

MASSACHUSETTS

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.....	8,019	11,149	17,361	22,205	37,007	31,897	35,094	25,598
Less than 10 acres.....	1,508	2,040	3,923	5,179	11,164	8,504	8,403	4,288
Less than 5 acres.....	598	776	1,168	1,577	2,304	1,440	1,394	1,035
1 acre or less.....	354	467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	244	309	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	910	1,264	2,755	3,602	8,860	7,064	7,009	3,253
3 acres.....	146	271	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	203	224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	164	219	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	102	156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	97	137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	125	151	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	73	106	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	2,301	3,384	5,777	7,632	13,708	11,994	13,462	9,170
10 to 19 acres.....	1,484	2,156	3,696	4,952	9,314	7,929	8,865	(NA)
20 to 49 acres.....	817	1,228	2,081	2,680	4,394	4,065	4,597	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	666	1,018	1,442	2,031	3,036	2,830	3,320	¹ 5,491
70 to 99 acres.....	717	1,005	1,578	1,979	2,706	2,675	3,133	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	786	1,067	1,515	1,927	2,565	2,344	2,723	² 5,487
140 to 179 acres.....	511	744	963	1,220	1,380	1,317	1,520	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	384	553	629	679	840	776	871	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	256	381	424	424	443	411	481	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	658	750	891	899	884	808	892	877
500 to 999 acres.....	190	211	208	184	232	177	218	211
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	33	28	54	51	49	61	71	74
2,000 acres or more.....	9	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	901,789	1,141,169	1,439,080	1,641,697	2,078,349	1,937,963	2,195,714	2,005,461
Average size of farm.....	112.5	102.4	82.9	73.9	56.2	60.8	62.6	78.3
Less than 10 acres.....	5,860	7,831	16,553	22,466	50,124	40,116	40,437	20,302
10 to 49 acres.....	57,731	87,129	144,281	190,338	324,255	290,691	328,958	237,115
10 to 29 acres.....	26,764	(NA)	65,807	87,532	158,772	137,619	154,951	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	30,967	(NA)	78,474	102,806	165,483	153,072	174,007	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	38,755	59,424	83,320	117,754	175,800	163,628	191,478	¹ 384,058
70 to 99 acres.....	59,522	83,342	130,751	163,764	221,905	219,780	257,003	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	91,170	122,639	174,469	222,416	290,527	265,372	307,840	² 817,271
140 to 179 acres.....	80,290	116,647	151,038	190,252	215,281	206,124	238,360	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	75,812	111,218	124,228	133,565	165,225	152,546	171,305	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	61,076	80,138	91,109	101,369	106,012	98,115	114,704	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	228,098	259,322	303,780	304,280	296,965	272,674	297,797	294,893
500 to 999 acres.....	121,419	136,799	130,714	112,208	146,633	111,451	134,506	132,924
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	42,795	37,224	88,837	83,285	85,622	117,466	113,326	118,898
2,000 acres or more.....	39,261	39,456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	6,498	8,741	13,005	16,894	35,002	27,403	33,141	23,542
.....acres..	234,443	296,707	331,180	375,405	580,608	456,267	547,560	474,167
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	884	964	1,831	2,193	9,972	6,262	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,974	2,338	4,737	6,465	25,536	15,017	19,814	9,840
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,738	2,420	4,171	5,897	13,138	10,397	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	17,339	24,743	38,284	53,284	118,755	88,286	114,810	84,006
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	1,069	(NA)	2,534	3,621	8,899	6,740	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	7,951	(NA)	17,807	25,289	62,729	44,298	59,098	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	669	(NA)	1,637	2,276	4,239	3,657	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	9,388	(NA)	20,477	27,995	56,026	43,988	55,712	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	569	896	1,208	1,830	2,954	2,580	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	12,128	17,474	21,339	33,756	56,399	44,813	58,041	¹ 107,226
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	632	909	1,421	1,786	2,654	2,528	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	17,575	24,040	34,263	39,653	68,366	58,945	71,213	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	725	984	1,379	1,802	2,520	2,211	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	27,779	35,017	44,324	52,449	82,588	67,126	80,164	² 190,701
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	478	714	905	1,190	1,353	1,263	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	23,566	32,821	38,652	45,700	56,625	47,827	56,513	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	365	531	600	658	822	748	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	22,180	28,783	30,019	29,224	40,544	34,001	37,343	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	246	331	364	413	435	397	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	16,555	22,399	20,614	23,518	24,595	20,705	25,208	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	636	743	863	891	874	789	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	57,816	65,456	63,478	58,821	66,871	53,790	56,141	54,928
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	184	209	205	184	231	167	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	24,880	31,596	23,076	19,312	25,089	16,126	19,584	18,144
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	32	27	53	50	49	61	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	8,694	6,084	12,394	13,223	15,240	9,631	8,729	9,322
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	9	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	3,957	5,956	(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..	7,101	9,736	15,217	19,199	35,691	29,736	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	347,833	451,089	550,613	627,312	702,539	787,815	756,339	725,739
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	989	1,218	2,498	3,113	10,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,782	3,586	8,090	11,020	28,621	22,275	25,009	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	2,011	2,917	5,226	6,912	13,442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	27,772	42,484	70,329	91,984	142,305	148,913	157,451	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	632	968	1,387	1,952	3,004	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	19,071	28,022	37,830	55,183	68,533	77,341	80,251	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	686	975	1,540	1,898	2,689	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	26,920	37,989	57,316	66,334	82,196	101,249	99,871	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	766	1,049	1,474	1,883	2,552	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	41,547	54,880	73,210	85,932	100,344	114,877	109,032	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	504	729	951	1,210	1,367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	34,522	47,471	62,453	72,462	68,268	85,056	78,584	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	378	548	621	674	832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	32,131	43,735	45,569	49,028	49,537	58,632	51,591	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	256	336	376	424	441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	24,452	32,154	32,535	36,279	30,594	36,343	33,439	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	651	745	882	898	880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	83,279	93,590	102,238	96,541	82,500	94,744	79,045	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	187	210	208	184	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	37,229	48,116	39,331	41,789	31,592	26,821	27,072	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	32	28	54	51	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	12,809	10,744	21,712	20,760	18,049	21,564	14,994	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	9	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,319	8,318	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	4,238	6,406	9,961	12,669	18,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	239,341	291,055	422,900	483,353	624,364	(NA)	739,527	753,088
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	151	257	880	1,266	2,021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	445	661	2,434	3,503	5,271	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	928	1,645	3,032	4,015	6,888	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	10,594	17,102	31,585	41,284	67,461	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	384	707	965	1,366	2,123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	8,493	13,715	20,532	29,901	45,765	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	493	722	1,167	1,482	2,037	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	15,115	20,765	36,133	45,532	65,039	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	586	793	1,211	1,509	2,016	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	23,804	30,345	54,206	64,096	94,309	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	423	636	822	1,010	1,151	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	22,581	34,775	48,420	54,116	78,012	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	324	462	542	590	717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	22,926	32,450	40,931	43,386	62,211	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	209	295	330	384	375	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	17,707	25,656	28,199	36,442	37,558	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	550	673	789	830	757	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	68,596	67,820	105,943	113,944	104,969	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	164	189	181	175	194	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	36,736	38,779	37,563	33,198	45,652	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	23	18	42	42	36	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,927	5,134	16,954	17,951	18,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	3	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,417	3,853	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	1,229	1,064	1,366	1,031	874	231	622	(NA)
acres..	24,178	18,424	22,683	17,375	11,355	2,049	622	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	208	220	220	112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	527	580	761	368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	454	398	563	424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,535	3,590	3,808	2,970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	122	96	114	142	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,699	1,718	1,308	1,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	94	88	106	61	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,620	1,400	1,942	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	116	83	126	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,137	1,217	2,485	2,158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	49	41	59	57	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,113	890	1,998	1,580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	28	33	49	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	758	668	1,510	636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	27	26	25	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	697	500	751	195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	81	40	66	64	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,505	1,876	2,856	2,225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	31	25	23	21	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,996	1,510	2,121	816	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	13	10	15	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,285	773	3,143	4,081	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	6	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,306	3,702	(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.