

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.....	48,836	54,791	61,943	65,302	69,520	73,962	84,606	77,975
Less than 10 acres.....	417	265	757	571	747	675	1,260	385
Less than 3 acres.....	227	118	434	131	220	92	369	87
1 acre or less.....	194	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	33	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	190	147	323	440	527	583	891	298
3 acres.....	23	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	27	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	100	56	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	15	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	8	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	14	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	3	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	776	826	856	1,095	1,253	1,538	2,093	1,144
10 to 29 acres.....	493	511	490	660	670	820	1,094	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	283	315	366	435	583	718	999	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	186	155	202	240	278	333	379	¹ 1,351
70 to 99 acres.....	424	470	574	565	741	1,114	1,476	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	394	442	539	650	604	742	974	² 15,146
140 to 179 acres.....	2,081	2,835	3,923	4,555	6,050	9,773	12,598	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	574	731	935	1,270	1,212	1,425	1,809	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,094	1,435	1,896	2,070	2,458	3,066	3,743	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	11,491	15,596	20,337	23,317	26,198	29,620	35,133	33,450
500 to 999 acres.....	18,191	20,672	21,999	22,138	22,004	19,371	19,891	21,066
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	10,635	9,276	9,925	8,831	7,975	6,405	5,250	5,433
2,000 acres or more.....	2,573	2,088	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	42,717,360	41,464,378	41,876,924	41,319,451	41,001,158	37,936,136	39,118,136	38,657,894
Average size of farm.....	874.7	756.8	676.1	632.7	589.8	512.9	462.4	495.8
Less than 10 acres.....	1,222	960	2,198	2,606	2,991	3,185	4,927	1,691
10 to 49 acres.....	18,281	18,310	22,184	27,145	33,602	41,286	56,758	33,251
10 to 29 acres.....	7,436	(NA)	7,990	10,595	11,203	13,562	17,863	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	10,845	(NA)	14,194	16,550	22,399	27,724	38,895	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	10,819	8,740	11,685	13,775	16,050	19,274	21,818	¹ 106,034
70 to 99 acres.....	34,493	38,460	46,447	45,500	59,918	89,753	118,819	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	46,607	53,010	63,715	77,225	71,026	87,736	115,696	² 2,763,711
140 to 179 acres.....	331,627	452,310	627,062	729,935	965,798	1,543,720	2,010,234	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	114,211	144,347	186,713	254,420	240,348	283,449	359,572	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	261,114	343,905	452,919	495,695	587,641	732,753	894,271	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	4,533,501	6,152,744	7,927,480	9,018,610	10,139,208	11,231,880	13,228,665	12,692,853
500 to 999 acres.....	13,412,281	15,004,241	15,771,023	15,759,231	15,607,302	13,662,856	13,942,472	14,791,297
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	14,324,819	12,351,836	16,765,498	14,895,309	13,277,274	10,240,244	8,364,904	8,269,057
2,000 acres or more.....	9,628,385	6,895,515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm:								
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	47,070	53,204	60,523	63,972	67,847	71,757	70,703	76,572
acres.....	17,695,162	19,485,204	21,241,135	20,342,560	20,816,814	15,536,632	9,348,482	21,254,660
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	48	65	116	160	228	324	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	80	200	381	500	595	890	771	505
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	346	386	484	635	745	986	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	5,282	5,970	7,829	9,420	11,004	14,400	13,026	12,759
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	182	(NA)	232	345	351	478	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,706	(NA)	2,413	3,305	3,253	4,300	4,487	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	164	(NA)	252	290	394	508	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	3,576	(NA)	5,416	6,115	7,751	10,100	8,539	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	128	105	155	190	204	241	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4,050	3,180	5,184	6,070	6,371	6,814	6,909	¹ 53,205
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	347	365	511	650	972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	14,352	20,170	24,749	23,755	29,608	39,372	35,004	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	322	386	492	590	538	670	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	19,544	28,995	36,527	39,375	36,678	39,909	37,066	² 1,706,318
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,945	2,660	3,837	4,435	5,876	9,193	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	171,286	252,870	392,329	448,495	582,649	743,346	579,629	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	533	690	912	1,260	1,190	1,390	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	53,910	82,255	114,987	158,645	142,239	142,120	114,579	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,038	1,375	1,883	2,070	2,436	3,014	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	139,358	213,900	294,756	315,340	370,562	382,995	290,985	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	11,194	15,319	20,267	23,217	26,083	29,297	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2,362,135	3,556,689	4,892,041	5,374,890	6,105,258	5,297,435	3,588,236	7,786,120
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	18,024	20,547	21,964	22,103	21,948	19,289	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6,546,340	7,938,028	8,717,087	8,320,801	8,435,600	5,683,183	3,305,849	8,263,076
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	10,596	9,238	9,902	8,797	7,949	6,381	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6,069,648	5,447,817	6,755,265	5,645,269	5,096,250	3,186,168	1,376,428	3,432,677
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,549	2,068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2,309,177	1,935,130	(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.....farms..	47,748	53,894	60,722	64,305	68,205	73,266	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	27,445,689	27,852,252	27,699,621	27,634,958	25,102,923	27,100,920	27,135,655	27,710,796
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	59	65	129	210	267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	143	255	457	795	801	1,642	1,863	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	406	451	540	715	825	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	7,081	7,580	9,788	12,210	13,363	24,810	29,439	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	145	125	162	200	218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,531	4,585	6,096	7,170	7,506	12,304	13,164	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	370	400	524	545	672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	20,538	26,630	29,910	30,745	34,680	64,533	78,924	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	343	416	501	605	559	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	28,275	36,440	42,995	50,010	43,292	62,432	77,783	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	2,019	2,750	3,876	4,500	5,944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	253,560	343,040	491,499	568,680	687,675	1,209,521	1,550,090	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	551	716	918	1,260	1,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	80,730	103,050	139,066	191,615	167,155	214,915	266,816	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	1,073	1,425	1,888	2,070	2,446	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	201,629	276,285	358,469	395,420	433,342	576,796	707,470	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	11,434	15,536	20,294	23,267	26,147	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,565,539	4,870,340	6,170,952	6,984,680	7,235,311	8,746,189	10,199,513	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	18,163	20,667	21,984	22,118	21,969	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,922,576	11,191,088	11,354,266	11,339,304	10,139,433	9,963,557	9,910,396	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	10,627	9,265	9,906	8,815	7,956	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,593,809	8,106,720	9,096,123	8,054,329	6,340,365	6,224,221	4,300,197	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,558	2,078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,766,278	2,886,239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	39,151	44,138	51,941	56,854	63,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	14,073,732	12,044,726	12,534,763	12,263,837	13,064,896	(NA)	12,560,361	10,758,599
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	32	20	121	185	226	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	134	70	443	700	915	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	426	495	504	675	843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	7,622	7,380	8,675	10,485	15,280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	119	85	134	165	209	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,248	3,575	4,548	5,390	7,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	246	250	317	360	502	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	11,078	9,690	12,844	12,770	20,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	238	237	329	440	457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	14,947	11,929	16,554	23,700	22,941	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,113	1,520	2,251	2,955	4,539	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	59,100	78,075	99,194	124,695	202,178	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	383	516	681	955	1,036	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	27,707	28,300	36,784	50,825	57,572	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	701	960	1,374	1,665	2,184	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	44,704	51,705	73,210	83,565	118,039	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	8,498	11,921	16,913	20,436	24,462	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	795,188	1,016,532	1,419,583	1,695,120	2,209,349	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	15,485	17,719	20,006	20,666	21,344	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,054,060	3,203,070	3,748,343	3,827,553	4,296,597	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	9,511	8,440	9,311	8,352	7,832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,323,663	3,790,180	7,114,585	6,429,034	6,114,678	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,399	1,975	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,731,281	3,844,220	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	442	506	399	340	206	479	⁶ 273	113
acres..	50,548	50,975	37,672	43,173	22,814	19,975	⁶ 11,759	⁷ 10,651
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	5	10	8	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1
acres..	7	20	13	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	10	10	12	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6
acres..	104	135	225	80	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	5	-	4	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63
acres..	75	-	130	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	12	25	16	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	545	1,780	885	1,795	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	6	21	31	60	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	594	1,743	2,394	5,355	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	28	35	51	40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,313	4,730	5,420	4,750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	15	25	18	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,729	4,000	2,251	2,170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	17	15	28	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,256	2,825	3,994	1,100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	47	71	57	66	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	21
acres..	8,211	8,150	6,085	11,555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	78	110	68	60	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13
acres..	8,708	7,990	5,883	5,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	110	93	106	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9
acres..	9,800	8,498	10,392	10,363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	109	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	15,206	11,104	(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.