

State Table 1.—FARMS, ACREAGE, AND VALUE: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1959

[Data on value of land and buildings for 1959, 1954, and 1950 are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.]

Item (For definitions and explanations, see text)	Census of—								
	1959 (Oct.-Nov.)	1954 (Oct.-Nov.)	1950 (April 1)	1945 (January 1)	1940 (April 1)	1935 (January 1)	1930 (April 1)	1925 (January 1)	1920 (January 1)
Farms.....number.....	154,644	175,543	195,268	204,239	213,439	231,312	214,497	225,601	237,181
Approximate land area (see text).....acres.....	35,795,200	35,798,400	35,798,400	35,806,080	35,806,080	35,867,520	35,867,520	35,867,520	35,867,520
Proportion in farms.....percent.....	84.7	84.9	86.5	88.3	86.7	88.3	85.6	85.7	89.1
Land in farms.....acres.....	30,327,261	30,398,517	30,978,495	31,602,186	31,032,572	31,661,205	30,695,339	30,731,947	31,974,775
Average size of farm.....acres.....	196.1	173.2	158.6	154.7	145.4	136.9	143.1	136.2	134.8
Value of land and buildings:									
Average per farm.....dollars.....	63,969	40,883	28,279	17,933	11,887	9,536	15,553	18,615	25,289
Average per acre.....dollars.....	319.76	229.86	174.59	115.90	81.76	69.67	108.68	136.65	187.59
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting.....	141,225	158,099	174,736	183,056	198,486	216,368	203,376	NA	NA
.....acres.....	20,967,738	20,549,929	20,364,489	20,301,602	18,270,025	17,566,770	18,958,337	19,755,447	20,372,347
1 to 9 acres.....farms reporting.....	6,818	9,377	14,506	14,966	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres.....farms reporting.....	6,577	7,470	10,028	10,947	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres.....farms reporting.....	5,292	6,242	8,209	9,194	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres.....farms reporting.....	9,829	12,011	14,413	16,520	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres.....farms reporting.....	26,647	34,563	39,986	44,458	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres.....farms reporting.....	49,481	58,139	60,342	61,397	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres.....farms reporting.....	36,581	30,297	27,252	25,574	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres.....farms reporting.....	34,236	28,827	26,006	24,520	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres.....farms reporting.....	2,199	1,364	1,155	972	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres.....farms reporting.....	146	106	91	82	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ³farms reporting.....	74,333	89,405	101,403	80,096	160,433	151,912	151,204	155,408	NA
.....acres.....	2,076,075	2,492,841	2,591,475	2,150,490	4,935,691	4,033,976	4,091,718	4,007,856	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms reporting.....	30,621	28,497	37,402	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	916,575	702,440	987,461	1,130,966	1,927,758	3,582,441	2,181,570	1,559,390	NA
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms reporting.....	16,092	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	494,216	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure).....farms reporting.....	17,476	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	422,359	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting.....	37,115	46,402	52,089	41,044	NA	63,587	61,383	57,894	NA
.....acres.....	1,552,664	1,949,747	2,040,841	1,687,345	NA	2,259,080	2,009,820	1,896,966	NA
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting.....	32,331	30,183	34,372	29,177	NA	35,424	30,180	31,416	NA
.....acres.....	1,190,680	966,508	1,009,406	786,555	NA	863,703	731,936	738,642	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ⁴farms reporting.....	56,776	64,301	73,145	111,872	NA	63,153	52,959	46,529	NA
.....acres.....	1,885,905	2,082,748	2,265,250	3,902,859	NA	1,902,153	1,505,497	1,377,141	NA
Improved pasture.....farms reporting.....	11,920	10,236	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	307,878	224,891	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.).....farms reporting.....	NA	167,703	185,585	197,971	NA	224,354	187,346	NA	NA
.....acres.....	1,737,624	1,654,304	1,719,573	1,642,369	NA	1,453,082	1,216,461	1,396,505	NA
Cropland, total ²farms reporting.....	145,950	163,606	182,542	190,971	209,814	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	23,960,388	23,745,210	23,943,425	23,583,058	25,133,474	25,183,187	25,231,625	25,322,693	NA
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting.....	122,211	145,538	167,312	181,903	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	5,514,644	6,525,336	6,897,566	7,740,694	NA	8,195,209	7,607,035	7,281,963	NA
Woodland, total.....farms reporting.....	59,028	66,228	74,112	62,494	68,207	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	2,743,344	2,916,255	3,050,247	2,473,900	1,912,902	3,122,783	2,741,756	2,635,608	3,102,579
Irrigated land in farms.....farms reporting.....	332	266	139	47	72	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....acres.....	10,127	6,789	1,510	368	307	NA	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available.

¹For the Censuses of 1959 and 1954, in the Census year; for all other Censuses, in the calendar year preceding the Census.

²Total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except that corn cut for forage was excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain.

³Total cropland, cropland used only for pasture, and other pasture not fully comparable for the various Census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.

4) Irrigated cropland land in farms in 1959.