

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
<b>Number of farms:</b>								
All farms.....	29,661	33,648	38,740	40,311	41,498	43,663	45,113	41,674
Less than 10 acres.....	2,050	2,627	4,323	3,829	4,267	4,088	3,492	2,681
Less than 3 acres.....	775	799	1,395	471	744	402	438	547
1 acre or less.....	479	430	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	296	369	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	1,275	1,828	2,928	3,358	3,523	3,686	3,054	2,134
3 acres.....	180	328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	191	244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	381	591	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	163	206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	130	174	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	160	176	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	70	109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	5,331	5,997	7,116	8,223	8,745	9,943	10,684	9,028
10 to 29 acres.....	2,761	3,038	3,396	3,621	3,833	4,236	4,410	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	2,570	2,959	3,720	4,602	4,912	5,707	6,274	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	1,268	1,552	2,032	2,336	2,282	2,378	2,399	19,010
70 to 99 acres.....	3,238	4,304	5,944	6,568	6,763	7,007	7,304	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	2,691	3,409	3,547	3,487	3,552	3,553	3,414	211,924
140 to 179 acres.....	2,800	3,321	3,564	3,821	4,182	4,909	5,604	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	1,472	1,504	1,544	1,542	1,557	1,641	1,624	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,330	1,398	1,312	1,419	1,361	1,451	1,555	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,803	3,981	4,071	4,122	4,186	4,509	4,898	5,084
500 to 999 acres.....	2,741	2,767	2,759	2,584	2,469	2,542	2,751	2,702
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....	1,666	1,588	2,528	2,380	2,134	1,642	1,388	1,245
2,000 acres or more.....	1,271	1,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Land in farms (acres):</b>								
All land in farms.....	15,301,513	15,248,389	14,364,471	13,258,110	12,503,332	10,297,745	9,951,661	9,346,908
Average size of farm.....	515.9	453.2	370.8	328.9	301.3	235.8	220.6	224.3
Less than 10 acres.....	8,078	10,968	17,008	18,201	18,982	19,409	16,502	12,330
10 to 49 acres.....	146,004	166,476	202,899	240,170	256,058	294,824	320,934	275,433
10 to 29 acres.....	46,257	(NA)	57,699	60,509	63,622	71,064	74,757	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	99,747	(NA)	145,200	179,661	192,436	223,760	246,177	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	74,727	91,135	119,570	136,500	132,712	139,254	139,791	1678,232
70 to 99 acres.....	263,048	350,025	482,315	530,297	545,488	564,322	588,047	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	315,856	399,770	412,166	405,615	414,045	415,097	399,521	21,949,522
140 to 179 acres.....	441,426	524,604	563,986	600,749	663,093	778,522	889,441	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	290,028	305,404	304,668	307,602	307,602	324,580	320,933	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	315,700	331,570	311,450	339,200	323,843	345,563	370,361	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,359,779	1,408,037	1,456,173	1,476,393	1,499,716	1,613,569	1,749,203	1,825,228
500 to 999 acres.....	1,926,379	1,978,122	1,928,449	1,799,219	1,717,098	1,753,924	1,879,032	1,853,753
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....	2,287,460	2,177,180	8,565,051	7,407,138	6,624,695	4,048,681	3,277,896	2,752,410
2,000 acres or more.....	7,873,028	7,513,733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Land in farms according to use:<sup>4</sup></b>								
Cropland harvested by size of farm..... farms..	25,636	29,339	33,697	36,220	37,301	39,936	41,117	39,203
acres.....	3,934,659	3,850,118	3,727,616	3,662,377	3,441,661	2,935,350	2,668,685	3,150,097
Less than 10 acres..... farms..	475	620	1,377	1,781	1,982	2,606	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,489	2,065	3,918	5,309	5,916	7,627	7,405	6,346
10 to 49 acres..... farms..	3,952	4,721	5,946	7,131	7,703	9,024	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	66,056	83,415	107,531	132,112	144,944	163,973	177,904	174,363
10 to 29 acres..... farms..	1,752	(NA)	2,503	2,766	3,044	3,647	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	17,031	(NA)	25,339	27,492	30,584	35,988	40,632	(NA)
30 to 49 acres..... farms..	2,200	(NA)	3,443	4,365	4,659	5,377	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	49,025	(NA)	82,192	104,620	114,360	127,985	137,272	(NA)
50 to 99 acres..... farms..	1,166	1,430	1,952	2,210	2,209	2,297	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	40,893	51,720	72,612	81,475	80,781	83,567	81,501	1429,290
70 to 99 acres..... farms..	3,068	4,201	5,802	6,352	6,596	6,729	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	155,422	216,866	305,945	334,715	335,293	331,145	323,542	(NA)
100 to 139 acres..... farms..	2,591	3,296	3,446	3,407	3,489	3,411	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	188,381	248,597	239,756	228,357	229,958	210,448	192,358	2909,137
140 to 179 acres..... farms..	2,661	3,209	3,405	3,661	3,999	4,641	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	248,769	302,696	290,036	281,955	310,136	326,504	328,638	(NA)
180 to 219 acres..... farms..	1,411	1,459	1,492	1,507	1,501	1,580	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	158,047	174,798	150,425	146,736	142,856	135,888	126,544	(NA)
220 to 259 acres..... farms..	1,272	1,368	1,271	1,364	1,332	1,411	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	170,252	172,388	141,696	152,383	144,533	139,344	138,055	(NA)
260 to 499 acres..... farms..	3,627	3,821	3,938	4,047	4,079	4,325	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	632,617	623,668	594,446	582,063	586,259	549,877	506,794	670,343
500 to 999 acres..... farms..	2,629	2,637	2,686	2,538	2,413	2,407	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	732,894	675,966	650,153	615,973	578,725	470,504	420,232	534,100
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> ..... farms..	1,617	1,519	2,382	2,222	1,998	1,505	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	713,742	617,897	1,171,098	1,101,299	882,260	516,473	365,712	426,518
2,000 acres or more..... farms..	1,167	1,058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	826,097	680,042	(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 <sup>1</sup> .....	27,660	31,413	35,941	38,082	39,301	42,700	(NA)	(NA)
farms..								
acres..	5,877,633	5,793,854	5,475,520	5,244,170	4,589,598	4,708,143	4,284,596	4,452,716
Less than 10 acres.....	1,084	1,435	2,502	2,636	3,077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	4,061	5,015	8,412	9,574	10,817	14,216	9,446	(NA)
acres..	4,777	5,389	6,597	7,652	8,250	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	101,239	117,064	145,709	167,982	178,222	219,575	213,660	(NA)
farms..	1,226	1,490	1,998	2,266	2,247	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	55,010	65,735	90,527	96,930	94,788	104,886	96,140	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	3,163	4,247	5,888	6,447	6,683	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	195,699	262,751	368,787	393,838	382,825	407,212	393,484	(NA)
acres..	2,649	3,367	3,497	3,437	3,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	232,752	297,816	292,891	272,349	263,821	271,299	240,615	(NA)
farms..	2,745	3,295	3,494	3,766	4,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	309,136	369,367	362,393	359,334	364,697	446,075	464,903	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	1,447	1,489	1,521	1,532	1,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	198,658	208,310	193,314	186,986	169,245	189,584	177,728	(NA)
acres..	1,306	1,388	1,293	1,404	1,353	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	214,310	213,633	186,582	196,925	175,174	202,490	209,700	(NA)
farms..	3,745	3,956	4,010	4,102	4,123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	848,568	863,942	823,980	774,167	741,858	869,395	877,095	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	2,691	2,717	2,726	2,569	2,429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	1,074,721	1,013,670	980,914	904,655	797,478	858,194	803,962	(NA)
acres..	1,637	1,546	2,415	2,271	2,017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....	1,167,864	1,060,936	2,022,011	1,881,430	1,410,673	1,125,217	797,863	(NA)
farms..	1,190	1,094	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,475,615	1,315,615	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....	24,351	27,728	31,926	33,404	35,494	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	9,267,849	8,972,537	8,422,538	7,338,201	7,498,059	(NA)	5,064,332	4,391,801
acres..	1,143	1,710	2,510	2,391	2,497	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....	3,802	5,095	7,420	7,348	7,783	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	4,310	4,929	5,782	6,482	6,989	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	54,562	54,459	61,821	66,805	73,653	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	1,039	1,295	1,712	1,951	1,991	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	22,643	27,065	29,875	33,180	34,417	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,692	3,589	5,107	5,596	5,896	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	66,859	77,538	102,933	109,712	133,486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	2,245	2,813	3,093	3,076	3,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	78,917	86,717	101,663	102,717	124,002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	2,345	2,815	3,124	3,284	3,840	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	120,819	125,137	163,912	187,762	253,222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,260	1,246	1,339	1,361	1,438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	86,078	70,025	93,548	87,473	117,781	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	1,116	1,182	1,142	1,283	1,263	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	92,691	89,755	104,158	115,769	126,527	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,248	3,335	3,501	3,615	3,948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	483,490	454,688	530,446	562,740	666,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,353	2,407	2,408	2,282	2,339	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	809,122	843,151	834,691	753,734	848,840	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	1,417	1,318	2,208	2,083	2,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,088,897	1,027,895	6,392,071	5,310,961	5,111,740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....	1,183	1,089	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	6,359,969	6,111,012	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	22,251	25,742	28,218	29,598	28,571	29,898	6 <sup>2</sup> 28,350	7 <sup>2</sup> 27,953
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....	2,801,500	2,611,488	2,324,571	2,124,240	2,026,280	1,895,048	6 <sup>1</sup> 1,388,200	7 <sup>1</sup> 1,634,321
farms..	1,251	2,055	2,778	2,786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,762
acres..	4,736	6,660	9,474	10,297	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....	4,498	5,107	5,985	7,072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7,512
farms..	97,575	115,935	137,417	167,515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,093	1,345	1,796	1,986	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9 <sup>1</sup> 14,870
10 to 49 acres.....	51,037	64,135	85,092	92,390	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	2,797	3,843	5,261	5,777	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	181,797	250,535	341,014	375,433	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	2,310	2,928	2,937	2,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	209,969	269,194	251,134	238,394	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,231	2,669	2,575	2,586	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	263,406	307,627	273,328	249,187	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	1,202	1,239	1,096	1,047	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	164,498	176,264	130,059	118,814	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,027	1,043	856	824	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	168,960	157,068	111,920	104,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,596	2,530	2,226	2,152	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,213
260 to 499 acres.....	523,850	441,623	337,325	277,541	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..	1,512	1,459	1,319	1,164	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,038
acres..	403,734	313,609	228,274	164,076	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....	932	791	1,373	1,267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	558
farms..	302,425	198,585	419,534	325,947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	802	733	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	429,513	310,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms..								
acres..								

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>50 to 99 acres.

<sup>2</sup>100 to 259 acres.

<sup>3</sup>Prior to 1959; 1,000 acres or more.

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

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

<sup>6</sup>Irrigated cropland harvested only.

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

<sup>8</sup>Includes irrigated cropland not harvested and not pastured.

<sup>9</sup>50 to 259 acres.