

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...	227,071	292,947	331,567	384,977	418,002	501,017	495,489	465,646	436,033
Approximate land area (see text) acres...	168,217,600	168,648,320	168,648,320	168,732,160	168,732,160	167,963,520	167,934,720	167,934,720	167,934,720
Proportion in farms percent...	85.1	86.5	86.2	83.8	81.6	81.9	74.3	65.3	67.9
Land in farms acres...	143,217,559	145,812,733	145,389,014	141,337,744	137,683,372	137,597,389	124,707,130	109,674,410	114,020,621
Average size of farm acres...	630.7	497.7	438.5	367.1	329.4	274.6	251.7	235.5	261.5
Value of land and buildings:									
Average per farm dollars...	48,378	29,876	20,156	9,286	6,196	5,137	7,260	6,540	8,486
Average per acre dollars...	85.81	59.93	46.16	25.29	18.81	18.70	28.85	27.77	32.45
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested farms reporting...	157,054	206,537	260,331	312,440	373,661	448,286	461,036	NA	NA
acres...	22,236,473	24,885,000	28,107,865	27,469,089	26,044,008	25,429,158	30,634,370	27,074,869	² 25,030,834
1 to 9 acres farms reporting...	20,814	29,240	36,338	50,235	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres farms reporting...	17,419	23,745	31,240	37,761	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres farms reporting...	12,536	17,972	25,274	35,379	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres farms reporting...	18,776	26,468	36,382	51,133	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres farms reporting...	28,043	40,295	51,920	61,488	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres farms reporting...	26,468	34,542	43,601	44,893	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres farms reporting...	32,998	34,275	35,576	31,551	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres farms reporting...	24,167	25,794	27,032	24,607	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres farms reporting...	6,944	6,632	6,613	5,266	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres farms reporting...	1,887	1,849	1,931	1,678	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ³ farms reporting...	86,453	111,969	112,528	98,084	210,252	147,317	115,771	84,723	NA
acres...	7,629,237	7,398,651	6,642,546	4,618,707	13,242,974	7,786,697	11,156,355	13,617,251	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured farms reporting...	61,359	71,869	69,688	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	5,733,378	4,375,651	3,219,799	2,772,139	6,974,875	10,079,653	4,131,796	2,293,847	NA
Cultivated summer fallow farms reporting...	17,284	18,964	15,651	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	1,654,736	1,239,127	875,680	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Soil-improvement, grasses and legumes farms reporting...	19,696	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	2,061,679	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure) farms reporting...	34,928	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	2,016,963	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured farms reporting...	64,603	93,752	126,077	99,262	NA	175,328	144,780	114,107	NA
acres...	12,537,143	18,871,709	30,589,750	16,051,293	NA	23,648,606	14,449,011	11,230,062	NA
Woodland not pastured farms reporting...	12,208	15,854	28,552	20,272	NA	38,007	29,299	26,007	NA
acres...	1,094,197	1,151,423	2,277,954	817,563	NA	1,487,121	1,240,472	1,460,762	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ⁴ farms reporting...	135,627	149,327	138,284	223,848	NA	158,302	129,682	105,102	NA
acres...	91,885,757	87,211,145	72,317,444	87,854,480	NA	67,060,969	61,337,071	50,220,549	NA
Improved pasture farms reporting...	27,158	20,587	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	7,108,994	3,861,287	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.) farms reporting...	NA	251,193	274,900	351,989	NA	429,476	312,238	NA	NA
acres...	2,101,374	1,919,154	2,233,656	1,754,473	NA	2,105,185	1,758,055	3,777,070	NA
Cropland, total ⁵ farms reporting...	187,415	245,699	290,287	336,013	403,334	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	35,599,088	36,659,302	37,970,210	34,859,935	46,261,857	43,295,508	45,922,521	42,985,967	NA
Land pastured, total farms reporting...	189,759	236,342	264,706	315,299	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	112,052,137	113,481,505	109,549,740	108,524,480	NA	98,496,272	86,942,437	75,067,862	NA
Woodland, total farms reporting...	72,065	104,333	143,864	113,731	133,890	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres...	13,631,340	20,023,132	32,867,704	16,868,856	14,073,922	25,135,727	15,689,483	12,690,824	14,532,913
Irrigated land in farms farms reporting...	27,884	26,315	21,427	15,110	19,568	NA	NA	NA	5,974
acres...	5,655,638	4,707,028	⁴ 3,131,534	1,320,216	894,638	NA	NA	NA	NA
Irrigated cropland harvested farms reporting...	27,096	25,481	20,948	NA	19,272	16,435	⁵ 10,861	NA	NA
acres...	5,338,890	4,497,917	2,969,799	NA	843,839	568,533	⁵ 994,287	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 out 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. ⁴Includes irrigated cropland not harvested and not pastured. ⁵Acreage of irrigated crops; acreage counted more than once where two or more crops were harvested from the same land.