

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...	174,707	192,933	203,159	208,934	213,318	221,986	214,928	213,490	213,439
Approximate land area (see text).....acres...	35,860,480	35,868,800	35,868,800	35,830,400	35,831,040	35,575,040	35,575,040	35,575,040	35,575,040
Proportion in farms.....percent...	94.3	94.9	95.5	96.2	95.3	96.6	95.6	93.6	94.1
Land in farms.....acres...	33,830,950	34,044,533	34,264,639	34,453,936	34,148,673	34,359,152	34,019,332	33,280,813	33,474,896
Average size of farm.....acres...	193.6	176.5	168.7	164.9	160.1	154.8	158.3	155.9	156.8
Value of land and buildings:									
Average per farm.....dollars...	50,372	36,090	27,563	17,284	12,614	11,092	19,655	23,207	35,616
Average per acre.....dollars...	254.23	198.91	160.98	104.81	78.79	71.66	124.18	148.87	227.09
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting...	162,116	180,454	190,553	196,604	204,949	213,109	208,101	NA	NA
acres...	22,873,407	22,444,290	22,547,337	21,562,039	20,076,641	18,925,893	22,275,868	21,466,350	² 20,422,591
1 to 9 acres.....farms reporting...	4,718	6,756	8,873	9,938	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres.....farms reporting...	4,472	4,834	5,554	5,996	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres.....farms reporting...	3,992	4,594	5,222	6,149	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres.....farms reporting...	8,259	10,491	11,986	15,023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres.....farms reporting...	34,215	46,018	51,953	59,245	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres.....farms reporting...	72,839	82,419	82,970	80,155	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres.....farms reporting...	33,621	25,342	23,995	20,098	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres.....farms reporting...	32,462	24,637	23,426	19,653	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres.....farms reporting...	1,092	661	521	407	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres.....farms reporting...	67	44	48	38	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ³farms reporting...	92,727	105,187	109,575	91,744	167,143	157,587	150,330	151,181	NA
acres...	2,849,683	3,161,015	3,143,758	2,611,946	6,361,302	5,769,836	4,981,837	5,149,742	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms reporting...	21,386	17,790	16,905	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	678,914	376,109	358,224	768,211	1,109,892	2,288,382	462,509	531,325	NA
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms reporting...	10,087	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	416,554	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure).....farms reporting...	12,893	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	262,360	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting...	33,202	38,375	42,685	31,129	NA	50,567	51,959	50,348	NA
acres...	1,561,133	1,783,898	1,902,371	1,451,738	NA	2,060,105	1,969,134	1,970,145	NA
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting...	15,736	14,484	17,604	9,709	NA	16,466	14,924	14,904	NA
acres...	407,052	349,735	418,130	224,757	NA	252,139	244,370	242,795	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ³farms reporting...	81,918	93,985	98,092	134,693	NA	94,025	79,354	71,250	NA
acres...	3,336,979	3,798,656	3,730,722	5,759,280	NA	3,237,612	2,557,673	2,356,833	NA
Improved pasture.....farms reporting...	12,293	11,165	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	349,361	283,922	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.).....farms reporting...	NA	188,543	197,922	206,181	NA	215,845	200,626	NA	NA
acres...	2,123,782	2,130,830	2,164,097	2,075,965	NA	1,825,185	1,527,941	1,563,623	NA
Cropland, total ²farms reporting...	166,224	183,269	194,030	199,649	210,628	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	26,402,004	25,981,414	26,049,319	24,942,196	27,547,835	26,984,111	27,720,214	27,147,417	NA
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting...	151,783	174,256	186,875	197,703	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	7,747,795	8,743,569	8,776,851	9,822,964	NA	11,067,553	9,508,644	9,476,720	NA
Woodland, total.....farms reporting...	42,552	47,084	53,226	38,073	47,404	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	1,968,185	2,133,633	2,320,501	1,676,495	1,300,443	2,312,244	2,213,504	2,212,940	2,295,274
Irrigated land in farms.....farms reporting...	313	132	76	54	88	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	18,181	2,396	1,386	1,197	2,258	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.

³Not fully comparable for the various Census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.

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