

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.....                                 | 108,082    | 128,143    | 153,593    | 166,638    | 175,970    | 184,549    | 200,835    | 181,570                 |
| Less than 10 acres.....                        | 4,847      | 6,648      | 14,215     | 14,427     | 15,841     | 15,685     | 15,766     | 9,926                   |
| Less than 3 acres.....                         | 1,757      | 2,145      | 3,820      | 2,485      | 1,294      | 645        | 548        | 547                     |
| 1 acre or less.....                            | 1,048      | 1,165      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 2 acres.....                                   | 709        | 980        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 3 to 9 acres.....                              | 3,090      | 4,503      | 10,395     | 11,942     | 14,547     | 15,040     | 15,218     | 9,379                   |
| 3 acres.....                                   | 442        | 765        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 4 acres.....                                   | 453        | 617        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 5 acres.....                                   | 698        | 1,176      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 6 acres.....                                   | 445        | 559        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 7 acres.....                                   | 347        | 510        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 8 acres.....                                   | 440        | 529        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 9 acres.....                                   | 265        | 347        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| 10 to 49 acres.....                            | 20,533     | 26,914     | 32,859     | 37,195     | 39,980     | 40,735     | 45,976     | 37,543                  |
| 10 to 29 acres.....                            | 10,074     | 13,976     | 17,553     | 20,208     | 21,807     | 20,855     | 23,011     | (NA)                    |
| 30 to 49 acres.....                            | 10,459     | 12,938     | 15,306     | 16,987     | 18,173     | 19,880     | 22,965     | (NA)                    |
| 50 to 69 acres.....                            | 7,641      | 9,245      | 10,940     | 12,318     | 12,897     | 15,040     | 17,825     | <sup>1</sup> 52,199     |
| 70 to 99 acres.....                            | 14,947     | 17,679     | 21,665     | 25,049     | 27,442     | 33,267     | 37,744     | (NA)                    |
| 100 to 139 acres.....                          | 13,565     | 16,659     | 20,396     | 23,876     | 25,885     | 28,950     | 33,104     | <sup>2</sup> 71,886     |
| 140 to 179 acres.....                          | 10,975     | 13,740     | 17,220     | 19,281     | 20,218     | 21,165     | 22,440     | (NA)                    |
| 180 to 219 acres.....                          | 7,770      | 9,800      | 11,332     | 11,717     | 11,893     | 11,183     | 11,130     | (NA)                    |
| 220 to 259 acres.....                          | 6,265      | 7,748      | 8,122      | 7,846      | 7,623      | 6,822      | 6,584      | (NA)                    |
| 260 to 499 acres.....                          | 16,700     | 16,508     | 14,488     | 12,896     | 12,268     | 10,210     | 9,095      | 8,949                   |
| 500 to 999 acres.....                          | 4,369      | 2,906      | 2,112      | 1,822      | 1,719      | 1,332      | 1,049      | 953                     |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....        | 410        | 256        | 244        | 211        | 204        | 160        | 122        | 114                     |
| 2,000 acres or more.....                       | 60         | 40         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| Land in farms (acres):                         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |                         |
| All land in farms.....                         | 17,933,226 | 18,625,794 | 19,232,774 | 19,718,523 | 20,027,015 | 19,800,778 | 20,518,745 | 19,688,675              |
| Average size of farm.....                      | 165.9      | 145.4      | 125.2      | 118.3      | 113.8      | 107.3      | 102.2      | 108.4                   |
| Less than 10 acres.....                        | 20,098     | 29,476     | 61,819     | 70,662     | 79,495     | 80,801     | 83,492     | 54,709                  |
| 10 to 49 acres.....                            | 591,598    | 767,669    | 908,032    | 1,027,297  | 1,084,934  | 1,141,611  | 1,305,251  | 1,099,446               |
| 10 to 29 acres.....                            | 182,634    | (NA)       | 312,284    | 360,819    | 376,525    | 363,470    | 406,142    | (NA)                    |
| 30 to 49 acres.....                            | 408,964    | (NA)       | 595,748    | 666,478    | 708,409    | 778,141    | 899,109    | (NA)                    |
| 50 to 69 acres.....                            | 447,745    | 540,925    | 641,396    | 721,052    | 754,548    | 882,036    | 1,045,387  | <sup>3</sup> 915,125    |
| 70 to 99 acres.....                            | 1,229,272  | 1,453,376  | 1,785,153  | 2,061,558  | 2,256,023  | 2,732,104  | 3,104,301  | (NA)                    |
| 100 to 139 acres.....                          | 1,586,292  | 1,954,074  | 2,386,235  | 2,800,098  | 3,020,632  | 3,368,421  | 3,849,727  | <sup>2</sup> 10,919,175 |
| 140 to 179 acres.....                          | 1,732,142  | 2,170,602  | 2,717,247  | 3,039,651  | 3,183,787  | 3,327,027  | 3,525,429  | (NA)                    |
| 180 to 219 acres.....                          | 1,535,893  | 1,937,792  | 2,235,541  | 2,308,686  | 2,343,418  | 2,201,340  | 2,190,949  | (NA)                    |
| 220 to 259 acres.....                          | 1,489,272  | 1,841,497  | 1,928,074  | 1,861,995  | 1,805,960  | 1,616,258  | 1,559,672  | (NA)                    |
| 260 to 499 acres.....                          | 5,808,709  | 5,636,995  | 4,854,662  | 4,321,668  | 4,083,423  | 3,377,879  | 2,999,295  | 2,929,950               |
| 500 to 999 acres.....                          | 2,786,249  | 1,827,524  | 1,334,806  | 1,152,728  | 1,083,793  | 831,152    | 662,069    | 593,160                 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....        | 519,979    | 326,813    | 379,809    | 353,128    | 331,002    | 242,149    | 193,173    | 177,110                 |
| 2,000 acres or more.....                       | 185,977    | 139,051    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| Land in farms according to use: <sup>4</sup>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |                         |
| Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms.. | 95,846     | 112,250    | 130,341    | 142,733    | 150,116    | 166,977    | 188,040    | 168,399                 |
| acres.....                                     | 10,298,855 | 11,202,600 | 11,333,161 | 11,070,796 | 10,912,368 | 9,711,028  | 10,102,689 | 10,213,813              |
| Less than 10 acres.....farms..                 | 1,793      | 1,949      | 4,207      | 5,169      | 6,575      | 9,229      | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 4,964      | 5,913      | 12,885     | 15,820     | 17,558     | 21,940     | 30,100     | 18,884                  |
| 10 to 49 acres.....farms..                     | 14,623     | 19,143     | 22,677     | 25,818     | 27,423     | 32,451     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 218,764    | 309,868    | 351,582    | 374,576    | 378,689    | 425,512    | 532,705    | 467,613                 |
| 10 to 29 acres.....farms..                     | 6,266      | (NA)       | 10,335     | 12,096     | 12,851     | 14,949     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 58,986     | (NA)       | 98,003     | 108,892    | 106,792    | 116,714    | 151,951    | (NA)                    |
| 30 to 49 acres.....farms..                     | 8,357      | (NA)       | 12,342     | 13,722     | 14,572     | 17,502     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 159,778    | (NA)       | 253,579    | 265,684    | 271,897    | 308,798    | 380,754    | (NA)                    |
| 50 to 69 acres.....farms..                     | 6,625      | 8,170      | 9,694      | 11,022     | 11,515     | 14,067     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 183,000    | 253,873    | 300,152    | 322,123    | 330,523    | 388,506    | 483,735    | <sup>1</sup> 2,006,162  |
| 70 to 99 acres.....farms..                     | 13,958     | 16,723     | 20,709     | 24,089     | 26,035     | 32,314     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 578,212    | 758,790    | 958,547    | 1,073,930  | 1,145,390  | 1,330,987  | 1,541,231  | (NA)                    |
| 100 to 139 acres.....farms..                   | 12,945     | 16,000     | 19,920     | 23,331     | 25,225     | 28,507     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 789,973    | 1,083,915  | 1,351,493  | 1,512,982  | 1,635,496  | 1,673,100  | 1,944,502  | <sup>2</sup> 5,855,046  |
| 140 to 179 acres.....farms..                   | 10,679     | 13,380     | 17,014     | 19,046     | 19,899     | 20,917     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 945,863    | 1,296,446  | 1,653,317  | 1,792,395  | 1,831,571  | 1,697,379  | 1,800,900  | (NA)                    |
| 180 to 219 acres.....farms..                   | 7,655      | 9,654      | 11,249     | 11,617     | 11,772     | 11,092     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 887,878    | 1,209,479  | 1,389,461  | 1,380,125  | 1,361,224  | 1,119,728  | 1,109,137  | (NA)                    |
| 220 to 259 acres.....farms..                   | 6,175      | 7,637      | 8,083      | 7,805      | 7,573      | 6,768      | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 911,160    | 1,205,292  | 1,234,338  | 1,133,288  | 1,071,023  | 843,845    | 801,093    | (NA)                    |
| 260 to 499 acres.....farms..                   | 16,585     | 16,407     | 14,443     | 12,822     | 12,193     | 10,155     | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 3,682,424  | 3,680,133  | 3,085,807  | 2,636,145  | 2,380,072  | 1,718,353  | 1,496,021  | 1,534,691               |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms..                   | 4,343      | 2,895      | 2,103      | 1,806      | 1,704      | 1,321      | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 1,736,150  | 1,156,189  | 808,710    | 655,415    | 595,423    | 397,086    | 296,975    | 273,643                 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....farms.. | 407        | 253        | 242        | 208        | 202        | 156        | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 286,111    | 184,904    | 186,869    | 173,997    | 165,399    | 94,592     | 66,290     | 57,774                  |
| 2,000 acres or more.....farms..                | 58         | 39         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |
| acres.....                                     | 74,356     | 57,798     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)                    |

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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> .....farms.. | 102,137    | 119,195    | 138,641    | 152,647    | 160,991    | 180,214    | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 13,317,207 | 13,744,643 | 13,828,414 | 13,913,400 | 13,540,148 | 14,649,999 | 14,788,887 | 14,532,420 |
| Less than 10 acres.....farms..                             | 2,383      | 2,860      | 5,958      | 7,761      | 9,024      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 8,095      | 10,112     | 21,242     | 29,024     | 29,644     | 48,127     | 53,838     | (NA)       |
| 10 to 49 acres.....farms..                                 | 17,792     | 22,583     | 27,336     | 31,004     | 33,212     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 356,183    | 455,018    | 51,986     | 579,234    | 577,183    | 795,882    | 899,261    | (NA)       |
| 50 to 69 acres.....farms..                                 | 7,343      | 8,805      | 10,416     | 11,818     | 12,322     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 290,015    | 351,406    | 406,144    | 454,186    | 456,296    | 643,919    | 747,010    | (NA)       |
| 70 to 99 acres.....farms..                                 | 14,721     | 17,514     | 21,302     | 24,749     | 26,986     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 846,400    | 1,009,584  | 1,230,021  | 1,405,337  | 1,486,043  | 2,039,564  | 2,271,743  | (NA)       |
| 100 to 139 acres.....farms..                               | 13,444     | 16,539     | 20,233     | 23,681     | 25,699     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 1,108,508  | 1,394,665  | 1,684,810  | 1,938,729  | 2,042,093  | 2,503,928  | 2,805,701  | (NA)       |
| 140 to 179 acres.....farms..                               | 10,942     | 13,675     | 17,150     | 19,201     | 20,126     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 1,261,153  | 1,604,051  | 2,001,558  | 2,218,190  | 2,234,970  | 2,488,219  | 2,579,621  | (NA)       |
| 180 to 219 acres.....farms..                               | 7,754      | 9,785      | 11,305     | 11,692     | 11,850     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 1,140,483  | 1,465,620  | 1,660,613  | 1,686,820  | 1,644,942  | 1,635,186  | 1,583,221  | (NA)       |
| 220 to 259 acres.....farms..                               | 6,250      | 7,732      | 8,107      | 7,836      | 7,605      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 1,140,513  | 1,429,420  | 1,456,920  | 1,374,205  | 1,285,065  | 1,218,345  | 1,141,240  | (NA)       |
| 260 to 499 acres.....farms..                               | 16,680     | 16,503     | 14,478     | 12,873     | 12,249     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 4,523,674  | 4,355,650  | 3,645,652  | 3,186,629  | 2,855,486  | 2,515,734  | 2,157,895  | (NA)       |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms..                               | 4,362      | 2,906      | 2,112      | 1,822      | 1,714      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 2,156,307  | 1,367,382  | 967,325    | 813,010    | 720,969    | 599,736    | 444,357    | (NA)       |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>2</sup> .....farms..             | 407        | 254        | 244        | 210        | 204        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 372,797    | 224,528    | 235,143    | 228,036    | 207,457    | 161,359    | 105,000    | (NA)       |
| 2,000 acres or more.....farms..                            | 59         | 39         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 113,079    | 77,207     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..          | 82,191     | 102,780    | 125,172    | 141,314    | 156,745    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 3,454,703  | 4,014,668  | 4,849,262  | 5,177,388  | 6,001,660  | (NA)       | 6,344,676  | 5,956,416  |
| Less than 10 acres.....farms..                             | 1,405      | 2,221      | 4,666      | 6,206      | 8,791      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 5,046      | 7,922      | 16,356     | 21,755     | 29,616     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 10 to 49 acres.....farms..                                 | 13,498     | 18,612     | 23,747     | 28,247     | 33,050     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 183,367    | 248,080    | 320,371    | 372,387    | 450,330    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 50 to 69 acres.....farms..                                 | 5,659      | 7,216      | 9,017      | 10,613     | 11,781     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 124,456    | 157,102    | 202,929    | 233,697    | 274,811    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 70 to 99 acres.....farms..                                 | 11,416     | 14,535     | 19,015     | 22,693     | 25,852     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 300,058    | 374,351    | 502,942    | 590,657    | 728,298    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 100 to 139 acres.....farms..                               | 10,900     | 14,414     | 18,553     | 22,430     | 24,841     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 374,057    | 471,446    | 636,393    | 772,852    | 913,911    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 140 to 179 acres.....farms..                               | 9,034      | 12,130     | 15,972     | 18,315     | 19,595     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 365,745    | 491,630    | 671,566    | 772,695    | 904,515    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 180 to 219 acres.....farms..                               | 6,528      | 8,738      | 10,640     | 11,137     | 11,575     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 307,735    | 401,682    | 532,138    | 566,406    | 656,560    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 220 to 259 acres.....farms..                               | 5,323      | 6,962      | 7,506      | 7,506      | 7,419      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 266,122    | 344,708    | 433,264    | 443,842    | 493,824    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 260 to 499 acres.....farms..                               | 14,338     | 15,064     | 13,725     | 12,275     | 11,975     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 951,690    | 1,044,774  | 1,102,983  | 1,018,763  | 1,121,583  | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms..                               | 3,681      | 2,626      | 1,971      | 1,696      | 1,672      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 430,899    | 353,655    | 317,615    | 287,022    | 321,984    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....farms..             | 354        | 228        | 231        | 196        | 194        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 91,154     | 73,149     | 112,705    | 97,312     | 106,228    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 2,000 acres or more.....farms..                            | 55         | 34         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 54,374     | 46,169     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..       | 558        | 597        | 443        | 147        | 123        | 136        | 6102       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 16,924     | 18,618     | 11,738     | 5,130      | 830        | 685        | 6532       | (NA)       |
| Less than 10 acres.....farms..                             | 60         | 91         | 49         | 30         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 131        | 288        | 142        | 70         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 10 to 49 acres.....farms..                                 | 99         | 111        | 100        | 77         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 656        | 632        | 674        | 543        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 50 to 69 acres.....farms..                                 | 25         | 26         | 21         | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 147        | 586        | 188        | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 70 to 99 acres.....farms..                                 | 56         | 41         | 38         | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 690        | 448        | 409        | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 100 to 139 acres.....farms..                               | 46         | 40         | 38         | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 676        | 1,155      | 520        | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 140 to 179 acres.....farms..                               | 42         | 40         | 34         | 10         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 418        | 880        | 290        | 125        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 180 to 219 acres.....farms..                               | 36         | 20         | 34         | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 671        | 475        | 358        | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 220 to 259 acres.....farms..                               | 29         | 25         | 22         | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 601        | 435        | 492        | -          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 260 to 499 acres.....farms..                               | 84         | 139        | 61         | 18         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 2,687      | 7,076      | 2,352      | 327        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms..                               | 62         | 38         | 31         | 4          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 4,696      | 1,266      | 2,656      | 638        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres <sup>3</sup> .....farms..             | 13         | 15         | 15         | 8          | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 1,229      | 1,923      | 3,657      | 3,427      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 2,000 acres or more.....farms..                            | 6          | 11         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| acres..  | 4,322      | 3,454      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |

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.