

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..	148,202	190,567	267,906	288,508	287,412	278,276	300,967	279,708
Approximate land area.....acres..	31,402,880	31,402,880	31,422,080	31,422,080	31,450,880	31,450,880	31,193,600	31,193,600
Proportion per farm.....percent..	45.8	50.6	58.1	61.5	59.2	59.9	63.9	57.9
Land in farms.....acres..	14,381,724	15,887,724	18,260,346	19,317,937	18,617,932	18,845,338	19,936,307	18,055,103
Average size of farm.....acres..	97.0	83.4	68.2	67.0	64.8	67.7	66.2	64.5
Value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm.....dollars..	24,442	15,475	8,758	6,605	3,490	2,647	2,069	3,018
Average per acre.....dollars..	252.37	185.61	128.49	98.65	53.87	39.09	31.24	46.75
Land in farms according to use: ¹								
Cropland harvested.....farms..	137,737	177,251	245,703	266,953	280,735	271,291	294,404	269,925
.....acres..	3,985,904	4,746,364	5,504,204	5,782,407	6,126,001	6,125,386	5,965,547	5,809,741
1 to 9 acres.....farms..	48,062	53,460	77,423	75,413	73,876	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	32,382	44,716	67,558	80,427	85,115	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....farms..	19,860	29,949	45,838	54,000	58,749	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	18,533	27,733	35,529	39,858	45,041	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....farms..	12,513	15,647	15,013	13,857	14,743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	4,485	4,356	3,360	2,625	2,543	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	1,902	1,390	982	773	668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,593	1,218	872	690	598	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	265	152	82	68	62	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	44	20	28	15	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....farms..								
.....acres..								
200 acres or more.....farms..								
.....acres..								
200 to 499 acres.....farms..								
.....acres..								
500 to 999 acres.....farms..								
.....acres..								
1,000 acres or more.....farms..								
.....acres..								
Cropland used only for pasture ²farms..	39,108	55,481	68,703	83,130	57,775	103,214	90,512	71,815
.....acres..	600,585	673,613	702,345	732,664	525,691	1,230,171	946,260	887,956
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms..	71,883	73,623	84,097	103,212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,195,296	995,806	847,721	1,183,324	949,598	1,066,718	1,331,904	1,202,460
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms..	34,925	23,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	518,135	233,843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop failure.....farms..	6,364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7,088	8,913	16,851	17,613
.....acres..	42,846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	43,525	68,642	84,389	128,620
Idle cropland.....farms..	51,854	(NA)	69,170	(NA)	79,938	93,198	120,212	85,929
.....acres..	634,315	(NA)	647,143	(NA)	906,073	998,076	1,247,515	1,073,840
Woodland pastured.....farms..	45,370	56,489	82,269	89,345	78,259	(NA)	98,792	85,036
.....acres..	951,001	1,024,441	1,506,096	1,422,819	1,092,886	(NA)	1,574,303	1,423,912
Woodland not pastured.....farms..	93,937	120,617	154,452	176,162	194,059	(NA)	196,859	175,696
.....acres..	5,897,733	6,725,336	7,732,788	8,273,353	8,106,200	(NA)	8,520,440	6,902,522
Other pasture (see text) ²farms..	56,605	64,726	88,264	79,800	91,957	(NA)	42,128	38,820
.....acres..	1,165,088	1,040,167	1,283,583	1,057,154	1,099,454	(NA)	494,053	533,415
Improved pasture.....farms..	31,690	31,481	35,834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	554,343	463,992	391,966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms..	130,427	(NA)	230,806	237,349	243,974	(NA)	253,553	204,229
.....acres..	583,830	681,997	683,609	866,216	718,102	(NA)	1,103,800	1,295,097
Cropland, total ²farms..	143,134	182,762	256,157	277,730	285,178	276,963	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	5,781,785	6,415,783	7,054,270	7,698,395	7,601,290	8,422,275	8,243,711	7,900,157
Land pastured, total.....farms..	92,896	118,533	158,186	169,899	161,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,716,674	2,738,221	3,492,024	3,212,637	2,718,031	(NA)	3,014,616	2,845,283
Woodland, total.....farms..	107,638	135,287	179,435	200,176	209,562	206,366	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	6,848,734	7,749,777	9,238,884	9,696,172	9,199,086	9,093,377	10,094,743	8,326,434
Irrigated land in farms.....farms..	12,583	8,537	2,704	96	19	37	31	(NA)
.....acres..	96,874	65,743	25,423	2,083	229	246	3125	(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.