

TABLE 2. Farms and Acreage According to Use, by Size of Farm: 1930 to 1964

[Data for 1959 and 1950 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Number of farms:								
All farms.....	92,530	115,773	176,956	211,361	223,369	231,746	273,455	257,395
Less than 10 acres.....	5,467	7,668	18,192	17,318	23,034	12,502	19,110	10,730
Less than 3 acres.....	1,063	2,078	1,532	1,370	6,480	167	305	404
1 acre or less.....	537	1,274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	526	804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	4,404	5,590	16,660	15,948	16,554	12,335	18,805	10,326
3 acres.....	471	629	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	545	636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	900	1,224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	707	815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	557	767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	742	910	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	482	609	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	33,254	43,657	71,448	94,103	98,391	110,932	142,419	143,148
10 to 29 acres.....	17,865	23,738	38,257	47,375	45,453	53,197	78,549	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	15,389	19,919	33,191	46,728	52,938	57,735	63,870	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	9,187	11,752	18,185	23,632	25,153	26,544	28,555	159,817
100 to 179 acres.....	11,547	14,746	21,844	26,705	28,628	31,229	32,097	(NA)
180 to 199 acres.....	9,125	11,388	15,238	17,868	18,934	20,186	20,957	236,274
200 to 179 acres.....	5,863	7,104	9,248	10,178	10,337	11,501	11,621	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	3,723	4,308	5,493	5,878	5,427	5,887	5,994	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	2,462	2,864	3,352	3,069	3,182	2,978	3,250	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	6,483	6,920	7,998	7,422	6,579	6,594	6,471	5,259
500 to 999 acres.....	3,278	3,311	3,593	3,326	2,513	2,148	2,067	1,527
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,371	1,322	2,365	1,862	1,395	1,041	914	640
2,000 acres or more.....	770	733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	15,225,797	16,515,580	20,810,492	20,931,188	19,067,844	19,143,391	19,660,828	17,554,635
Average size of farm.....	164.5	142.7	117.6	99.0	85.4	82.6	71.9	68.2
Less than 10 acres.....	28,097	35,643	94,840	91,577	96,051	71,269	110,121	63,526
10 to 49 acres.....	916,752	1,201,129	1,963,953	2,675,784	2,870,429	3,225,654	3,892,829	4,043,561
10 to 29 acres.....	322,279	(NA)	700,440	897,898	858,902	1,036,799	1,484,858	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	594,473	(NA)	1,263,513	1,777,886	2,011,527	2,188,855	2,407,971	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	535,844	684,331	1,055,258	1,364,035	1,444,082	1,525,863	1,639,293	14,115,761
100 to 139 acres.....	946,821	1,204,175	1,799,308	2,169,378	2,317,465	2,527,188	2,599,071	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	1,060,235	1,326,002	1,759,400	2,058,086	2,152,278	2,310,224	2,395,696	25,319,045
180 to 179 acres.....	919,278	1,114,329	1,451,319	1,598,235	1,622,289	1,799,271	1,818,129	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	734,252	848,512	1,082,015	1,153,997	1,066,076	1,157,017	1,178,884	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	584,323	678,888	795,364	728,499	705,293	753,169	769,250	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	2,275,628	2,420,108	2,778,641	2,564,386	2,254,562	2,244,506	2,201,623	1,777,836
500 to 999 acres.....	2,248,893	2,237,010	2,440,459	2,248,932	1,702,844	1,439,888	1,365,940	1,007,378
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,872,372	1,809,690	5,589,935	4,278,279	2,836,475	2,089,342	1,689,992	1,227,528
2,000 acres or more.....	3,103,302	2,955,705	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm..... farms..	74,409	99,111	151,742	189,869	210,612	226,154	266,430	248,389
acres..	2,989,719	3,708,938	4,812,086	5,766,095	6,163,110	7,111,717	7,238,606	7,113,937
Less than 10 acres..... farms..	3,681	4,386	12,102	11,443	17,954	11,110	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	17,374	20,897	49,465	45,813	53,558	49,063	86,944	50,471
10 to 49 acres..... farms..	26,251	37,959	62,146	86,077	94,422	108,100	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	345,041	577,936	1,015,980	1,585,069	1,853,413	2,160,827	2,716,408	2,957,896
10 to 29 acres..... farms..	14,103	(NA)	32,786	42,644	43,224	51,336	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	154,675	(NA)	415,015	588,818	618,888	784,690	1,186,214	(NA)
30 to 49 acres..... farms..	12,148	(NA)	29,360	43,433	51,198	56,764	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	190,366	(NA)	600,965	996,251	1,234,525	1,376,137	1,530,194	(NA)
50 to 99 acres..... farms..	7,320	10,342	16,275	22,214	24,429	26,229	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	157,359	264,342	457,308	669,862	777,420	846,469	892,015	12,086,920
70 to 99 acres..... farms..	9,426	13,002	19,616	25,057	27,729	30,887	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	240,543	398,132	625,179	830,924	943,370	1,105,191	1,084,519	(NA)
100 to 139 acres..... farms..	7,513	10,089	13,659	16,615	18,256	19,958	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	258,500	397,552	536,045	649,711	690,258	830,356	799,509	21,474,075
140 to 179 acres..... farms..	4,863	6,324	8,187	9,387	9,987	11,370	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	212,157	307,519	369,404	401,225	426,124	534,225	475,555	(NA)
180 to 219 acres..... farms..	3,057	3,728	4,874	5,389	5,193	5,797	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	165,668	216,351	257,834	269,862	245,524	311,516	268,094	(NA)
220 to 259 acres..... farms..	2,087	2,491	2,928	2,815	2,847	3,144	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	136,928	163,595	174,965	158,519	154,588	190,033	160,632	(NA)
260 to 499 acres..... farms..	5,492	6,081	6,931	6,513	6,209	6,475	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	500,199	502,193	506,340	456,094	404,077	506,646	384,915	293,613
500 to 999 acres..... farms..	2,813	2,872	3,026	2,783	2,300	2,072	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	424,757	381,231	356,469	305,013	261,629	285,400	185,656	128,247
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³ farms..	1,206	1,188	1,998	1,576	1,286	1,012	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	274,017	242,013	463,097	394,003	353,149	291,991	184,359	122,715
2,000 acres or more..... farms..	700	649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	257,176	237,177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 2. Farms and Acreage According to Use, by Size of Farm: 1930 to 1964—Continued

[Data for 1959 and 1950 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Land in farms according to use—Con.								
Cropland, total, by size of farm ¹farms..	83,918	107,472	165,555	202,176	216,860	230,824	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,118,610	6,000,294	7,480,170	8,732,668	8,266,105	10,397,273	9,719,511	9,402,661
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	3,967	4,762	13,867	13,634	18,701	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	18,943	22,985	59,584	57,899	60,104	59,082	94,040	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	29,793	41,027	67,733	91,277	97,285	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	492,967	741,135	1,259,305	1,898,759	2,076,964	2,542,427	3,039,916	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	8,474	11,296	17,555	23,127	24,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	255,678	369,178	592,668	836,877	911,898	1,056,869	1,064,219	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	10,770	14,229	21,182	26,284	28,462	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	413,171	584,753	863,673	1,126,885	1,200,018	1,461,381	1,376,187	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	8,552	10,911	14,764	17,470	18,746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	434,589	600,848	775,907	939,846	946,793	1,181,502	1,086,600	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	5,491	6,827	8,869	9,930	8,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	362,091	473,136	562,872	630,587	619,516	799,250	696,107	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,437	4,095	5,289	5,706	5,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	275,466	342,038	402,341	440,309	376,652	489,262	417,444	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	2,308	2,707	3,212	2,976	2,919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	228,724	266,269	280,245	268,819	237,152	310,182	256,632	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	6,062	6,559	7,558	7,009	6,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	834,494	861,942	885,223	829,176	678,897	925,861	699,959	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,041	3,112	3,341	3,062	2,409	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	737,417	677,238	688,380	642,812	471,457	645,816	433,121	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,291	1,258	2,185	1,701	1,341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	520,743	507,142	1,109,972	1,060,699	686,654	925,641	555,286	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	732	689	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	544,327	553,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	71,478	84,799	124,217	143,476	147,397	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	6,695,124	6,908,554	8,704,674	7,047,900	6,210,944	(NA)	5,042,063	4,105,166
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,110	1,367	5,333	4,893	5,905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,365	4,057	16,163	14,342	13,565	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	21,891	25,907	41,279	51,018	51,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	312,425	308,460	473,831	469,906	439,819	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	7,678	9,520	14,482	18,401	19,566	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	204,721	208,794	305,327	305,601	292,045	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	10,133	12,782	19,228	23,508	25,267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	370,244	395,619	585,795	567,468	555,678	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	8,238	10,274	13,794	16,236	17,422	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	429,485	446,785	627,213	583,553	583,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	5,365	6,550	8,565	9,414	9,622	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	377,018	396,001	547,235	498,974	466,339	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,454	4,038	5,112	5,464	5,109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	304,257	333,391	421,718	384,511	326,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	2,311	2,678	3,171	2,826	2,811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	248,376	256,175	331,897	228,243	228,906	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	6,094	6,544	7,586	6,902	6,275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	992,887	1,013,393	1,239,212	934,589	816,621	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,137	3,123	3,410	3,070	2,407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,086,010	1,020,837	1,233,034	963,649	787,126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,323	1,294	2,257	1,744	1,383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	952,827	936,060	2,923,249	2,097,064	1,701,155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	744	722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,413,509	1,588,982	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	318	327	452	38	153	37	648	(NA)
acres..	11,768	18,110	16,658	358	487	281	6193	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	33	25	21	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	120	100	49	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	47	56	57	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	419	815	521	195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	14	15	17	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	121	350	200	40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	22	8	30	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	469	170	554	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	24	23	36	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	421	550	754	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	20	22	25	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	436	1,220	373	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	7	15	23	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	161	480	728	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	12	15	19	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	213	320	463	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	34	55	86	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	899	2,352	3,090	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	45	47	66	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,158	3,502	4,088	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	43	24	72	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,561	2,088	5,838	93	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	17	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,790	6,163	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹50 to 99 acres.

²100 to 259 acres.

³Prior to 1959, 1,000 acres or more.

⁴For the censuses of 1964, 1959, and 1954 in the census year; for all other censuses in the calendar year preceding the census.

⁵Not fully comparable for the various census years because of differences in definition of cropland used for pasture. See text.

⁶Irrigated cropland harvested only.