

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.....	14,206	15,869	21,070	23,503	29,695	34,105	41,369	31,404
Less than 10 acres.....	1,381	1,757	3,975	3,460	4,887	5,438	8,237	5,246
Less than 3 acres.....	314	464	617	307	716	94	453	1,268
1 acre or less.....	152	212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	162	252	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	1,067	1,293	3,358	3,153	4,171	5,324	7,784	3,978
3 acres.....	149	212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	188	206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	168	259	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	185	182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	131	153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	162	172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	84	109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	2,757	3,226	4,259	5,592	6,836	8,572	10,126	7,854
10 to 29 acres.....	1,891	2,249	2,923	3,886	4,638	5,959	7,260	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	866	977	1,336	1,706	2,198	2,613	2,866	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	453	527	794	887	1,165	1,134	1,251	1,254
70 to 99 acres.....	648	726	963	1,210	1,355	1,549	1,712	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	559	587	722	896	973	1,084	1,122	2,461
140 to 179 acres.....	719	863	1,199	1,443	2,130	2,401	3,786	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	354	381	444	476	589	607	592	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	345	352	406	471	479	576	635	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,475	1,978	1,941	2,419	3,165	3,816	4,595	4,008
500 to 999 acres.....	1,469	1,655	2,014	2,254	3,014	3,871	5,412	3,726
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,224	1,359	4,353	4,395	5,102	5,077	3,901	3,436
2,000 acres or more.....	2,822	2,858	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	47,646,966	46,268,314	49,450,885	47,475,783	49,608,445	38,860,427	34,397,205	30,822,034
Average size of farm.....	3,354.0	2,915.6	2,347.0	2,020.0	1,670.6	1,139.4	831.5	981.5
Less than 10 acres.....	6,594	7,867	19,047	18,820	24,216	29,695	43,723	25,470
10 to 49 acres.....	64,740	77,210	99,864	129,300	161,798	198,765	226,829	179,853
10 to 29 acres.....	31,890	(NA)	49,030	64,480	78,447	100,017	118,108	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	32,850	(NA)	50,834	64,820	83,351	98,748	108,721	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	26,252	30,983	45,911	51,204	67,462	65,267	72,004	184,554
70 to 99 acres.....	53,282	59,695	78,158	97,760	110,135	125,802	139,044	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	64,879	67,978	84,063	104,417	112,814	125,371	129,533	2,753,730
140 to 179 acres.....	114,088	137,641	190,254	232,046	338,871	381,684	603,363	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	69,694	74,815	87,782	94,769	116,641	119,901	116,677	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	82,023	83,817	96,251	112,609	113,999	137,127	151,153	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	539,782	585,037	710,461	883,725	1,157,832	1,386,771	1,660,324	1,464,292
500 to 999 acres.....	1,061,513	1,184,637	1,447,597	1,612,830	2,154,239	2,740,131	3,686,729	2,607,968
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,733,386	1,917,561	46,591,497	44,138,303	45,250,438	33,549,913	27,567,826	25,606,167
2,000 acres or more.....	43,830,733	42,041,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....	8,828	10,515	14,633	19,160	23,065	26,728	24,489	25,563
Less than 10 acres.....	905,867	1,081,391	1,135,073	1,927,046	1,956,827	1,572,507	743,840	1,493,998
Less than 3 acres.....	1,017	1,115	3,092	2,820	4,075	4,721	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	3,787	3,885	9,824	11,815	15,857	19,082	24,025	18,728
10 to 49 acres.....	2,212	2,713	3,609	5,115	6,273	7,591	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 29 acres.....	27,056	35,644	45,174	72,200	93,651	103,000	93,471	111,148
30 to 49 acres.....	1,526	(NA)	2,471	3,580	4,272	5,302	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	14,406	(NA)	22,985	38,970	49,065	56,292	55,384	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	686	(NA)	1,138	1,535	2,001	2,289	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	12,650	(NA)	22,189	33,230	44,586	46,708	38,087	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	352	422	670	841	1,069	1,012	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	10,860	13,054	19,563	28,230	34,685	29,266	24,719	83,560
100 to 139 acres.....	516	626	825	1,115	1,220	1,290	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	20,991	26,305	35,138	46,385	50,906	47,567	36,989	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	451	466	601	815	861	908	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	25,145	26,340	35,729	45,105	47,581	41,692	28,499	220,619
260 to 499 acres.....	516	586	833	1,207	1,453	1,701	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	37,914	47,144	63,177	88,971	88,136	89,774	70,652	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	260	330	354	426	442	499	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	23,115	28,980	31,318	39,480	35,481	32,128	18,102	(NA)
Less than 3 acres.....	274	311	322	431	397	459	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	31,043	32,928	32,199	50,899	39,817	32,806	20,662	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	977	1,186	1,332	2,094	2,523	2,923	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 29 acres.....	145,006	180,248	185,084	359,698	380,605	331,375	151,187	362,991
30 to 49 acres.....	848	1,061	1,239	1,867	2,195	2,786	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	192,902	233,283	251,476	455,402	491,643	399,656	146,447	366,499
100 to 139 acres.....	582	752	1,756	2,429	2,557	2,838	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	146,675	190,574	426,391	728,861	678,465	446,161	129,087	330,453
180 to 219 acres.....	823	947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	241,373	263,006	(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..	10,742	12,116	17,198	20,399	25,595	31,026	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,271,160	2,295,174	2,460,654	2,793,884	2,502,565	4,572,698	5,318,870	4,997,687
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,116	1,266	3,456	3,110	4,293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,723	5,057	13,771	14,610	17,523	25,184	35,790	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	2,514	2,894	4,000	5,340	6,592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	43,579	50,289	68,365	93,225	108,364	150,227	163,755	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	405	477	747	877	1,123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	16,804	18,802	30,063	35,858	40,258	44,464	45,969	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	578	686	908	1,165	1,272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	32,914	38,447	51,134	63,595	59,421	74,445	74,718	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	506	511	866	914	914	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	39,446	36,165	51,925	60,090	55,182	67,306	65,425	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	615	717	1,016	1,302	1,596	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	63,559	66,630	100,459	110,511	107,875	169,962	238,615	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	305	335	400	446	545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	38,903	39,070	46,357	54,155	42,153	57,616	54,262	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	301	331	366	451	435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	47,448	48,419	50,843	58,844	47,398	67,183	74,968	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,218	1,378	1,680	2,199	2,820	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	276,712	291,483	347,446	443,301	454,612	680,565	814,857	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,148	1,300	1,628	1,992	2,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	437,891	461,225	563,558	595,698	608,692	1,037,954	1,187,470	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	847	957	2,323	2,651	3,360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	467,837	444,675	1,136,733	1,263,997	961,087	2,197,792	2,563,041	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,189	1,264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	801,344	794,912	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	10,471	11,518	14,002	15,508	20,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	44,804,840	43,352,749	46,529,040	43,706,797	46,396,315	(NA)	31,438,700	28,494,225
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	259	416	831	705	803	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	800	1,262	2,435	1,960	2,110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,575	1,715	2,152	2,480	3,412	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	22,934	24,375	29,478	28,030	40,136	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	292	337	491	507	775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	10,205	13,447	16,658	14,924	22,623	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	426	456	616	800	989	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	20,931	20,850	26,625	32,330	45,123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	376	401	491	586	753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	27,010	28,355	33,158	39,268	52,649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	531	646	925	1,132	1,923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	53,777	70,641	93,959	106,185	220,221	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	271	281	319	311	514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	33,736	34,210	42,960	42,901	71,181	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	244	242	317	390	416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	36,165	33,728	48,476	49,840	63,414	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,195	1,343	1,669	2,143	2,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	276,669	301,567	386,782	432,009	682,939	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,317	1,506	1,880	2,108	2,952	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	647,734	732,163	925,773	1,002,699	1,524,217	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,189	1,325	4,311	4,346	5,084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,296,743	1,485,207	44,922,736	41,956,651	43,671,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,796	2,850	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	42,378,136	40,606,944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	8,274	8,733	11,690	12,925	14,299	15,811	6,314,319	14,347
acres..	812,723	718,435	649,615	663,195	534,640	436,402	436,319	7,371,269
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,051	1,181	3,016	2,815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,431
acres..	4,246	4,502	9,974	12,565	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	2,320	2,589	3,331	4,465	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,314
acres..	33,771	38,924	46,821	70,025	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	356	382	578	767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,374
acres..	12,746	14,120	19,499	27,428	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	520	581	731	895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	25,081	28,527	35,033	45,100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	433	426	534	616	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	28,372	28,950	35,788	36,473	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	495	477	665	722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	41,452	46,107	57,027	57,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	248	300	290	290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	25,130	30,110	27,931	30,405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	270	251	265	266	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	34,284	31,766	29,761	27,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	856	921	806	749	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	492
acres..	142,824	147,923	113,945	100,322	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	651	623	567	521	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	323
acres..	163,636	120,070	101,076	72,310	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	420	404	907	819	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	413
acres..	108,207	89,326	172,760	183,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	654	598	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	192,974	138,110	(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.