

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.....	62,466	74,370	111,127	124,022	129,295	150,007	170,216	161,445
Less than 10 acres.....	4,806	7,893	16,531	15,010	12,525	12,508	15,456	10,262
Less than 2 acres.....	1,545	2,926	1,656	1,790	1,878	352	959	689
1 acre or less.....	917	1,875	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	628	1,051	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 to 9 acres.....	3,261	4,967	14,875	13,220	10,647	12,156	14,497	9,573
3 acres.....	411	690	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	433	651	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	710	1,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	511	675	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	386	602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	496	708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	314	485	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	27,083	33,755	55,415	68,170	76,808	96,467	110,968	111,068
10 to 19 acres.....	15,718	19,367	34,063	42,029	47,097	62,989	75,454	(NA)
20 to 49 acres.....	11,365	14,388	21,352	26,141	29,751	33,478	35,514	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	5,794	6,716	8,956	9,975	10,342	10,855	11,855	122,550
70 to 99 acres.....	6,070	7,028	9,135	10,175	10,224	11,059	11,766	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	4,743	5,210	6,369	6,441	6,569	6,884	7,513	213,405
140 to 179 acres.....	2,985	3,211	3,683	3,781	3,831	3,961	4,207	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	1,967	2,025	2,189	2,036	2,050	2,004	2,166	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,334	1,324	1,464	1,532	1,206	1,213	1,271	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,752	3,520	3,803	3,696	3,166	2,876	2,945	2,511
500 to 999 acres.....	2,275	2,162	2,050	1,884	1,531	1,322	1,252	979
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,059	964	1,532	1,322	1,043	858	817	670
2,000 acres or more.....	598	562	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	10,411,045	10,333,117	11,441,343	11,200,024	10,039,657	9,996,108	10,444,288	9,355,437
Average size of farm.....	166.7	138.9	103.0	90.3	77.6	66.6	61.4	57.9
Less than 10 acres.....	21,250	33,134	86,405	79,501	65,936	75,793	90,289	60,742
10 to 49 acres.....	720,626	893,967	1,421,612	1,761,324	1,994,194	2,427,788	2,715,950	2,752,703
10 to 29 acres.....	286,067	(NA)	611,359	772,772	873,890	1,168,505	1,386,964	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	434,559	(NA)	810,253	988,552	1,120,304	1,259,283	1,328,986	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	335,716	390,193	516,303	574,953	590,069	623,104	678,052	1,535,851
70 to 99 acres.....	497,476	578,325	745,779	829,688	827,550	896,758	953,673	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	548,095	602,647	736,665	748,743	749,780	789,814	862,003	21,968,951
140 to 179 acres.....	469,234	502,425	578,512	595,075	599,976	619,479	658,463	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	388,556	400,740	431,639	404,531	404,038	394,509	426,334	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	317,164	316,837	348,069	362,848	286,591	287,762	301,401	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,335,402	1,252,053	1,336,085	1,282,699	1,106,851	1,001,227	1,022,945	868,030
500 to 999 acres.....	1,563,205	1,496,974	1,408,498	1,281,359	1,041,269	892,963	843,132	655,260
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,445,820	1,315,211	3,831,776	3,279,303	2,373,403	1,986,911	1,892,046	1,513,900
2,000 acres or more.....	2,768,501	2,550,611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	41,419	52,966	82,755	99,238	118,532	143,722	163,516	152,413
acres.....	2,672,631	2,424,790	3,010,580	3,126,468	3,490,199	4,051,670	3,977,024	4,068,151
10 to 49 acres.....	2,051	3,232	8,705	8,377	9,435	10,915	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	7,518	12,292	38,591	37,508	39,954	55,197	66,152	47,043
10 to 29 acres.....	16,470	24,368	43,258	47,481	72,037	93,273	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	217,863	343,454	666,929	939,343	1,254,719	1,690,322	1,886,906	2,066,892
30 to 49 acres.....	9,199	(NA)	26,418	35,490	43,962	60,853	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	96,011	(NA)	337,893	481,990	638,113	931,857	1,098,547	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	7,271	(NA)	16,840	21,991	28,075	32,420	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	121,852	(NA)	329,036	457,353	616,606	758,465	788,359	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	3,973	5,091	6,974	8,253	9,712	10,537	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	92,091	123,598	177,625	211,644	262,857	311,797	328,729	1715,313
140 to 179 acres.....	4,107	5,197	6,957	8,322	9,521	10,667	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	118,814	143,239	198,282	228,318	269,175	345,214	346,223	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	3,401	3,823	4,855	5,221	6,095	6,636	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	139,745	138,499	189,395	181,216	215,906	273,843	262,737	2573,490
220 to 259 acres.....	2,226	2,445	2,830	3,039	3,499	3,803	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	125,688	117,520	141,979	138,300	155,672	185,988	168,371	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,525	1,523	1,721	1,666	1,858	1,933	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	110,592	96,639	115,792	102,806	108,156	125,204	105,343	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	1,071	1,179	1,179	1,188	1,118	1,169	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	100,325	91,157	94,542	82,921	82,175	88,478	73,852	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	3,096	2,903	3,179	2,999	2,900	2,719	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	419,646	332,140	370,514	310,203	312,269	296,766	234,124	220,276
2,000 acres or more.....	2,002	1,899	1,760	1,540	1,393	1,260	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	514,511	375,174	370,234	321,042	278,669	259,225	186,737	165,741
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	954	862	1,337	1,152	964	810	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	384,513	282,104	646,697	573,167	510,607	419,636	317,850	279,396
2,000 acres or more.....	543	511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	441,325	368,974	(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..	50,000	62,983	97,770	113,363	124,582	148,880	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	4,864,431	4,912,871	5,467,502	5,664,222	5,135,416	6,038,067	5,876,097	5,656,234
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	2,516	4,077	11,291	10,773	10,248	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	10,121	16,802	51,457	50,615	44,716	63,938	73,419	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	20,849	29,246	50,258	64,103	75,287	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	358,622	527,883	917,783	1,242,058	1,464,343	1,973,214	2,175,654	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	4,867	6,011	8,268	9,444	10,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	162,477	210,833	289,403	336,801	344,276	424,541	433,780	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	5,078	6,242	8,384	9,603	10,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	223,755	269,001	369,175	425,317	407,217	519,117	499,412	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	4,037	4,703	5,819	6,074	6,429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	254,744	282,693	354,193	357,641	349,812	434,907	413,348	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,597	2,875	3,384	3,555	3,720	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	220,799	234,630	274,619	299,120	265,274	316,515	292,472	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,732	1,813	2,034	1,896	1,998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	191,699	199,110	217,975	200,726	189,015	215,269	190,574	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,195	1,229	1,377	1,436	1,186	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	167,053	162,760	176,478	178,656	140,227	160,446	137,051	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	3,422	3,293	3,582	3,460	3,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	723,860	672,017	707,828	650,947	549,680	574,493	497,587	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	2,136	2,030	1,933	1,768	1,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	898,207	814,947	739,966	675,200	505,725	527,537	428,784	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,005	920	1,440	1,251	1,010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	712,255	634,408	1,368,625	1,247,141	875,131	828,091	734,016	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	566	544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	940,839	887,787	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	49,531	55,704	73,113	76,877	76,259	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	5,461,932	5,428,442	5,738,393	4,792,780	3,920,572	(NA)	2,795,843	2,234,687
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,734	2,465	5,775	4,951	3,266	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	6,432	8,380	20,166	17,067	9,577	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	20,635	23,882	32,881	36,614	38,029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	354,037	369,581	463,007	452,749	387,034	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	5,066	5,766	7,471	8,064	8,524	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	175,866	181,310	216,136	211,923	183,841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	5,401	6,205	8,040	8,890	8,993	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	273,684	290,005	359,344	342,290	304,386	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	4,219	4,729	5,621	5,717	5,811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	296,602	314,057	367,694	328,920	286,849	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,661	2,961	3,276	3,344	3,399	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	246,863	258,205	287,007	266,870	238,779	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,748	1,852	1,941	1,763	1,842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	207,077	211,560	216,693	166,971	166,178	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,185	1,153	1,318	1,356	1,091	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	158,585	149,860	176,909	169,956	117,183	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	3,354	3,240	3,452	3,282	2,894	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	676,290	649,165	698,096	589,361	486,761	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	2,013	1,993	1,918	1,685	1,421	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	774,091	786,880	756,919	603,355	491,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	955	919	1,420	1,211	989	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	757,594	746,267	2,176,362	1,643,318	1,248,350	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	560	539	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,534,711	1,463,172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	4,844	4,921	6,897	7,172	7,185	7,037	⁶ 6,585	5,588
.....acres..	580,687	486,326	⁶ 707,818	560,563	535,619	413,969	⁶ 361,943	7400,375
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	293	295	478	420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	338
.....acres..	598	670	1,336	1,355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	941	1,125	1,963	2,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,850
.....acres..	8,504	8,820	21,530	27,338	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	268	285	508	575	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	⁸ 2,452
.....acres..	6,525	6,640	13,961	15,255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	325	431	551	590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	12,418	17,630	24,693	23,085	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	351	291	526	511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	20,544	14,775	38,252	28,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	311	275	432	420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	24,563	21,475	42,369	34,970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	237	287	311	327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	23,224	30,270	38,301	33,175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	212	200	261	295	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	26,131	26,405	37,807	36,510	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	805	866	900	780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	585
.....acres..	127,720	125,800	173,130	131,777	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	684	553	612	461	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	266
.....acres..	161,115	114,989	167,993	121,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	285	214	355	206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	97
.....acres..	94,567	61,493	148,446	106,783	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	132	99	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	74,778	57,359	(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.