

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.....	27,020	28,802	33,061	35,074	37,747	41,823	50,564	47,495
Less than 10 acres.....	704	673	1,455	1,225	1,508	1,466	1,601	1,000
Less than 3 acres.....	352	222	541	267	205	145	340	254
1 acre or less.....	277	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	75	88	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	352	451	914	958	1,303	1,321	1,261	746
3 acres.....	46	65	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	52	60	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	106	146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	40	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	46	50	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	41	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	21	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	1,641	1,656	1,893	2,201	2,511	2,976	3,107	2,087
10 to 24 acres.....	932	907	1,073	1,281	1,411	1,544	1,631	(NA)
25 to 49 acres.....	709	749	820	920	1,100	1,432	1,576	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	385	395	483	471	466	615	651	¹ 2,161
70 to 99 acres.....	897	936	1,209	1,460	1,661	2,229	2,269	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	758	885	1,106	1,390	1,355	1,577	1,507	² 8,047
140 to 179 acres.....	1,353	1,537	2,002	2,396	2,849	3,838	5,104	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	640	683	879	971	984	1,050	1,178	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	626	666	842	952	943	1,096	1,310	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,130	3,525	4,231	4,810	5,865	7,817	11,354	11,432
500 to 999 acres.....	3,954	4,665	5,553	6,171	6,852	8,614	11,628	12,287
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	5,101	5,664	13,408	13,027	12,753	10,615	10,785	10,501
2,000 acres or more.....	7,831	7,517	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	65,833,760	64,029,044	61,468,903	59,125,270	58,787,318	46,451,594	47,511,868	44,659,152
Average size of farm.....	2,436.5	2,223.1	1,859.3	1,685.7	1,557.4	1,110.7	939.6	940.3
Less than 10 acres.....	2,382	2,662	5,400	6,010	7,099	7,126	6,915	4,293
10 to 49 acres.....	42,840	42,206	49,284	57,417	65,178	80,379	85,893	59,010
10 to 29 acres.....	15,550	(NA)	17,706	20,907	22,691	24,949	24,654	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	27,290	(NA)	31,578	36,510	42,487	55,430	61,239	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	22,377	22,630	28,263	28,070	27,238	36,153	37,942	¹ 164,737
70 to 99 acres.....	72,960	75,735	98,315	118,335	135,034	180,423	182,950	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	89,286	104,905	130,236	162,060	159,263	177,076	185,120	² 1,376,700
140 to 179 acres.....	213,899	244,273	318,004	380,130	452,915	609,345	811,976	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	126,878	135,874	173,771	192,425	193,887	207,374	233,454	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	148,787	158,134	200,326	226,215	224,235	261,038	312,361	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,153,187	1,291,255	1,563,794	1,783,779	2,150,615	2,846,873	4,099,126	4,152,491
500 to 999 acres.....	2,933,296	3,451,822	4,120,191	4,519,041	5,063,767	6,291,045	8,421,058	8,950,179
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	7,376,412	8,171,617	54,781,319	51,651,788	50,308,087	35,754,762	33,135,073	29,951,742
2,000 acres or more.....	53,691,456	50,327,931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	24,308	26,689	30,575	32,185	34,853	38,092	38,926	44,016
acres.....	7,812,612	8,140,721	8,414,058	7,557,150	7,439,470	5,748,069	4,592,453	7,840,979
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	209	306	592	605	908	969	969	(NA)
acres.....	530	786	1,409	1,700	2,502	2,703	2,820	2,032
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,039	1,157	1,395	1,590	1,969	2,461	2,461	(NA)
acres.....	12,283	14,348	16,802	19,180	24,307	31,161	32,056	25,704
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	552	(NA)	765	885	1,067	1,256	1,256	(NA)
acres.....	4,282	(NA)	6,031	6,960	8,711	10,136	9,852	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	487	(NA)	630	705	902	1,205	1,205	(NA)
acres.....	8,001	(NA)	10,771	12,220	15,596	21,025	22,204	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	286	345	406	386	400	558	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6,786	8,800	9,920	9,990	10,703	15,687	15,158	¹ 69,704
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	770	851	1,082	1,315	1,514	1,989	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	27,024	31,214	41,241	47,895	60,977	78,107	68,143	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	653	800	1,018	1,260	1,263	1,388	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	34,160	44,040	54,631	67,940	69,033	70,463	62,699	² 499,779
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,211	1,472	1,863	2,186	2,600	3,445	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	80,740	103,677	131,511	149,357	178,038	208,112	213,954	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	579	637	840	941	931	989	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	47,470	56,266	67,840	78,480	78,826	73,568	69,329	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	580	621	805	892	898	1,033	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	55,765	57,835	78,391	90,353	85,728	86,903	85,300	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,906	3,374	4,079	4,525	5,494	7,139	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	368,940	432,955	533,222	569,071	695,324	751,651	730,969	1,309,069
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,739	4,399	5,397	5,981	6,580	8,057	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	804,533	977,066	1,233,136	1,270,780	1,424,451	1,363,963	1,195,427	2,357,551
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	4,909	5,512	13,098	12,504	12,296	10,064	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,844,246	2,137,483	6,245,955	5,252,404	4,809,581	3,065,751	2,116,598	3,577,140
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	7,427	7,215	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4,530,135	4,276,251	(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..	25,212	27,508	31,218	33,394	35,743	40,811	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	15,388,431	15,049,938	14,508,389	14,022,815	11,318,688	14,789,043	14,236,539	16,093,456
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	254	371	708	1,949	765	1,045	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	811	1,036	1,969	2,820	3,235	4,563	4,190	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,275	1,327	1,555	1,795	2,133	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	21,252	21,763	24,374	28,830	30,761	50,685	47,474	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	328	365	435	411	417	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	10,967	13,735	14,088	13,750	13,280	23,125	20,993	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	822	881	1,142	1,390	1,570	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	42,433	45,075	56,861	71,875	75,528	119,694	101,232	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	700	845	1,053	1,305	1,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	50,916	60,880	72,278	95,090	83,842	108,196	94,860	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,265	1,517	1,913	2,306	2,694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	125,905	145,567	182,437	217,485	222,105	355,174	424,821	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	605	642	852	941	947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	71,519	77,473	93,459	102,860	96,312	120,898	119,216	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	604	651	822	912	911	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	84,154	87,360	108,883	127,828	110,934	147,519	167,976	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,990	3,440	4,134	4,675	5,618	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	626,684	711,689	850,997	978,802	987,959	1,633,683	2,159,427	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,851	4,575	5,442	6,101	6,679	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,578,208	1,850,678	2,183,481	2,409,482	2,207,490	3,385,009	3,878,636	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ²farms..	5,001	5,586	13,162	12,793	12,436	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	3,820,736	4,138,698	10,919,582	9,973,593	7,487,242	8,840,497	7,217,714	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	7,517	7,308	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	8,954,846	7,895,984	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	23,828	25,541	29,338	31,414	35,234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	50,277,606	48,585,951	46,632,755	45,162,948	46,942,367	(NA)	35,818,891	31,676,374
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	195	211	660	660	777	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	697	624	1,788	2,205	2,289	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,269	1,306	1,512	1,711	1,977	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	22,241	20,308	23,277	24,932	30,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	328	360	417	380	419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	11,587	9,865	13,816	12,515	12,479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	773	800	1,064	1,280	1,491	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	33,409	31,860	41,365	50,180	56,208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	647	775	1,003	1,195	1,249	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	40,907	43,510	55,325	65,270	69,122	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,165	1,337	1,753	2,091	2,632	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	90,602	92,670	132,239	157,793	210,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	565	623	806	911	930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	58,024	58,858	76,503	87,032	87,742	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	573	616	771	877	902	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	68,667	71,997	88,783	88,815	109,388	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,729	3,109	3,758	4,278	5,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	534,381	563,817	686,225	781,877	1,117,299	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,474	4,073	4,963	5,526	6,649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,353,721	1,539,516	1,878,629	2,111,023	2,765,916	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	4,549	5,063	12,727	12,505	12,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	3,517,321	3,916,658	43,634,805	41,781,306	42,481,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	7,561	7,268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	44,546,049	42,236,268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	10,843	12,144	13,114	13,515	12,997	15,087	⁶ 13,864	11,925
.....acres..	1,893,360	1,915,092	1,890,671	1,694,235	1,555,480	1,587,602	⁶ 1,272,054	⁷ 1,343,035
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	203	340	642	610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	431
.....acres..	686	975	2,007	2,515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	863	1,011	1,064	1,225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,161
.....acres..	14,369	16,897	18,242	19,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	229	285	315	286	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	⁸ 4,724
.....acres..	7,882	11,115	11,503	10,120	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	553	626	785	925	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	28,677	33,704	41,507	49,625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	507	590	745	895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	37,264	43,825	55,004	67,555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	830	1,047	1,238	1,421	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	78,330	96,345	113,905	122,410	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	428	502	598	671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	46,789	56,966	58,816	69,083	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	425	481	557	627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	52,208	55,215	67,425	69,813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,596	1,842	1,878	1,960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,062
.....acres..	241,616	265,175	241,844	234,747	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,367	1,522	1,604	1,556	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,548
.....acres..	230,472	237,869	220,077	200,684	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,265	1,331	3,688	3,339	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,999
.....acres..	228,911	227,935	1,060,341	847,903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,577	2,567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	926,156	869,071	(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.