

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.. | 66,510 | 82,356 | 105,714 | 124,977 | 149,490 | 153,238 | 177,025 | 159,806 |
| Approximate land area.....acres.. | 30,680,960 | 30,680,960 | 30,684,160 | 30,684,160 | 30,674,560 | 30,674,560 | 30,498,560 | 30,498,560 |
| Proportion in farms.....percent.. | 40.0 | 44.0 | 49.1 | 52.5 | 57.3 | 56.0 | 61.3 | 59.0 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 12,275,308 | 13,489,516 | 15,070,832 | 16,016,721 | 17,568,471 | 17,170,337 | 18,685,741 | 17,979,633 |
| Average size of farm.....acres.. | 184.6 | 163.8 | 142.6 | 128.2 | 117.5 | 112.1 | 105.6 | 112.5 |
| Value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm.....dollars.. | 32,797 | 23,936 | 15,844 | 11,742 | 7,275 | 6,180 | 5,905 | 8,234 |
| Average per acre.....dollars.. | 176.96 | 146.13 | 111.14 | 91.62 | 61.90 | 55.16 | 55.95 | 73.19 |
| Land in farms according to use: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Cropland harvested.....farms.. | 61,978 | 75,830 | 94,968 | 114,003 | 140,324 | 145,270 | 172,301 | 154,864 |
|acres.. | 4,742,718 | 5,032,671 | 5,546,506 | 5,791,673 | 6,921,549 | 6,581,296 | 7,388,398 | 6,958,936 |
| 1 to 9 acres.....farms.. | 7,598 | 9,730 | 13,845 | 18,651 | 27,787 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 to 19 acres.....farms.. | 5,638 | 7,783 | 10,384 | 13,787 | 15,965 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 20 to 29 acres.....farms.. | 4,891 | 6,813 | 9,373 | 12,395 | 14,250 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 30 to 49 acres.....farms.. | 9,688 | 12,826 | 17,729 | 23,044 | 26,531 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 acres.....farms.. | 17,896 | 22,759 | 28,241 | 32,395 | 39,095 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 acres.....farms.. | 12,353 | 12,869 | 11,798 | 11,798 | 14,496 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 acres or more.....farms.. | 3,914 | 3,050 | 2,668 | 1,933 | 2,200 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 to 499 acres.....farms.. | 3,600 | 2,856 | 2,506 | 1,844 | 2,071 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 500 to 999 acres.....farms.. | 280 | 174 | 145 | 73 | 111 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1,000 acres or more.....farms.. | 34 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 18 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture ²farms.. | 26,586 | 35,704 | 42,709 | 51,603 | 27,511 | 92,436 | 86,980 | 92,031 |
|acres.. | 990,781 | 1,281,330 | 1,409,174 | 1,578,698 | 704,651 | 2,779,979 | 2,066,424 | 2,375,854 |
| Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms.. | 25,869 | 26,082 | 36,547 | 42,024 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 736,490 | 806,644 | 900,687 | 1,114,392 | 739,744 | 875,571 | 851,252 | 1,195,379 |
| Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms.. | 10,345 | 5,573 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 218,247 | 155,295 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crop failure.....farms.. | 4,451 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 12,376 | 13,022 | 13,660 | 17,323 |
|acres.. | 60,806 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 161,851 | 132,780 | 116,343 | 169,393 |
| Idle cropland.....farms.. | 17,099 | (NA) | 28,925 | (NA) | 23,680 | 34,140 | 35,674 | 45,363 |
|acres.. | 457,437 | (NA) | 700,091 | (NA) | 577,893 | 742,791 | 734,909 | 1,025,986 |
| Woodland pastured.....farms.. | 19,403 | 25,341 | 33,530 | 39,865 | 42,765 | (NA) | 68,645 | 69,993 |
|acres.. | 815,531 | 975,645 | 1,211,627 | 1,361,541 | 1,523,268 | (NA) | 1,961,206 | 1,949,441 |
| Woodland not pastured.....farms.. | 37,550 | 44,867 | 51,590 | 59,428 | 65,002 | (NA) | 68,829 | 58,457 |
|acres.. | 1,911,833 | 2,035,021 | 2,108,959 | 2,110,934 | 2,100,112 | (NA) | 2,061,284 | 1,684,798 |
| Other pasture (see text) ²farms.. | 35,501 | 42,469 | 54,855 | 62,821 | 95,609 | (NA) | 92,930 | 79,770 |
|acres.. | 2,301,851 | 2,465,925 | 3,071,814 | 3,125,881 | 4,550,128 | (NA) | 3,492,212 | 2,974,850 |
| Improved pasture.....farms.. | 8,647 | 9,345 | 9,999 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 222,939 | 218,063 | 186,041 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms.. | 61,991 | (NA) | 97,342 | 113,029 | 140,371 | (NA) | 151,453 | 122,933 |
|acres.. | 775,824 | 892,280 | 822,065 | 933,602 | 1,029,019 | (NA) | 864,965 | 840,375 |
| Cropland, total ²farms.. | 64,266 | 78,867 | 100,778 | 119,061 | 144,576 | 150,646 | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 6,469,989 | 7,120,645 | 7,856,367 | 8,484,763 | 8,365,944 | 10,236,846 | 10,306,074 | 10,530,169 |
| Land pastured, total.....farms.. | 51,752 | 64,327 | 82,627 | 97,828 | 120,451 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 4,108,163 | 4,722,900 | 5,692,615 | 6,066,120 | 6,778,047 | (NA) | 7,519,842 | 7,300,145 |
| Woodland, total.....farms.. | 47,677 | 58,621 | 71,947 | 82,690 | 92,767 | 99,815 | (NA) | (NA) |
|acres.. | 2,727,364 | 3,010,666 | 3,320,586 | 3,472,475 | 3,623,380 | 3,022,323 | 4,022,490 | 3,634,239 |
| Irrigated land in farms.....farms.. | 1,917 | 1,741 | 1,675 | 888 | 646 | 567 | 3,488 | (NA) |
|acres.. | 79,193 | 57,997 | 59,024 | 19,248 | 10,316 | 5,948 | 3,221 | (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.