

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.. | 2,156 | 2,354 | 2,857 | 3,110 | 3,429 | 3,573 | 3,696 | 3,442 |
| Approximate land area.....acres.. | 70,264,320 | 70,264,320 | 70,264,960 | 70,264,960 | 70,273,280 | 70,273,280 | 70,285,440 | 70,285,440 |
| Proportion in farms.....percent.. | 14.9 | 15.6 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 10,482,772 | 10,942,936 | 8,231,270 | 7,063,525 | 6,178,004 | 3,785,106 | 3,621,769 | 4,080,906 |
| Average size of farm.....acres.. | 4,862.1 | 4,648.7 | 2,881.1 | 2,271.2 | 1,801.7 | 1,059.4 | 979.9 | 1,185.6 |
| Value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm.....dollars.. | 182,436 | 141,974 | 78,162 | 43,700 | 20,985 | 13,321 | 11,518 | 18,626 |
| Average per acre.....dollars.. | 37.65 | 30.54 | 27.13 | 19.24 | 11.65 | 12.57 | 11.75 | 15.71 |
| Land in farms according to use: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Cropland harvested.....farms.. | 1,854 | 1,920 | 2,264 | 2,627 | 2,839 | 3,057 | 3,074 | 3,085 |
| acres.. | 507,210 | 337,529 | 360,011 | 421,202 | 486,842 | 435,855 | 272,463 | 397,504 |
| 1 to 9 acres.....farms.. | 167 | 218 | 306 | 331 | 448 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 to 19 acres.....farms.. | 115 | 178 | 229 | 299 | 305 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 20 to 29 acres.....farms.. | 134 | 147 | 183 | 260 | 278 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 30 to 49 acres.....farms.. | 228 | 236 | 341 | 389 | 390 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 acres.....farms.. | 340 | 387 | 435 | 521 | 565 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 acres.....farms.. | 332 | 348 | 363 | 357 | 381 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 acres or more.....farms.. | 538 | 406 | 407 | 470 | 472 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 to 499 acres.....farms.. | 327 | 281 | 255 | 319 | 288 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms.. | 117 | 72 | 89 | 79 | 102 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1,000 acres or more.....farms.. | 94 | 53 | 63 | 72 | 82 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture ²farms.. | 927 | 1,083 | 1,254 | 1,290 | 935 | 1,813 | 603 | 608 |
| acres.. | 191,332 | 361,687 | 252,106 | 145,239 | 36,489 | 373,698 | 52,666 | 78,111 |
| Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms.. | 561 | 511 | 617 | 793 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 75,877 | 87,316 | 62,752 | 53,001 | 22,814 | 52,085 | 54,529 | 96,803 |
| Cultivated summer fallow.....farms.. | 154 | 162 | 196 | 280 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 14,458 | 9,892 | 6,801 | 13,386 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms.. | 82 | 59 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 8,514 | 9,171 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crop failure.....farms.. | 101 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 98 | 333 | 721 | 570 |
| acres.. | 3,486 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 2,540 | 15,833 | 26,506 | 52,156 |
| Idle cropland.....farms.. | 390 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 395 | 654 | 847 | 675 |
| acres.. | 49,419 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 20,274 | 36,252 | 28,023 | 44,647 |
| Woodland pastured.....farms.. | 56 | 66 | 134 | 161 | 84 | (NA) | 152 | 168 |
| acres.. | 37,555 | 27,692 | 47,268 | 68,465 | 75,683 | (NA) | 73,446 | 56,252 |
| Woodland not pastured.....farms.. | 35 | 51 | 58 | 83 | 41 | (NA) | 92 | 74 |
| acres.. | 13,146 | 15,861 | 15,747 | 19,604 | 7,261 | (NA) | 15,808 | 10,121 |
| Other pasture (see text) ²farms.. | 1,305 | 1,351 | 1,605 | 1,547 | 2,080 | (NA) | 2,362 | 1,860 |
| acres.. | 9,441,381 | 9,503,617 | 7,338,012 | 6,217,287 | 5,420,260 | (NA) | 2,954,753 | 3,176,252 |
| Improved pasture.....farms.. | 636 | 545 | 779 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 393,858 | 226,778 | 205,850 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms.. | 1,959 | (NA) | 2,615 | 2,897 | 2,984 | (NA) | 3,444 | 2,855 |
| acres.. | 216,271 | 609,234 | 155,374 | 138,727 | 128,655 | (NA) | 198,104 | 265,863 |
| Cropland, total.....farms.. | 1,993 | 2,129 | 2,486 | 2,861 | 3,011 | 3,380 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 759,961 | 786,532 | 674,869 | 619,442 | 546,145 | 861,638 | 379,658 | 572,418 |
| Land pastured, total ²farms.. | 1,771 | 1,883 | 2,277 | 2,414 | 2,693 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 9,670,268 | 9,892,996 | 7,637,386 | 6,430,991 | 5,532,432 | (NA) | 3,080,865 | 3,310,615 |
| Woodland, total.....farms.. | 84 | 101 | 185 | 225 | 122 | 183 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.. | 50,701 | 43,553 | 63,015 | 88,069 | 82,944 | 25,475 | 89,254 | 66,373 |
| Irrigated land in farms.....farms.. | 2,018 | 2,110 | 2,509 | 2,819 | 3,072 | 3,264 | 3,927 | 3,031 |
| acres.. | 824,511 | 542,976 | 567,498 | 727,498 | 674,204 | 755,636 | 325,286 | 439,192 |

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.

⁴Acreage of irrigated crops, including some duplication where two or more crops were harvested from the same land.