

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.....	132,822	154,652	175,543	195,212	204,239	213,439	231,312	214,497
Less than 10 acres.....	4,380	6,275	11,225	13,666	13,830	12,738	14,122	9,066
Less than 5 acres.....	1,777	2,317	3,341	2,662	1,490	729	681	1,054
1 acre or less.....	1,141	1,397	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	636	920	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	2,603	3,958	7,884	11,004	12,340	12,009	13,441	8,012
3 acres.....	395	691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	406	551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	722	1,125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	318	417	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	236	449	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	317	445	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	209	280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	14,418	18,639	21,883	28,125	30,392	32,104	36,727	29,427
10 to 19 acres.....	7,213	9,973	11,869	15,982	16,769	17,171	19,691	(NA)
20 to 49 acres.....	7,205	8,666	10,014	12,143	13,623	14,933	17,036	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	4,953	5,974	6,893	8,411	8,854	10,447	13,052	141,678
70 to 99 acres.....	11,367	14,127	17,135	20,641	22,800	27,844	31,459	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	12,939	16,388	20,912	25,065	27,080	31,517	35,812	210,471
140 to 179 acres.....	16,866	22,649	28,354	31,741	33,310	36,049	38,491	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	12,375	15,874	18,443	19,429	20,025	19,752	20,831	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	12,481	15,278	16,264	16,198	16,523	15,862	15,854	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	33,214	32,685	29,504	27,534	27,377	24,021	22,567	21,604
500 to 999 acres.....	8,919	6,189	4,504	3,997	3,678	2,839	2,185	2,061
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	807	505	426	405	370	266	112	190
2,000 acres or more.....	103	69	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	29,957,501	30,323,114	30,398,517	30,991,429	31,602,186	31,032,572	31,661,205	30,695,339
Average size of farm.....	225.5	196.1	173.2	158.8	154.7	145.4	136.9	143.1
Less than 10 acres.....	16,809	26,903	46,193	64,858	67,143	64,996	72,731	45,906
10 to 49 acres.....	408,862	515,099	594,353	751,443	812,217	874,939	1,001,162	839,711
10 to 29 acres.....	128,895	(NA)	205,756	278,137	283,978	293,860	339,903	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	279,967	(NA)	388,597	473,306	528,239	581,079	661,259	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	289,472	349,561	403,454	489,066	517,315	611,071	763,014	13,152,955
70 to 99 acres.....	934,058	1,160,156	1,409,165	1,703,119	1,871,051	2,283,403	2,586,157	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	1,520,792	1,930,808	2,459,744	2,948,699	3,174,293	3,689,452	4,193,117	218,031,765
140 to 179 acres.....	2,671,887	3,586,899	4,491,201	4,986,431	5,269,718	5,699,316	6,079,681	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	2,447,304	3,141,470	3,639,283	3,834,888	3,949,172	3,890,711	4,106,059	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	2,967,740	3,632,072	3,861,617	3,840,369	3,922,019	3,764,183	3,761,909	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	11,606,854	11,191,871	9,988,343	9,257,612	9,166,670	7,997,279	7,438,233	7,084,137
500 to 999 acres.....	5,725,512	3,906,758	2,821,597	2,500,526	2,301,282	1,764,453	1,352,851	1,262,654
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,011,266	633,273	683,567	614,418	551,306	392,769	306,291	278,211
2,000 acres or more.....	356,945	248,244	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	123,174	141,713	158,099	174,787	183,056	198,486	216,368	203,376
acres.....	20,058,321	21,073,272	20,549,929	20,372,700	20,301,602	18,270,025	17,566,770	18,958,337
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,520	1,759	3,232	5,258	5,717	7,347	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4,598	6,089	10,143	18,011	16,903	19,050	24,052	16,252
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	10,191	13,258	14,946	19,560	20,662	25,133	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	160,553	218,490	234,666	278,823	299,248	343,254	426,868	376,881
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	4,550	(NA)	7,088	9,798	9,996	12,139	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	45,205	(NA)	69,520	91,131	91,809	102,824	133,556	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	5,641	(NA)	7,858	9,762	10,666	12,994	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	115,348	(NA)	165,146	187,692	207,439	240,430	293,312	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,172	5,058	5,994	7,135	7,715	9,710	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	128,370	172,292	194,407	211,022	232,054	284,006	364,147	1,750,429
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	10,644	13,370	16,382	19,635	21,753	27,034	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	515,902	699,819	853,157	982,656	1,069,410	1,263,287	1,366,148	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	12,472	15,853	20,477	24,539	26,533	31,025	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	909,861	1,240,552	1,586,649	1,860,356	1,951,292	2,134,509	2,308,699	211,554,035
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	16,634	22,279	28,156	31,445	33,019	35,779	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,799,716	2,560,307	3,188,374	3,511,088	3,593,190	3,575,457	3,537,012	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	12,247	15,699	18,353	19,268	19,917	19,640	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,657,530	2,266,354	2,551,830	2,601,315	2,637,742	2,365,723	2,334,028	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	12,391	15,193	16,226	16,132	16,452	15,793	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2,083,724	2,686,688	2,779,789	2,707,970	2,697,392	2,362,695	2,203,154	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	33,100	32,514	29,424	27,437	27,262	23,938	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	8,161,343	8,075,553	6,956,182	6,323,758	6,103,746	4,797,839	4,199,955	4,466,425
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	8,903	6,164	4,486	3,981	3,660	2,825	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	3,864,227	2,673,939	1,815,986	1,537,502	1,398,054	941,715	672,591	671,000
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	800	499	423	397	366	262	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	608,419	368,580	378,746	340,199	302,571	182,490	130,116	123,316
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	100	67	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	164,078	104,609	(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 ²farms..	127,091	146,390	163,606	182,857	190,971	209,814	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	23,867,792	24,109,451	23,745,210	23,983,825	23,583,058	25,133,474	25,183,187	25,231,625
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,914	2,394	4,361	7,405	7,686	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	6,651	9,344	15,690	29,046	26,232	41,349	45,915	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	12,082	15,374	17,966	23,537	24,713	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	239,556	306,408	343,912	434,673	451,479	638,233	714,883	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	4,615	5,468	6,447	7,800	8,281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	182,071	224,157	258,666	307,735	322,293	465,093	569,976	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	11,096	13,865	16,791	20,206	22,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	676,558	857,441	1,043,658	1,246,774	1,329,751	1,829,801	2,032,845	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	12,778	16,193	20,717	24,859	26,855	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,141,886	1,473,574	1,887,036	2,260,364	2,333,625	2,984,171	3,335,057	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	16,804	22,564	28,278	31,626	33,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,159,545	2,938,758	3,659,630	4,064,649	4,118,827	4,769,827	5,010,405	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	12,334	15,844	18,402	19,373	19,991	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,971,250	2,579,134	2,915,296	3,017,886	3,019,330	3,183,594	3,300,496	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	12,455	15,273	16,250	16,158	16,496	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,446,557	3,013,023	3,149,277	3,113,092	3,059,397	3,138,190	3,094,152	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	33,190	32,654	29,473	27,502	27,342	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,512,506	9,067,404	7,911,045	7,275,786	6,936,236	6,486,505	5,909,822	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	8,915	6,189	4,495	3,991	3,669	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,565,350	3,052,326	2,103,701	1,819,230	1,624,586	1,329,374	981,438	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	806	503	426	400	368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	748,225	449,024	457,299	414,590	361,302	267,337	188,198	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	102	69	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	217,637	138,858	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	98,814	122,800	145,538	168,126	181,903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,916,349	5,445,157	6,525,336	6,931,022	7,740,694	(NA)	8,195,209	7,607,035
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,041	1,915	3,166	5,472	6,971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,628	7,370	10,975	19,023	24,272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	9,233	12,729	15,181	20,903	23,822	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	135,085	170,383	217,807	287,992	337,239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	3,440	4,263	5,438	7,154	7,731	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	84,674	99,983	130,172	173,343	187,246	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	7,888	10,692	14,047	18,134	20,665	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	214,301	271,391	357,957	464,451	535,597	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	9,704	13,188	18,234	22,853	25,482	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	316,290	405,322	576,197	708,636	828,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	12,796	18,783	25,523	29,501	31,753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	446,379	628,048	884,065	1,013,619	1,172,337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	9,757	13,542	16,901	18,243	19,235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	408,168	520,791	737,982	800,369	905,187	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	9,861	13,147	14,995	15,350	15,920	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	446,592	577,636	735,115	762,655	849,846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	26,977	28,662	27,471	26,295	26,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,710,771	1,838,178	2,028,973	1,935,585	2,120,552	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	7,372	5,381	4,196	3,855	3,566	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	891,595	700,505	655,760	607,160	620,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	672	436	386	366	342	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	184,993	145,074	190,333	158,189	159,591	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	73	62	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	73,873	80,476	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	327	373	266	150	47	72	642	(NA)
acres..	14,375	12,547	6,789	1,064	368	307	919 ⁶	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	39	41	36	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	84	67	59	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	41	38	48	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	243	281	374	225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	18	20	8	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	267	335	72	21	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	26	26	30	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	639	555	292	340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	21	21	20	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	413	356	285	170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	19	36	32	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	894	616	959	95	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	18	40	18	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	615	695	573	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	14	20	16	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	429	725	324	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	77	68	38	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,469	3,721	1,753	130	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	37	51	15	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,239	3,449	558	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	13	7	5	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,526	907	1,540	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	4	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	557	840	(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.