

TABLE 1. Farms, Acreage, and Value: 1930 to 1964

[Data for value of land and buildings for 1950 to 1964 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Farms.....number..	132,822	154,644	175,543	195,268	204,239	213,439	231,312	214,497
Approximate land area.....acres..	35,795,200	35,795,200	35,798,400	35,798,400	35,806,080	35,806,080	35,867,520	35,867,520
Proportion in farms.....percent..	83.7	84.7	84.9	86.5	88.3	86.7	88.3	85.6
Land in farms.....acres..	29,957,501	30,327,261	30,398,517	30,978,495	31,602,186	31,032,572	31,661,205	30,695,339
Average size of farm.....acres..	225.5	196.1	173.2	158.6	154.7	145.4	136.9	143.1
Value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm.....dollars..	80,894	61,946	40,083	27,628	17,933	11,887	9,536	15,553
Average per acre.....dollars..	356.94	315.87	231.47	174.15	115.90	81.76	69.67	108.68
Land in farms according to use: ¹								
Cropland harvested.....farms..	123,174	141,225	158,099	174,736	183,056	198,486	216,368	203,376
.....acres..	20,058,321	20,967,738	20,549,929	20,364,489	20,301,602	18,270,025	17,566,770	18,958,337
1 to 9 acres.....farms..	6,102	6,818	9,377	14,506	14,966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....farms..	5,807	6,577	7,470	10,028	10,947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....farms..	4,840	5,292	6,242	8,209	9,194	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	8,677	9,829	12,011	14,413	16,520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	21,506	26,647	34,563	39,986	44,458	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....farms..	38,860	49,481	58,139	60,342	61,397	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 acres or more.....farms..	37,382	36,581	30,297	27,252	25,574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....farms..	33,909	34,236	28,827	26,006	24,520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,245	2,199	1,364	1,155	972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....farms..	228	146	106	91	82	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture ²farms..	57,505	74,333	89,405	101,403	80,096	160,433	151,912	151,204
.....acres..	1,669,106	2,076,075	2,492,841	2,591,475	2,150,490	4,935,691	4,033,976	4,091,718
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms..	58,213	30,621	28,497	37,402	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,140,365	916,575	702,440	987,461	1,130,966	1,927,758	3,582,441	2,181,570
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms..	47,232	16,092	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,661,031	494,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop failure.....farms..	4,218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,107	13,136	66,514	31,143
.....acres..	88,793	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	266,025	209,299	1,734,682	701,147
Idle cropland.....farms..	14,930	(NA)	17,951	(NA)	32,673	65,087	92,084	49,878
.....acres..	390,541	(NA)	402,079	(NA)	864,941	1,718,459	1,847,759	1,480,423
Woodland pastured.....farms..	33,023	37,115	46,402	52,089	41,044	(NA)	63,587	61,383
.....acres..	1,501,171	1,552,664	1,949,747	2,040,841	1,687,345	(NA)	2,259,080	2,009,820
Woodland not pastured.....farms..	30,324	32,331	30,183	34,372	29,177	(NA)	35,424	30,180
.....acres..	1,194,530	1,190,680	966,508	1,009,406	786,555	(NA)	863,703	731,936
Other pasture (see text) ²farms..	46,474	56,776	64,301	73,145	111,872	(NA)	63,153	52,959
.....acres..	1,746,072	1,885,905	2,082,748	2,265,250	3,902,859	(NA)	1,902,153	1,505,497
Improved pasture.....farms..	15,824	11,920	10,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	443,802	307,878	224,891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms..	124,962	(NA)	167,703	185,585	197,971	(NA)	224,354	187,346
.....acres..	1,646,665	1,737,624	1,654,304	1,719,573	1,642,369	(NA)	1,453,082	1,216,461
Cropland, total ²farms..	127,091	145,950	163,606	182,542	190,971	209,834	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	23,867,792	23,960,388	23,745,210	23,943,425	23,583,058	25,133,474	25,183,187	25,231,625
Land pastured, total.....farms..	98,814	122,211	145,538	167,312	181,903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	4,916,349	5,514,644	6,525,336	6,897,566	7,740,694	(NA)	8,195,209	7,607,035
Woodland, total.....farms..	53,275	59,028	66,228	74,112	62,494	68,207	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,695,701	2,743,344	2,916,255	3,050,247	2,473,900	1,912,902	3,122,783	2,741,756
Irrigated land in farms.....farms..	327	332	266	139	47	72	342	(NA)
.....acres..	14,375	10,127	6,789	1,510	368	307	3193	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹For the censuses of 1964, 1959, and 1954, in the census year; for all other censuses, in the calendar year preceding the census.

²Not fully comparable for the various census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.

³Irrigated cropland harvested only.