

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

[Data on value of land and buildings for 1950, 1954, and 1959 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)
Farmsnumber...	150,986	193,487	218,476	238,501	252,894	278,298	246,499	258,524	270,626
Approximate land area (see text) acres...	25,512,320	25,512,960	25,512,960	25,699,760	25,699,760	25,715,840	25,715,840	25,715,840	25,715,840
Proportion in farms percent...	66.8	70.7	76.2	76.8	79.1	80.5	77.5	77.4	84.0
Land in farms acres...	17,030,675	18,034,380	19,441,774	19,724,834	20,294,016	20,698,510	19,927,286	19,913,104	21,612,772
Average size of farm acres...	112.8	93.2	89.0	82.7	80.2	74.4	80.8	77.0	79.9
Value of land and buildings:									
Average per farm dollars...	14,299	8,088	7,148	4,259	3,070	2,229	3,535	3,278	4,823
Average per acre dollars...	132.98	92.08	80.77	51.50	38.26	29.97	43.73	42.56	60.39
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested farms reporting...	136,803	175,113	198,061	224,567	240,397	267,135	227,535	NA	NA
acres...	4,012,962	4,541,381	5,053,682	5,322,477	5,271,623	5,418,065	5,330,821	5,183,702	26,300,850
1 to 9 acres farms reporting...	51,683	71,227	72,695	88,368	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres farms reporting...	27,889	36,725	45,239	50,124	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres farms reporting...	17,367	21,653	27,877	30,330	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres farms reporting...	18,508	22,005	27,214	29,757	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres farms reporting...	14,321	16,419	18,087	19,257	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres farms reporting...	5,180	5,369	5,321	5,365	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres farms reporting...	1,855	1,715	1,628	1,366	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres farms reporting...	1,627	1,542	1,450	1,255	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres farms reporting...	193	142	159	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres farms reporting...	35	31	19	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ² farms reporting...	102,812	122,037	149,537	133,086	189,021	181,786	167,016	158,469	NA
acres...	4,740,357	4,879,874	5,265,003	4,038,375	6,703,335	5,686,996	5,394,648	5,500,897	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured... farms reporting...	44,164	50,737	61,691	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	1,173,878	1,033,938	1,282,243	1,039,034	1,237,670	1,455,435	1,596,094	1,643,671	NA
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes ... farms reporting...	18,429	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	429,595	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure) ... farms reporting...	31,208	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	744,283	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured farms reporting...	49,332	63,376	66,307	50,896	NA	70,587	57,993	47,039	NA
acres...	1,397,302	1,762,236	1,609,178	1,172,396	NA	1,668,918	1,402,831	1,207,516	NA
Woodland not pastured farms reporting...	68,645	75,284	91,230	103,884	NA	111,309	96,309	100,458	NA
acres...	3,098,515	3,087,996	3,294,119	3,352,832	NA	3,752,328	3,393,795	3,627,902	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ³ farms reporting...	38,328	45,678	52,645	107,484	NA	48,853	46,775	38,163	NA
acres...	1,628,334	1,759,403	1,696,363	3,683,144	NA	1,153,786	1,322,477	1,038,019	NA
Improved pasture farms reporting...	8,114	7,950	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	240,396	219,145	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.) farms reporting...	NA	169,407	194,403	212,868	NA	248,062	183,240	NA	NA
acres...	979,327	969,552	1,241,186	1,116,576	NA	1,562,982	1,486,620	1,711,397	NA
Cropland, total ⁴ farms reporting...	146,709	188,596	212,356	232,994	251,523	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	9,927,197	10,455,193	11,600,928	10,399,886	13,212,628	12,560,496	12,321,563	12,328,270	NA
Land pastured, total farms reporting...	125,673	154,519	181,997	199,102	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	7,765,993	8,401,513	8,570,544	8,893,915	NA	8,509,700	8,119,956	7,746,432	NA
Woodland, total farms reporting...	97,318	116,748	129,587	130,247	148,881	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	4,495,817	4,850,232	4,903,297	4,525,228	4,592,204	5,421,246	4,796,626	4,835,418	6,018,280
Irrigated land in farms farms reporting...	1,130	1,226	67	34	46	41	37	NA	NA
acres...	8,605	13,434	485	230	205	41	234	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.

⁴ Irrigated cropland based on survey.