

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...	90,475	100,846	107,183	111,756	121,062	133,616	129,458	127,734	124,417
Approximate land area (see text).....acres...	49,031,680	49,064,320	49,064,320	49,058,560	49,057,920	49,157,120	49,157,120	49,157,120	49,157,120
Proportion in farms.....percent...	97.4	96.8	96.7	97.3	96.5	94.8	91.0	85.5	85.9
Land in farms.....acres...	47,755,708	47,486,580	47,466,828	47,752,941	47,343,981	46,615,762	44,708,565	42,024,775	42,225,475
Average size of farm.....acres...	527.8	470.9	442.9	427.3	391.1	348.9	345.4	329.0	339.4
Value of land and buildings:									
Average per farm.....dollars...	47,750	34,395	25,939	15,205	9,399	11,696	19,274	19,760	29,836
Average per acre.....dollars...	88.28	70.78	57.58	35.58	24.03	33.53	55.81	60.06	87.91
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting...	84,105	94,580	100,984	106,013	115,202	112,843	126,419	NA	NA
acres...	18,057,090	18,874,341	19,406,990	19,596,324	17,304,802	12,194,716	21,399,340	19,810,362	² 18,936,108
1 to 9 acres.....farms reporting...	1,535	2,372	3,302	3,579	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres.....farms reporting...	1,439	1,428	1,856	1,837	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres.....farms reporting...	1,171	1,251	1,457	1,553	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres.....farms reporting...	2,532	2,670	3,003	3,519	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres.....farms reporting...	10,737	12,912	14,777	16,820	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres.....farms reporting...	32,562	40,654	43,265	45,538	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres.....farms reporting...	34,129	33,293	33,324	33,167	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres.....farms reporting...	29,892	29,370	29,308	29,163	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres.....farms reporting...	3,330	2,998	3,129	3,230	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres.....farms reporting...	907	925	887	774	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ³farms reporting...	24,762	29,272	33,447	43,135	67,582	61,305	71,476	68,357	NA
acres...	1,309,492	1,116,793	1,399,626	942,301	3,735,689	2,652,622	4,160,254	4,381,148	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured...farms reporting...	38,378	36,639	39,396	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	3,461,403	2,876,380	2,969,854	2,889,894	4,374,369	10,514,300	944,272	887,736	NA
Cultivated summer fallow.....farms reporting...	23,896	23,030	19,620	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	2,312,900	2,128,822	1,948,942	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes...farms reporting...	12,435	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	655,323	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure)...farms reporting...	12,842	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	493,180	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting...	6,457	8,297	9,514	7,430	NA	19,334	17,677	15,272	NA
acres...	369,742	430,441	602,899	377,651	NA	790,782	798,141	657,020	NA
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting...	7,143	8,452	9,377	9,613	NA	12,706	8,109	8,908	NA
acres...	151,652	192,064	216,706	133,296	NA	143,455	143,078	226,248	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ⁴farms reporting...	62,712	70,586	71,057	78,254	NA	75,319	67,123	59,614	NA
acres...	22,846,585	22,542,465	21,415,000	22,184,950	NA	18,941,671	15,839,636	14,455,777	NA
Improved pasture.....farms reporting...	6,133	7,833	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	362,267	283,527	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.).....farms reporting...	NA	96,911	102,557	109,917	NA	131,521	115,274	NA	NA
acres...	1,559,744	1,454,096	1,455,753	1,628,525	NA	1,378,216	1,423,844	1,606,484	NA
Cropland, total ⁵farms reporting...	85,744	95,570	102,525	107,746	119,019	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	22,827,985	22,867,514	23,776,470	23,428,519	25,414,860	25,361,638	26,503,866	25,079,246	NA
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting...	78,395	89,303	94,678	101,029	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	24,525,819	24,089,699	23,417,525	23,504,902	NA	22,385,075	20,798,031	19,493,945	NA
Woodland, total.....farms reporting...	12,189	15,071	17,015	15,855	23,467	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	521,394	622,505	819,605	510,947	550,100	934,237	941,219	883,268	900,933
Irrigated land in farms.....farms reporting...	18,936	12,500	9,680	7,156	6,913	NA	NA	NA	3,021
acres...	2,077,926	1,171,369	876,259	631,762	473,775	NA	NA	NA	NA
Irrigated cropland harvested.....farms reporting...	18,804	12,378	9,576	NA	6,839	5,140	4,602	NA	NA
acres...	2,021,858	1,131,344	⁵ 837,811	NA	462,906	345,417	404,481	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. ⁴Acreage of irrigated crops; acreage counted more than once where two or more crops were harvested from the same land. ⁵Includes irrigated cropland not harvested and not pastured.