,379,940	12.4	32,800,902	33.3	21.5	39.9
	1934..	2,864,794	42.1	159,818	5.9	98,579,036	9.3	-10,580,876	-9.7	14.5	34.4
	1929..	2,704,976	43.0	140,457	5.5	109,159,914	11.1	-4,407,584	-3.9	17.4	40.4
	1924..	2,564,519	40.2			113,567,496	12.3			17.8	44.3
Woodland pastured.....	1944..	1,516,830	25.9	-669,278	-30.6	95,075,246	8.3	-13,020,465	-12.0	16.2	62.7
	1934..	2,186,106	32.1	254,738	13.2	108,095,711	10.3	22,773,811	26.7	15.9	49.4
	1929..	1,931,368	30.7	153,484	8.6	85,321,900	8.6	8,617,954	11.2	13.6	44.2
	1924..	1,777,884	27.9			76,703,946	8.3			12.0	43.1
Pasture other than cropland and woodland.....	1944..	2,927,813	50.0			481,016,668	42.1			82.1	164.3
Pasture other than plowable and woodland.....	1934..	2,019,431	29.6	254,428	14.4	311,225,652	29.5	41,552,942	15.4	45.7	154.1
	1929..	1,765,003	28.1	153,078	9.5	269,672,710	27.3	51,985,565	23.9	42.9	152.8
	1924..	1,611,925	25.3			217,687,145	23.8			34.2	135.0
Woodland not pastured.....	1944..	1,689,192	28.8	-219,875	-11.5	71,261,183	6.2	-6,118,071	-7.9	12.2	42.2
	1934..	1,909,067	28.0	297,869	18.5	77,379,254	7.3	12,735,429	19.7	11.4	40.5
	1929..	1,611,198	25.6	-25,442	-1.6	64,623,225	6.5	-2,443,390	-3.6	10.3	40.1
	1924..	1,636,640	25.7			67,067,215	7.3			10.5	41.0
All other land ⁴	1944..	5,290,773	90.3	-713,191	-11.9	43,568,041	3.8	-332,484	-0.8	7.4	8.2
	1934..	6,003,964	88.1	1,252,653	28.4	43,900,525	4.2	-856,252	-1.9	6.4	7.5
	1929..	4,751,311	75.6			44,756,777	4.5	-13,076,869	-22.6	7.1	9.4
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	57,833,646	6.3			9.1	(*)
Land other than cropland, plowable pasture, or woodland.....	1939..	5,222,744	85.7			393,543,673	37.1	38,417,496	10.8	64.5	75.4
Total cropland ⁵	1944..	5,587,818	95.0			450,694,228	39.5			76.9	80.9
Land available for crops ⁶	1939..	5,991,303	98.3			530,131,043	50.0	16,217,074	3.2	87.0	88.5
	1934..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	513,913,969	48.7	-8,481,835	-1.6	75.4	(*)
	1929..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	522,393,804	52.9	17,368,404	3.4	83.1	(*)
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	505,027,400	54.6			79.3	(*)
Land used for crops ⁶	1944..	5,381,605	91.8	366,799	-8.4	363,182,837	31.8	21,340,490	6.2	62.0	67.5
	1939..	5,749,404	94.3			341,822,447	32.2	-17,435,506	-4.9	56.1	59.5
	1934..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	359,305,955	34.1	-12,642,721	-3.4	52.7	(*)
	1929..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	371,948,674	37.7	14,581,458	4.0	59.1	(*)
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	357,567,216	38.7			56.1	(*)
Total pasture.....	1944..	4,434,386	75.7			623,541,098	54.6	105,640,697	20.4	106.4	140.6
	1934..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	517,900,401	49.1	53,745,877	11.6	78.0	(*)
	1929..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	464,154,524	47.0	56,195,935	13.8	73.8	(*)
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	407,958,589	44.1			64.0	(*)
Total woodland.....	1944..	2,679,743	45.7			166,336,429	14.6	29,158,771	21.3	28.4	62.1
	1939..	2,902,150	47.6			137,177,658	12.9	-48,297,307	-26.0	22.5	47.3
	1934..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	165,474,965	17.6	35,529,240	23.7	27.2	(*)
	1929..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	149,945,725	15.2	6,174,584	4.3	23.8	(*)
	1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	143,771,181	15.6	-23,959,633	-14.3	22.6	(*)
	1919..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	187,730,794	17.5	-23,134,759	-12.1	26.0	(*)
	1909..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	190,886,553	21.7			30.0	(*)
	1879..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	190,255,744	35.5	30,945,587	19.4	33.2	(*)
	1869..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	159,310,177	39.1			34.9	(*)
Improved land ⁷	1920..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	503,073,007	52.6	24,621,257	5.1	78.0	(*)
	1910..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	478,451,750	54.4	63,953,263	15.4	75.2	(*)
	1900..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	414,498,487	49.4	56,881,732	15.9	72.2	(*)
	1890..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	357,616,755	57.4	72,845,713	25.6	78.3	(*)
	1880..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	284,771,042	53.1	95,849,943	50.7	71.0	(*)
	1870..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	188,921,099	46.3	25,810,379	15.8	71.0	(*)
	1860..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	165,110,720	40.1	50,078,106	44.3	79.8	(*)
	1850..	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	113,052,614	38.5			78.0	(*)

*Not available.

¹Prior to 1924, the total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except for 1919 when 14,502,932 acres of corn cut for forage were excluded (as most of this was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested as grain).²Land used only for pasture which had been plowed within 7 years.³Land used only for pasture which could have been plowed and used for crops without additional clearing, draining, or irrigating.⁴Includes wasteland, house yards, barnyards, roads, ditches, etc.⁵Includes pasture other than plowable and woodland; also wasteland, house yards, barnyards, feed lots, lanes, roads, etc.⁶Cropland harvested; crop failure; cropland, idle or fallow; and cropland used only for pasture.⁷Cropland harvested; crop failure; cropland, idle or fallow; and plowable pasture.⁸Cropland harvested and crop failure.⁹Nominally includes all land regularly tilled or mowed; land in pasture that has been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in gardens, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries; and land occupied by buildings, yards, barnyards, etc. See text discussion.