

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.....	92,440	104,134	120,167	131,372	141,192	156,327	174,589	166,042
Less than 10 acres.....	2,366	2,889	6,542	7,774	8,419	7,564	9,531	6,728
Less than 3 acres.....	1,130	1,162	2,551	1,814	1,053	406	351	1,145
1 acre or less.....	828	654	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	302	508	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	1,236	1,727	3,991	5,960	7,366	7,158	9,180	5,583
3 acres.....	211	322	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	160	212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	457	619	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	122	183	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	91	140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	121	160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	74	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	6,465	7,573	8,810	10,788	12,274	13,514	16,618	13,540
10 to 29 acres.....	3,327	4,212	4,988	6,202	7,230	7,577	9,234	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	3,138	3,361	3,822	4,586	5,044	5,937	7,384	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	1,916	2,093	2,534	3,147	2,776	3,514	4,597	¹ 19,226
70 to 99 acres.....	5,895	6,546	7,701	8,641	10,478	13,880	16,577	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	3,913	4,599	5,474	6,966	7,283	9,586	11,995	² 68,401
140 to 179 acres.....	9,072	11,151	14,407	17,216	22,022	28,810	33,305	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	3,519	4,532	5,957	7,431	7,815	8,951	10,532	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	5,311	7,007	9,071	10,384	11,431	12,539	13,525	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	22,684	27,976	32,069	33,870	35,198	36,298	37,790	38,385
500 to 999 acres.....	19,664	19,699	18,890	17,486	16,663	-15,635	15,025	15,055
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	8,518	7,508	8,712	7,669	6,833	6,036	5,094	4,707
2,000 acres or more.....	3,117	2,561	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	50,271,117	50,097,175	50,023,538	48,583,101	48,589,418	48,173,635	48,009,770	46,975,647
Average size of farm.....	543.8	481.1	416.3	369.8	344.1	308.2	275.0	282.9
Less than 10 acres.....	7,993	10,907	23,773	33,870	39,088	37,990	48,018	31,608
10 to 49 acres.....	178,875	200,358	231,944	280,077	312,070	354,833	439,452	367,841
10 to 29 acres.....	56,926	(NA)	84,338	103,275	118,491	125,804	154,229	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	121,949	(NA)	147,606	176,802	193,579	229,029	285,223	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	111,978	122,420	147,926	185,521	161,819	204,882	267,638	¹ 1,475,364
70 to 99 acres.....	478,503	530,885	625,479	704,579	851,037	1,126,426	1,347,665	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	458,717	541,623	643,744	820,458	854,537	1,124,438	1,408,014	² 11,885,255
140 to 179 acres.....	1,441,659	1,772,202	2,297,269	2,730,965	3,509,122	4,584,009	5,300,129	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	697,088	898,641	1,179,430	1,472,050	1,544,740	1,768,525	2,077,804	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,266,275	1,671,836	2,162,471	2,474,832	2,723,672	2,987,153	3,219,062	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	8,476,259	10,379,424	11,746,519	12,371,562	12,768,182	13,102,843	13,594,687	13,796,240
500 to 999 acres.....	13,865,263	13,697,202	13,108,688	12,077,409	11,513,936	10,787,094	10,339,530	10,243,252
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	11,482,908	10,103,799	17,856,295	15,431,778	14,311,215	12,095,442	9,967,771	9,176,087
2,000 acres or more.....	11,805,599	10,167,878	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	84,171	95,341	107,602	117,940	128,949	142,874	154,716	158,533
acres..	18,160,353	20,605,221	21,440,232	21,507,150	22,816,924	17,816,498	16,663,186	24,308,361
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	553	605	1,217	2,141	3,510	4,371	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,472	1,990	3,698	6,301	9,752	12,453	14,064	12,394
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	3,774	4,606	4,901	6,472	8,096	10,091	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	54,695	65,484	69,883	85,900	112,531	146,662	176,703	176,718
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	1,743	(NA)	2,370	3,326	4,407	5,322	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	17,175	(NA)	22,650	28,035	38,820	47,083	56,929	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	2,031	(NA)	2,531	3,146	3,689	4,769	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	37,520	(NA)	47,233	57,865	73,711	99,579	119,774	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	1,319	1,580	1,865	2,371	2,278	2,929	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	35,003	46,225	51,785	64,545	69,918	94,394	120,862	¹ 819,885
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,976	5,685	6,864	7,826	9,717	12,971	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	177,896	226,075	272,683	314,085	432,352	595,604	643,237	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,439	4,197	5,047	6,521	6,923	9,146	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	180,861	249,627	299,503	389,608	451,081	611,096	683,206	² 7,088,667
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	8,542	10,613	13,960	16,724	21,507	27,290	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	619,222	869,348	1,185,489	1,453,101	1,998,961	2,358,133	2,416,411	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,320	4,381	5,815	7,261	7,712	8,745	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	313,780	471,156	631,025	795,955	887,236	973,884	985,626	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	5,131	6,832	8,954	10,238	11,316	12,229	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	584,853	891,430	1,185,781	1,357,609	1,600,689	1,580,749	1,471,748	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	22,233	27,489	31,736	33,584	34,790	34,664	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,931,369	5,394,602	6,193,022	6,601,312	7,241,455	5,787,665	5,306,329	8,090,888
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	19,459	19,498	18,736	17,289	16,446	14,812	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,859,830	6,252,638	6,143,951	5,631,424	5,772,387	3,487,205	3,163,009	5,427,638
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	8,405	7,409	8,507	7,513	6,654	5,626	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,989,422	3,854,528	5,403,412	4,807,310	4,240,562	2,168,653	1,681,991	2,692,171
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	3,020	2,446	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,411,950	2,282,118	(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 ¹farms..	86,535	97,839	110,350	121,344	132,090	152,751	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	29,421,414	29,725,094	29,577,170	29,438,937	28,436,340	34,193,430	32,549,962	33,642,396
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	715	830	1,810	3,181	4,452	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,229	2,840	6,308	10,906	13,940	23,752	28,969	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	4,394	5,237	5,909	7,568	9,116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	77,766	87,389	97,868	123,014	142,184	241,522	289,433	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	1,469	1,652	2,020	2,541	2,381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	50,158	57,807	66,988	85,055	82,895	142,163	183,663	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	5,331	6,045	7,169	8,151	10,037	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	260,991	303,685	348,819	405,255	504,069	841,242	957,026	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,638	4,348	5,174	6,656	7,045	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	256,048	314,549	370,307	485,478	517,443	833,591	992,697	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	8,801	10,949	14,145	16,959	21,756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	897,026	1,128,606	1,463,587	1,783,927	2,258,891	3,482,465	3,863,407	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,402	4,471	5,862	7,321	7,755	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	428,626	566,576	754,838	958,480	995,485	1,317,820	1,475,250	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	5,213	6,942	8,995	10,303	11,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	802,215	1,092,956	1,423,044	1,648,941	1,789,819	2,248,713	2,307,556	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	22,484	27,804	31,889	33,749	34,964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,561,426	6,937,260	7,741,265	8,291,266	8,307,839	9,810,450	9,794,989	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	19,579	19,628	18,798	17,364	16,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	8,935,456	8,841,051	8,392,795	7,776,265	7,194,845	7,915,974	7,344,990	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ²farms..	8,465	7,455	8,579	7,551	6,709	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	7,127,493	6,299,383	8,911,351	7,870,350	6,628,930	7,335,738	5,311,982	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	3,044	2,478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,021,980	4,092,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	80,199	91,564	104,940	116,539	127,771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	20,339,429	19,750,204	19,790,180	18,491,917	19,021,105	(NA)	17,977,924	18,687,425
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	479	850	1,897	3,190	4,355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,789	2,920	6,883	11,285	14,126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	4,543	5,381	6,622	8,481	9,713	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	85,053	93,135	113,247	136,154	143,818	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	1,484	1,687	2,103	2,662	2,372	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	54,268	56,303	70,452	89,386	68,740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	4,811	5,461	6,643	7,740	9,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	200,876	212,017	256,080	282,840	305,899	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	3,278	4,062	4,805	6,316	6,637	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	185,315	208,578	249,268	308,857	295,268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	7,796	9,828	12,864	15,621	20,471	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	509,507	610,982	772,318	873,469	1,111,961	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,087	4,142	5,530	6,935	7,450	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	247,744	304,928	388,934	466,515	484,349	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	4,808	6,441	8,475	9,914	10,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	432,859	534,205	686,535	770,428	834,110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	20,762	25,925	30,075	31,954	33,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,745,916	3,219,983	3,762,551	3,829,501	4,050,758	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	18,379	18,557	17,803	16,654	16,083	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,741,090	4,647,158	4,546,425	4,128,413	4,070,335	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ²farms..	7,870	6,854	8,123	7,072	6,574	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,295,775	3,746,928	8,937,487	7,595,069	7,641,741	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,902	2,376	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	6,839,237	6,113,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	5,102	4,613	2,736	1,083	636	1,578	61,331	683
acres..	1,004,210	753,636	331,551	145,334	96,248	82,872	644,835	756,939
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	51	95	88	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56
acres..	119	290	184	96	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	110	146	111	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	95
acres..	1,507	2,152	1,231	360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	28	30	27	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	270
acres..	636	535	833	1,555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	66	95	62	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,435	3,850	2,312	450	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	58	70	48	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,860	3,285	2,574	1,425	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	169	166	153	75	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	11,694	8,757	9,098	5,650	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	91	80	57	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,926	3,660	2,948	2,105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	126	140	112	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,225	11,490	7,523	3,330	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	978	990	610	255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	138
acres..	117,801	105,449	58,061	29,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,417	1,318	680	256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77
acres..	231,423	194,535	76,016	36,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ²farms..	1,263	1,020	788	313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	47
acres..	323,110	250,116	170,771	63,933	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	745	503	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	298,474	169,517	(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.