

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	196.	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Number of farms:								
All farms.....	109,141	138,098	215,915	251,286	263,528	291,092	311,683	312,663
Less than 10 acres.....	6,689	10,669	26,939	24,192	19,609	18,537	19,333	14,764
Less than 3 acres.....	939	2,039	1,492	1,215	1,175	179	211	405
1 acre or less.....	553	1,329	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	386	710	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	5,750	8,630	25,447	22,977	18,434	18,358	19,122	14,359
3 acres.....	461	672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	557	841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	1,057	1,451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	910	1,381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	826	1,285	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	1,119	1,760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	820	1,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	38,623	54,377	99,709	129,485	149,262	176,922	198,954	211,267
10 to 29 acres.....	22,553	33,851	67,938	87,032	101,657	125,883	148,481	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	16,070	20,526	31,771	42,453	47,605	51,039	50,473	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	9,792	11,938	17,189	21,501	20,989	21,399	19,728	14,584
70 to 99 acres.....	14,152	17,142	22,502	25,520	25,437	26,281	24,954	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	10,980	13,294	16,250	17,618	17,773	18,015	17,613	234,256
140 to 179 acres.....	7,722	8,792	10,347	11,349	10,878	11,234	11,281	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	4,373	4,747	5,401	5,350	5,372	5,345	5,542	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	2,975	3,164	3,600	3,402	3,084	3,232	3,436	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	7,320	7,790	8,144	7,724	6,874	6,645	7,212	5,528
500 to 999 acres.....	3,867	3,735	3,662	3,415	2,796	2,420	2,626	1,649
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,770	1,690	2,172	1,730	1,454	1,062	1,004	615
2,000 acres or more.....	878	760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	17,751,607	18,674,821	20,702,412	20,818,632	19,616,533	19,156,058	19,655,413	17,332,195
Average size of farm.....	162.6	135.2	95.9	82.8	74.4	65.8	63.1	55.4
Less than 10 acres.....	37,795	59,421	157,844	146,486	118,018	119,377	124,431	95,698
10 to 49 acres.....	1,018,079	1,391,513	2,378,823	3,126,751	3,610,858	4,150,181	4,545,155	4,964,177
10 to 29 acres.....	395,807	(NA)	1,170,577	1,525,390	1,825,794	2,230,769	2,655,658	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	622,272	(NA)	1,208,246	1,601,361	1,785,064	1,919,412	1,889,497	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	572,872	697,245	1,001,510	1,250,230	1,204,155	1,232,856	1,142,385	1,105,132
70 to 99 acres.....	1,161,119	1,404,280	1,842,114	2,082,521	2,067,422	2,134,535	2,030,486	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	1,277,134	1,543,472	1,887,075	2,034,331	2,037,836	2,070,535	2,033,377	25,090,826
140 to 179 acres.....	1,214,083	1,376,973	1,625,405	1,781,216	1,703,712	1,760,516	1,766,867	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	863,109	936,201	1,064,944	1,052,429	1,057,298	1,051,626	1,093,137	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	707,473	753,957	853,276	804,367	731,201	765,526	813,801	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	2,569,593	2,748,050	2,831,481	2,673,724	2,362,877	2,279,124	2,481,724	1,864,893
500 to 999 acres.....	2,654,487	2,589,904	2,509,201	2,345,713	1,897,495	1,632,692	1,759,605	1,091,439
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	2,441,199	2,326,728	4,550,739	3,520,864	2,825,661	1,959,090	1,864,445	1,120,030
2,000 acres or more.....	3,234,664	2,847,077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm..... farms..	88,229	118,716	193,617	229,480	251,849	282,577	302,392	299,997
acres..	4,400,143	4,590,945	5,529,981	6,130,336	6,472,820	6,952,931	6,735,377	6,597,112
Less than 10 acres..... farms..	5,179	7,797	21,789	19,132	17,195	16,875	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	28,617	45,059	121,150	109,119	93,550	95,399	104,478	79,941
10 to 49 acres..... farms..	30,705	48,013	91,839	121,500	144,224	172,537	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	408,032	705,310	1,465,183	2,083,606	2,587,400	2,978,769	3,502,101	3,844,600
10 to 29 acres..... farms..	18,450	(NA)	63,476	82,175	98,525	122,912	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	228,176	(NA)	909,917	1,223,551	1,540,377	1,873,123	2,337,000	(NA)
30 to 49 acres..... farms..	12,256	(NA)	28,363	39,325	45,699	49,625	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	179,856	(NA)	555,266	860,055	1,047,023	1,105,646	1,165,101	(NA)
50 to 69 acres..... farms..	7,490	10,165	15,243	19,830	20,135	20,888	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	132,140	199,978	340,621	494,455	513,439	528,237	487,837	1,155,484
70 to 99 acres..... farms..	11,179	14,632	20,165	23,598	25,661	24,395	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	221,030	315,139	473,090	598,746	631,134	684,411	612,603	(NA)
100 to 139 acres..... farms..	8,835	11,385	14,543	16,017	17,036	17,593	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	221,595	304,059	406,054	469,469	495,027	547,674	488,653	2,012,099
140 to 179 acres..... farms..	6,362	7,571	9,341	10,194	10,389	10,967	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	194,787	239,028	302,464	341,709	341,991	390,829	342,123	(NA)
180 to 219 acres..... farms..	3,625	4,043	4,850	4,872	5,124	5,197	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	147,510	156,870	193,456	192,802	190,058	221,703	191,906	(NA)
220 to 259 acres..... farms..	2,554	2,712	3,235	3,062	2,926	3,152	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	131,808	134,163	152,659	131,573	128,567	153,067	134,194	(NA)
260 to 499 acres..... farms..	6,269	6,744	7,301	6,736	6,443	6,424	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	509,263	524,692	513,312	456,200	428,274	473,588	375,663	245,100
500 to 999 acres..... farms..	3,526	3,358	3,318	2,979	2,621	2,279	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	716,418	657,079	588,514	497,770	437,120	400,734	250,813	134,915
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³ farms..	1,663	1,585	1,993	1,560	1,361	1,004	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	792,877	690,925	973,478	754,887	626,260	478,520	245,006	124,973
2,000 acres or more..... farms..	841	711	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	896,066	618,643	(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 ¹								
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	96,998	127,901	203,261	241,224	258,537	289,397	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	6,565,301	718,001	7,792,351	8,990,608	8,284,744	10,702,733	9,549,522	8,950,129
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	5,206	8,057	22,759	20,692	17,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	29,625	46,809	127,004	118,554	96,606	105,485	110,253	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	33,634	51,126	95,388	126,116	147,705	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	520,397	864,526	1,644,094	2,372,250	2,784,616	3,462,424	3,804,536	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	8,589	11,117	16,337	20,836	20,703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	208,465	307,198	459,048	657,540	616,301	793,502	658,656	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	12,695	16,126	21,475	24,873	25,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	373,322	518,901	691,546	897,781	822,758	1,147,193	928,878	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	3,907	12,527	15,497	17,052	17,527	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	380,195	529,944	625,789	771,909	697,736	1,010,570	817,047	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	7,061	8,272	9,927	11,008	10,700	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	337,183	423,454	481,051	607,143	506,528	767,406	618,149	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	3,979	4,424	5,145	5,169	5,281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	252,044	291,886	315,212	342,469	296,905	459,157	374,814	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,760	2,987	3,441	3,275	3,020	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	216,186	235,001	249,884	250,923	205,197	326,400	270,434	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	6,785	7,315	7,728	7,323	6,722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	797,457	910,897	829,158	870,492	683,376	998,673	806,883	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	3,702	3,563	3,500	3,227	2,708	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,040,487	1,007,984	891,808	847,552	642,461	774,638	586,556	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,725	1,648	2,064	1,653	1,418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,123,653	1,035,684	1,477,757	1,253,995	932,260	857,285	573,316	(NA)
.....farms..	855	739	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,290,287	1,007,717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	83,229	96,224	126,386	136,230	137,114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	8,854,485	8,923,865	10,137,535	8,396,684	7,804,035	(NA)	6,548,005	5,344,127
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,022	1,480	4,539	3,942	2,997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,448	4,975	14,884	13,238	8,607	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	22,954	26,486	38,812	43,284	45,963	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	425,687	447,174	588,583	569,547	562,655	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	8,830	10,638	15,101	18,311	18,408	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	315,657	334,296	459,035	469,290	446,616	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	13,217	16,049	21,009	23,668	23,750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	675,989	748,203	948,426	920,834	896,663	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	10,433	12,689	15,416	16,418	16,970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	759,487	842,151	1,032,401	954,638	957,220	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	7,386	8,367	9,860	10,741	10,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	737,152	766,243	914,535	864,933	815,750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	4,152	4,511	5,152	5,024	5,140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	513,605	518,210	603,831	514,772	515,272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	2,818	2,987	3,415	3,216	2,964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	417,328	419,257	482,224	407,815	361,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	6,810	7,268	7,667	7,091	6,528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,479,222	1,459,708	1,588,499	1,239,327	1,141,125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,390	3,429	3,397	2,997	2,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,314,534	1,208,882	1,289,203	1,019,575	836,479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,474	1,513	2,018	1,557	1,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	980,812	983,371	2,215,914	1,422,715	1,262,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	743	707	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,231,564	1,191,295	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	857	784	1,703	44	3	7	6	(NA)
acres..	123,398	102,316	132,490	8,410	3	94	621	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	47	30	214	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	247	170	1,261	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	87	70	460	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	871	880	5,558	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	12	10	49	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	214	260	527	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	25	15	67	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	539	140	817	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	30	36	73	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	849	223	1,675	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	24	25	67	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	483	1,250	1,499	545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	13	16	56	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	480	335	2,401	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	26	15	38	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	920	515	3,501	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	87	80	209	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	6,654	4,855	15,037	1,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	173	189	219	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	23,613	26,204	34,858	5,450	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	198	194	251	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	42,261	36,733	65,356	1,100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	135	104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	46,267	30,751	(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.