

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.....	120,381	140,366	177,074	199,220	220,575	233,783	255,146	219,296
Less than 10 acres.....	5,312	7,095	16,340	18,329	23,350	23,197	25,904	12,550
Less than 3 acres.....	2,050	2,446	3,615	2,943	1,558	946	752	1,060
1 acre or less.....	1,269	1,392	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	781	1,054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	3,262	4,649	12,725	15,386	21,792	22,251	25,152	11,490
3 acres.....	503	784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	490	620	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	706	1,043	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	458	608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	350	554	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	470	585	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	285	455	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	21,339	26,999	37,227	44,247	50,786	53,425	61,243	46,093
10 to 29 acres.....	10,629	14,121	20,278	24,919	29,061	29,177	33,366	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	10,710	12,878	16,949	19,328	21,725	24,248	27,877	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	10,491	12,499	15,937	18,694	20,878	24,415	27,461	171,160
70 to 99 acres.....	18,527	22,069	27,801	32,530	36,421	43,536	48,009	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	18,310	22,268	27,518	32,369	35,447	39,470	42,738	281,710
140 to 179 acres.....	13,720	16,353	19,607	21,950	22,837	23,350	24,443	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	9,002	10,424	11,562	11,770	12,236	11,207	11,173	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	6,499	6,992	7,298	7,221	7,004	6,074	5,854	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	13,716	13,170	11,833	10,362	10,102	8,006	7,345	6,888
500 to 999 acres.....	3,072	1,737	1,558	1,558	1,335	966	868	791
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	363	254	214	190	179	137	108	104
2,000 acres or more.....	30	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	17,619,167	18,550,253	19,991,586	21,049,530	21,927,844	21,907,523	22,857,692	21,514,059
Average size of farm.....	146.4	132.2	112.9	105.7	99.4	93.7	89.6	98.1
Less than 10 acres.....	21,353	31,125	75,376	96,663	121,560	122,880	138,677	69,311
10 to 49 acres.....	616,603	770,718	1,026,666	1,207,949	1,354,210	1,460,629	1,680,906	1,337,967
10 to 29 acres.....	196,434	(NA)	363,312	450,369	508,480	513,435	590,555	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	420,169	(NA)	663,354	757,580	845,730	947,194	1,090,351	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	613,515	731,160	929,121	1,092,090	1,213,588	1,423,663	1,599,902	5,275,254
70 to 99 acres.....	1,538,865	1,830,654	2,308,006	2,700,120	3,014,526	3,599,399	3,969,985	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	2,135,154	2,595,344	3,201,582	3,757,240	4,104,380	4,554,423	4,926,815	11,931,322
140 to 179 acres.....	2,163,812	2,577,846	3,089,372	3,454,790	3,591,116	3,665,559	3,834,529	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	1,779,461	2,056,125	2,280,022	2,322,360	2,409,660	2,207,114	2,198,503	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,545,118	1,662,531	1,731,753	1,709,592	1,660,564	1,440,469	1,387,743	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	4,691,197	4,453,449	3,926,505	3,430,436	3,331,085	2,623,936	2,403,318	2,235,607
500 to 999 acres.....	1,965,113	1,417,092	1,100,443	988,307	841,695	599,899	544,850	490,131
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	455,564	321,181	322,740	289,983	285,460	209,552	172,464	174,467
2,000 acres or more.....	93,412	103,028	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	110,194	126,142	156,487	176,488	198,385	216,813	241,862	207,660
acres.....	9,276,437	9,842,605	10,339,955	10,377,521	10,837,062	9,771,609	10,383,642	10,115,652
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	2,936	2,751	7,582	8,980	14,595	17,082	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	7,326	8,041	21,241	30,012	40,248	43,060	57,012	28,435
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	17,074	21,085	29,117	34,759	41,219	46,233	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	242,889	310,943	397,777	452,501	524,638	569,479	705,632	601,615
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	7,819	(NA)	14,566	18,078	21,956	24,062	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	70,401	(NA)	125,021	151,983	181,225	185,295	238,309	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	9,255	(NA)	14,551	16,681	19,263	22,171	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	172,488	(NA)	272,756	300,518	343,413	384,184	467,323	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	9,503	11,269	14,602	17,322	19,468	23,258	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	251,949	318,328	410,014	460,035	530,192	613,743	725,556	12,638,132
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	17,477	20,878	26,671	31,364	35,189	42,357	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	710,386	894,244	1,145,403	1,305,711	1,488,655	1,700,861	1,949,969	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	17,602	21,516	26,843	31,654	34,776	38,750	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,009,691	1,311,200	1,635,165	1,871,604	2,070,777	2,107,513	2,344,345	25,653,401
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	13,367	16,028	19,307	21,650	22,526	23,002	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,106,932	1,379,989	1,668,553	1,793,407	1,866,215	1,678,545	1,770,012	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	8,831	10,213	11,429	11,580	12,120	11,078	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	965,340	1,125,976	1,263,534	1,208,816	1,245,402	993,391	982,325	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	6,385	6,882	7,248	7,166	6,939	6,026	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	869,452	949,413	968,270	895,352	867,529	634,712	606,315	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	13,586	13,054	11,751	10,272	10,048	7,936	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2,728,140	2,583,620	2,142,562	1,749,657	1,676,495	1,121,871	985,433	957,461
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,044	2,191	1,724	1,552	1,328	954	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,129,621	781,307	544,449	472,122	391,006	230,886	197,443	187,926
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	359	250	213	189	177	137	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	216,865	143,223	142,987	138,304	135,905	77,548	59,600	48,682
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	30	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	37,846	36,321	(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 ²farms..	115,274	132,174	164,126	186,349	206,861	230,083	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	11,863,819	12,372,031	12,799,017	13,510,969	13,301,912	15,657,989	15,444,550	15,032,000
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	3,268	3,364	9,260	11,691	17,093	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	10,115	11,838	32,635	47,184	57,452	80,219	90,981	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	19,196	23,731	32,793	39,346	45,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	372,195	455,783	581,705	699,275	727,922	1,026,483	1,127,964	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	10,169	12,014	15,384	18,128	20,185	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	383,631	456,939	558,862	666,489	699,601	1,019,120	1,094,621	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	18,241	21,684	27,338	32,210	35,852	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	992,209	1,184,717	1,461,186	1,741,348	1,841,633	2,629,965	2,781,553	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	18,158	22,081	27,303	32,114	35,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,373,725	1,709,809	2,044,988	2,431,084	2,534,276	3,299,768	3,398,501	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	13,649	16,303	19,503	21,855	22,711	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,421,671	1,721,188	2,017,769	2,257,075	2,431,969	2,630,022	2,597,366	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	8,969	10,374	11,516	11,710	12,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,206,737	1,390,742	1,514,826	1,533,404	1,487,023	1,569,100	1,462,970	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	6,478	6,977	7,281	7,206	6,980	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,066,706	1,150,517	1,157,613	1,116,744	1,034,156	1,019,553	916,848	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	13,691	13,155	11,801	10,342	10,078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,304,793	3,094,722	2,569,464	2,230,021	2,026,876	1,850,558	1,549,829	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	3,064	2,211	1,734	1,557	1,331	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,388,435	960,544	675,096	606,994	484,896	400,231	324,519	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	361	253	213	190	179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	287,266	185,614	184,873	181,351	166,108	132,970	99,398	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	30	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	56,336	49,618	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	90,285	112,246	142,771	167,937	193,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,270,827	4,924,127	6,070,078	6,681,746	7,979,227	(NA)	8,837,981	8,037,544
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	1,080	1,756	5,020	7,421	11,556	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,794	6,514	16,998	25,877	37,439	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	13,466	18,450	25,578	32,865	40,687	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	181,921	238,440	335,358	420,827	529,846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	7,746	9,847	13,335	16,404	19,311	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	179,147	224,905	305,203	372,027	469,487	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	14,355	18,331	24,510	30,016	34,843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	419,723	520,660	723,037	870,880	1,096,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	14,984	19,495	25,226	30,479	34,433	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	587,117	731,382	1,002,224	1,212,608	1,489,378	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	11,410	14,527	18,244	20,897	22,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	562,082	691,783	921,455	1,066,308	1,273,334	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	7,435	9,481	10,875	11,247	12,016	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	429,574	550,484	662,828	719,414	861,893	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	5,444	6,230	6,915	6,928	6,891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	355,544	403,736	500,109	526,150	586,693	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	11,418	11,861	11,228	10,005	9,956	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,006,613	1,055,592	1,163,425	1,062,717	1,221,742	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	2,595	2,009	1,643	1,497	1,316	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	409,519	370,206	347,456	317,617	320,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	323	234	197	171	171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	107,125	93,080	91,985	87,321	92,351	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	29	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	28,668	37,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	750	592	847	415	463	658	⁶ 655	(NA)
acres..	17,405	13,793	15,379	5,205	4,178	4,536	⁶ 4,598	(NA)
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	131	107	118	60	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	275	254	252	189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	250	175	269	192	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,656	875	1,827	1,585	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	56	47	71	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	898	314	995	280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	65	36	70	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,172	386	1,344	540	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	46	31	88	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	959	812	1,864	123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	36	24	47	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,506	601	1,167	200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	33	25	41	21	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	878	730	1,333	554	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	14	16	26	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	265	209 179	827	30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	75	95	78	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,328	4,680	3,413	1,043	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	33	28	30	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,457	3,278	1,969	507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	11	8	9	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,011	1,084	388	154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	-	-	(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.