

TABLE 1. Farms, Acreage, and Value: 1930 to 1964

[Data for value of land and buildings for 1950 to 1964 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

| Subject | 1964 | 1959 | 1954 | 1950 | 1945 | 1940 | 1935 | 1930 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Farms.....number.. | 131,163 | 145,662 | 165,225 | 179,101 | 188,952 | 197,351 | 203,302 | 185,255 |
| Approximate land area.....acres.. | 51,205,760 | 51,205,760 | 51,205,760 | 51,205,760 | 51,205,760 | 51,205,760 | 51,749,120 | 51,749,120 |
| Proportion in farms.....percent.. | 60.2 | 60.1 | 63.0 | 64.2 | 64.7 | 63.7 | 63.4 | 59.7 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 30,804,980 | 30,796,097 | 32,284,539 | 32,883,163 | 33,139,997 | 32,606,962 | 32,817,911 | 30,913,367 |
| Average size of farm.....acres.. | 234.9 | 211.4 | 195.4 | 183.6 | 175.4 | 165.2 | 161.4 | 166.9 |
| Value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm.....dollars.. | 39,075 | 32,605 | 21,051 | 15,507 | 9,705 | 7,312 | 6,803 | 11,471 |
| Average per acre.....dollars.. | 166.14 | 154.22 | 107.74 | 84.46 | 55.33 | 44.26 | 42.14 | 68.74 |
| Land in farms according to use: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Cropland harvested.....farms.. | 124,424 | 137,204 | 156,315 | 170,463 | 181,403 | 191,021 | 198,072 | 181,760 |
| acres.. | 17,514,799 | 18,917,911 | 19,492,565 | 19,709,121 | 18,598,711 | 18,807,114 | 17,161,044 | 18,445,306 |
| 1 to 9 acres.....farms.. | 4,084 | 4,579 | 6,641 | 9,046 | 12,902 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 to 19 acres.....farms.. | 4,886 | 5,308 | 6,220 | 8,076 | 9,379 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 20 to 29 acres.....farms.. | 5,154 | 5,414 | 6,805 | 8,470 | 9,657 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 30 to 49 acres.....farms.. | 11,320 | 11,719 | 14,817 | 17,997 | 20,689 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 acres.....farms.. | 29,236 | 32,254 | 39,672 | 44,203 | 51,333 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 acres.....farms.. | 43,234 | 49,622 | 56,267 | 58,302 | 58,080 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 acres or more.....farms.. | 26,510 | 28,308 | 25,893 | 24,369 | 19,363 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 to 499 acres.....farms.. | 24,061 | 26,145 | 24,167 | 22,781 | 18,400 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms.. | 2,141 | 1,917 | 1,527 | 1,423 | 854 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1,000 acres or more.....farms.. | 308 | 246 | 199 | 165 | 109 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture ²farms.. | 47,223 | 52,491 | 63,543 | 66,749 | 58,426 | 108,800 | 90,126 | 86,150 |
| acres.. | 1,307,409 | 1,272,102 | 1,536,166 | 1,559,927 | 1,315,865 | 2,840,821 | 2,273,698 | 2,249,203 |
| Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms.. | 75,404 | 30,344 | 35,826 | 34,566 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 3,421,223 | 1,740,139 | 1,164,231 | 1,191,685 | 2,417,690 | 1,326,089 | 3,355,694 | 1,045,386 |
| Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms.. | 51,189 | 15,112 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 2,015,902 | 1,087,507 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crop failure.....farms.. | 9,549 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 51,984 | 15,556 | 59,082 | 13,404 |
| acres.. | 260,547 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 1,339,169 | 251,119 | 2,475,322 | 254,979 |
| Idle cropland.....farms.. | 29,429 | (NA) | 23,450 | (NA) | 37,898 | 39,450 | 45,255 | 23,882 |
| acres.. | 1,144,774 | (NA) | 695,095 | (NA) | 1,078,521 | 1,074,970 | 880,372 | 790,407 |
| Woodland pastured.....farms.. | 45,074 | 50,878 | 61,553 | 71,347 | 63,397 | (NA) | 90,405 | 82,748 |
| acres.. | 2,410,099 | 2,480,889 | 2,982,961 | 3,349,278 | 3,056,332 | (NA) | 4,169,011 | 3,656,160 |
| Woodland not pastured.....farms.. | 32,114 | 35,520 | 37,022 | 43,971 | 33,410 | (NA) | 39,404 | 35,781 |
| acres.. | 1,453,633 | 1,538,271 | 1,537,458 | 1,743,091 | 1,209,021 | (NA) | 1,214,239 | 1,090,143 |
| Other pasture (see text) ²farms.. | 53,276 | 62,253 | 74,628 | 78,863 | 103,673 | (NA) | 77,195 | 73,810 |
| acres.. | 2,117,862 | 2,169,898 | 2,599,458 | 2,617,777 | 3,825,300 | (NA) | 2,494,725 | 2,342,444 |
| Improved pasture.....farms.. | 10,380 | 7,767 | 7,224 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 248,044 | 152,959 | 129,247 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms.. | 127,368 | (NA) | 161,534 | 174,108 | 185,678 | (NA) | 195,902 | 169,954 |
| acres.. | 2,578,453 | 2,676,887 | 2,971,700 | 2,712,284 | 2,757,078 | (NA) | 2,149,500 | 2,084,725 |
| Cropland, total ²farms.. | 127,259 | 140,444 | 158,378 | 172,596 | 183,632 | 194,422 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 22,243,431 | 21,930,152 | 22,192,962 | 22,460,733 | 22,292,266 | 22,974,024 | 22,790,436 | 21,739,895 |
| Land pastured, total.....farms.. | 103,152 | 118,252 | 142,829 | 157,751 | 172,376 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 5,835,370 | 5,922,889 | 7,118,585 | 7,526,982 | 8,197,497 | (NA) | 8,937,434 | 8,247,807 |
| Woodland, total.....farms.. | 60,435 | 67,578 | 78,213 | 90,442 | 80,222 | 87,884 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 3,863,732 | 4,019,160 | 4,520,419 | 5,092,369 | 4,265,353 | 2,931,805 | 5,383,250 | 4,746,303 |
| Irrigated land in farms.....farms.. | 470 | 387 | 347 | 274 | 27 | 216 | 361 | (NA) |
| acres.. | 17,510 | 14,991 | 9,207 | 4,235 | 210 | 2,968 | 3,488 | (NA) |

NA Not available.

¹For the censuses of 1964, 1959, and 1954, in the census year; for all other censuses, in the calendar year preceding the census.

²Not fully comparable for the various census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.

³Irrigated cropland harvested only.