

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.....	80,852	99,232	123,075	137,030	138,917	132,658	150,360	135,676
Less than 10 acres.....	15,937	24,120	34,138	37,402	37,422	31,546	34,076	28,892
Less than 3 acres.....	4,515	8,690	9,579	11,013	9,749	6,476	6,698	8,527
1 acre or less.....	2,022	4,772	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	2,493	3,918	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	11,422	15,430	24,559	26,389	27,673	25,070	27,378	20,365
3 acres.....	1,916	3,086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	1,920	2,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	3,114	4,375	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	1,393	1,651	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	997	1,486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	1,257	1,407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	825	1,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	29,475	34,575	44,342	51,760	53,537	54,467	64,752	56,985
10 to 29 acres.....	20,214	23,364	30,382	35,867	37,223	37,826	45,296	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	9,261	11,211	13,960	15,893	16,314	16,641	19,456	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	4,688	5,628	6,498	7,303	7,246	7,138	7,814	¹ 16,378
70 to 99 acres.....	5,118	6,027	7,954	7,207	8,262	8,062	9,307	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	4,041	4,619	5,132	5,720	5,548	5,334	5,946	² 16,537
140 to 179 acres.....	3,083	3,906	4,395	4,877	5,442	5,335	6,427	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	2,011	2,267	2,490	2,526	2,535	2,541	2,618	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,502	1,811	1,954	2,030	1,988	1,921	2,132	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	5,165	5,816	6,148	6,604	6,446	6,498	7,120	6,969
500 to 999 acres.....	4,096	4,451	4,523	4,853	4,552	4,551	4,913	4,861
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	2,612	2,820	6,001	6,001	5,939	5,265	5,255	5,054
2,000 acres or more.....	3,124	3,192	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	37,010,925	36,853,851	37,794,780	36,085,664	35,054,379	30,524,324	30,437,995	30,442,581
Average size of farm.....	457.8	371.4	307.1	263.3	252.3	230.1	202.4	224.4
Less than 10 acres.....	68,824	96,058	141,971	159,500	157,929	144,095	156,579	124,042
10 to 49 acres.....	693,159	828,960	1,036,124	1,196,763	1,221,574	1,252,736	1,472,073	1,340,471
10 to 29 acres.....	341,828	(NA)	506,169	597,188	603,388	617,872	735,103	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	351,331	(NA)	529,955	599,575	618,186	634,864	736,970	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	271,221	325,464	375,583	421,499	417,800	410,834	449,422	¹ 1,160,164
70 to 99 acres.....	417,911	490,630	586,734	645,634	670,873	656,228	753,224	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	467,274	534,008	662,106	662,106	638,508	615,203	684,974	² 2,647,727
140 to 179 acres.....	484,807	612,506	691,236	766,942	856,711	841,535	1,015,272	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	396,260	447,730	491,164	498,870	499,822	501,072	515,753	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	356,832	429,975	463,491	483,472	471,582	456,929	506,865	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,861,805	2,089,013	2,203,189	2,348,936	2,301,637	2,313,316	2,530,191	2,484,457
500 to 999 acres.....	2,869,472	3,122,504	3,161,427	3,403,134	3,154,312	3,163,171	3,396,516	3,334,678
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	3,697,608	3,930,854	28,049,314	25,498,808	24,663,631	20,169,205	18,957,126	19,351,042
2,000 acres or more.....	25,465,752	23,946,149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	62,078	76,784	93,231	104,332	112,399	110,754	130,510	120,276
.....acres..	7,845,816	8,012,806	8,326,331	7,950,663	7,535,523	6,534,562	6,578,724	6,549,967
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	11,398	15,761	20,531	20,519	25,255	21,482	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	35,837	46,847	63,471	75,596	87,618	81,114	100,671	81,506
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	22,153	27,344	35,350	43,292	45,858	48,388	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	390,155	489,269	603,979	733,433	782,177	816,929	1,005,830	956,106
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	14,684	(NA)	23,663	29,509	31,492	33,280	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	182,525	(NA)	289,814	366,378	392,584	413,266	522,513	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	7,469	(NA)	11,687	13,783	14,366	15,108	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	207,630	(NA)	314,165	367,055	389,593	403,663	483,317	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	3,862	4,954	5,658	6,462	6,541	6,579	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	161,320	205,522	224,743	253,772	259,396	253,477	285,846	¹ 701,294
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,262	5,151	6,180	6,883	7,347	7,263	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	247,701	283,570	336,279	364,560	392,556	359,421	425,251	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,335	4,017	4,414	4,998	4,866	4,812	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	263,463	305,381	326,466	353,014	335,811	314,149	352,542	² 1,169,572
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,480	3,249	3,632	4,005	4,493	4,468	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	253,810	331,266	336,077	350,307	389,195	323,748	384,940	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,673	1,902	2,111	2,213	2,207	2,261	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	216,369	226,677	249,345	234,893	234,249	215,111	225,597	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,297	1,579	1,673	1,757	1,769	1,722	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	190,984	232,485	223,779	214,846	218,270	190,658	210,821	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	4,234	4,852	5,125	5,591	5,526	5,644	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	939,139	967,304	957,886	971,031	907,750	811,362	852,955	838,378
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,247	3,647	3,720	3,997	3,854	3,857	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,241,302	1,245,966	1,206,552	1,184,193	1,010,409	878,719	880,681	878,792
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	2,023	2,120	4,837	4,615	4,683	4,278	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,273,374	1,153,900	3,797,754	3,215,018	2,918,092	2,289,874	1,853,630	1,924,319
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,154	2,208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,632,362	2,524,619	(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.							(NA)	(NA)
Cropland, total, by size of farm ¹farms..	69,386	85,157	105,931	118,936	122,071	124,116	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	11,815,368	12,963,997	13,229,708	13,680,653	11,362,817	12,894,974	11,630,852	11,465,164
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	12,701	17,677	24,467	25,921	28,326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	43,764	56,294	83,354	100,811	103,166	105,174	121,900	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	25,969	30,647	40,562	49,997	48,524	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	504,583	613,395	790,133	943,822	943,988	1,048,170	1,242,260	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	4,238	5,298	6,138	6,916	6,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	201,416	255,416	289,165	329,741	317,829	338,826	365,502	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,649	5,601	6,766	7,579	7,762	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	311,051	368,922	444,003	491,397	484,070	514,562	576,369	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,628	4,384	4,789	5,423	5,177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	334,320	403,304	432,233	475,938	423,189	462,729	492,208	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,725	3,531	4,024	4,479	4,825	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	332,659	422,060	465,016	505,927	497,670	541,974	606,832	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,798	2,057	2,310	2,389	2,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	276,018	304,874	338,055	344,352	303,372	352,069	333,502	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,347	1,683	1,925	1,845	1,845	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	243,411	297,839	310,066	322,127	280,906	316,654	325,076	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	4,584	5,285	5,629	6,129	5,834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,235,244	1,337,652	1,371,599	1,439,558	1,221,421	1,454,622	1,413,692	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,529	4,053	4,083	4,427	4,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,721,048	1,826,320	1,786,741	1,854,280	1,443,779	1,806,617	1,632,601	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	2,204	2,398	5,346	5,224	4,974	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,864,346	1,900,737	6,919,343	6,872,700	5,343,427	5,953,577	4,520,910	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,414	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	4,747,508	5,177,184	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	33,128	38,878	50,382	52,959	55,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	25,306,190	24,195,274	25,031,331	22,875,398	23,748,475	(NA)	19,499,766	19,990,949
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	3,001	4,457	7,705	7,248	7,406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	10,401	13,756	24,697	22,950	23,513	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	10,606	11,627	15,939	17,072	17,909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	160,609	169,173	219,460	221,259	237,361	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	1,833	2,161	2,893	3,289	3,440	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	64,345	65,521	83,558	90,112	96,437	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	2,153	2,751	3,462	3,711	4,191	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	102,853	119,947	142,271	152,289	173,039	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	1,905	2,157	2,734	3,018	3,248	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	128,844	128,166	165,091	179,418	201,341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,600	1,989	2,496	2,694	3,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	152,067	166,317	215,324	231,238	312,265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,039	1,275	1,454	1,530	1,649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	119,810	140,105	157,308	166,119	186,286	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	796	900	1,225	1,361	1,289	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	106,912	117,586	158,127	174,087	174,685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,966	3,518	4,011	4,346	4,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	650,418	720,424	845,370	874,217	1,037,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	2,617	3,008	3,215	3,563	3,971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,218,540	1,324,679	1,423,108	1,616,265	1,662,052	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,888	2,182	5,248	5,127	5,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,868,165	2,179,149	21,597,017	19,147,444	19,644,001	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,724	2,853	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	20,723,226	19,050,451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	59,429	74,205	84,502	90,949	87,205	84,310	⁶ 91,347	85,784
.....acres..	7,598,698	7,416,784	7,048,049	6,413,372	4,952,819	4,276,554	⁶ 3,513,700	7,540,350
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	9,971	15,080	18,287	18,788	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,157
.....acres..	33,922	47,172	59,852	74,842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	22,510	27,574	33,658	39,355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	41,952
.....acres..	422,985	530,400	624,326	726,872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	3,803	4,775	5,240	5,694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	⁸ 21,050
.....acres..	171,423	217,570	227,510	247,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,215	5,108	5,806	6,175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	266,236	314,005	348,256	359,512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,242	3,841	3,972	4,294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	280,290	324,923	322,298	330,086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,381	3,128	3,249	3,284	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	267,612	345,699	329,519	317,423	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,586	1,817	1,863	1,827	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	224,409	235,818	236,257	210,689	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,184	1,507	1,451	1,420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	192,310	241,158	212,672	190,185	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	3,967	4,403	4,264	4,226	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,208
.....acres..	941,666	938,515	849,895	791,614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	2,958	3,269	2,983	2,864	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,824
.....acres..	1,177,319	1,153,371	983,297	878,452	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,753	1,827	3,729	3,022	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,593
.....acres..	1,149,400	971,250	2,854,167	2,286,684	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,859	1,876	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,471,126	2,096,903	(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.

⁷Acreage of irrigated crops including some duplication where two or more crops were harvested from same land.

⁸50 to 259 acres.