

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.....	88,726	94,678	118,979	142,168	164,790	179,687	213,325	203,866
Less than 10 acres.....	1,885	2,903	7,265	7,715	15,140	8,709	7,894	5,271
Less than 3 acres.....	942	1,291	2,049	1,602	5,169	359	226	954
1 acre or less.....	652	798	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	290	493	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	941	1,612	5,216	6,113	9,971	8,350	7,668	4,317
3 acres.....	135	255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	96	163	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	391	687	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	89	126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	76	142	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	91	142	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	63	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	11,879	11,287	16,989	21,620	25,600	31,184	43,917	39,956
10 to 29 acres.....	5,632	5,363	8,265	10,317	12,064	13,736	18,090	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	6,247	5,924	8,724	11,303	13,536	17,448	25,827	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	3,349	3,371	4,731	6,776	7,435	10,219	14,599	148,362
70 to 99 acres.....	8,021	8,381	11,548	15,682	19,966	26,368	34,479	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	6,270	6,792	8,670	12,236	13,235	17,035	20,062	282,250
140 to 179 acres.....	11,254	13,524	18,158	24,194	31,344	37,728	47,277	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	4,116	4,633	5,902	7,855	7,539	7,929	8,320	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	4,732	5,405	6,898	8,071	7,947	7,990	7,893	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	18,290	20,529	23,354	24,717	24,752	22,755	21,162	20,704
500 to 999 acres.....	12,262	11,945	10,584	9,303	8,310	6,979	5,647	5,490
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	4,734	4,134	4,880	3,999	3,522	2,791	2,075	1,833
2,000 acres or more.....	1,936	1,774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	36,077,472	35,820,868	35,630,045	35,877,063	36,161,822	34,803,317	35,334,870	33,790,817
Average size of farm.....	406.6	378.3	299.5	252.4	219.4	193.7	165.6	165.8
Less than 10 acres.....	6,337	10,360	29,263	34,450	53,942	42,629	40,976	25,695
10 to 49 acres.....	336,045	316,003	471,741	614,626	715,375	901,080	1,303,498	1,225,738
10 to 29 acres.....	95,493	(NA)	137,197	175,710	194,243	229,965	313,282	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	240,552	(NA)	334,544	438,916	521,132	671,115	990,216	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	193,636	195,245	272,973	392,140	426,974	587,861	834,589	1,522,290
70 to 99 acres.....	649,182	678,626	933,652	1,270,625	1,610,177	2,127,173	2,776,474	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	729,983	791,408	1,006,034	1,417,460	1,520,566	1,963,172	2,302,146	2,13,059,097
140 to 179 acres.....	1,781,683	2,142,777	2,880,038	3,837,987	4,978,033	5,988,981	7,502,981	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	811,455	914,511	1,160,637	1,546,170	1,481,094	1,557,253	1,632,936	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,123,324	1,282,355	1,639,641	1,919,819	1,886,087	1,896,717	1,872,657	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	6,693,923	7,511,102	8,436,488	8,817,470	8,801,433	8,043,982	7,419,936	7,220,771
500 to 999 acres.....	8,540,091	8,235,449	7,257,956	6,344,068	5,652,599	4,722,523	3,808,271	3,676,963
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	6,388,286	5,517,756	11,541,622	9,682,248	9,035,542	6,971,946	5,840,406	5,060,263
2,000 acres or more.....	8,823,527	8,225,276	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....	59,360	66,997	84,870	115,834	148,437	166,398	197,177	193,821
Less than 10 acres.....	8,343,588	9,068,802	10,249,134	11,885,247	14,088,470	12,766,219	12,342,344	15,553,185
10 to 49 acres.....	337	346	946	2,325	9,047	5,522	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 29 acres.....	821	1,152	2,812	6,955	17,960	16,891	18,202	14,074
30 to 49 acres.....	3,512	4,002	6,291	12,644	20,961	26,411	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	38,138	47,525	74,258	156,951	276,153	417,487	678,293	824,013
70 to 99 acres.....	1,496	(NA)	2,509	5,261	9,312	10,857	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	11,245	(NA)	21,564	42,940	69,782	107,398	172,847	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	2,016	(NA)	3,782	7,383	11,649	15,554	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	26,893	(NA)	52,694	114,011	206,371	310,089	505,446	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	1,353	1,595	2,514	4,981	6,630	9,403	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	26,260	32,945	52,906	112,600	174,310	273,506	409,952	1,201,330
500 to 999 acres.....	3,935	4,850	7,300	12,477	18,416	25,037	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	100,271	139,135	214,287	379,783	660,001	919,376	1,190,820	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	3,551	4,321	6,223	10,480	12,519	16,430	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	121,142	157,598	255,559	453,005	628,278	818,887	947,596	2,675,036
180 to 219 acres.....	7,840	10,147	15,126	21,969	30,146	36,417	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	439,828	628,252	1,010,144	1,521,260	2,288,419	2,541,682	3,036,182	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	2,943	3,547	4,972	7,175	7,288	7,733	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	178,639	240,666	364,170	542,505	634,093	644,530	653,260	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	3,593	4,359	6,045	7,626	7,739	7,802	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	283,157	394,304	587,294	762,540	881,670	834,090	765,406	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	15,398	17,913	21,363	23,712	24,244	22,221	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	2,048,668	2,535,513	3,268,047	3,737,805	4,299,517	3,520,227	2,921,200	3,619,564
180 to 219 acres.....	10,955	10,804	9,782	8,812	8,103	6,791	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	2,655,457	2,783,193	2,572,409	2,471,329	2,491,143	1,740,164	1,180,874	1,605,361
260 to 499 acres.....	4,299	3,675	4,308	3,633	3,344	2,631	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	1,610,495	1,365,366	1,847,248	1,740,514	1,736,926	1,039,379	540,559	725,807
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,644	1,438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	840,712	743,153	(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..	67,174	77,746	97,554	127,717	154,349	175,267	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	13,010,066	14,217,992	14,470,517	16,029,630	16,964,012	19,661,363	19,613,019	20,581,692
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	478	651	1,983	3,600	10,167	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,441	2,287	6,830	12,355	23,866	27,305	28,771	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	5,268	6,253	10,040	16,679	22,798	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	85,886	110,416	165,753	291,651	369,962	604,175	938,386	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	1,827	2,220	3,381	5,941	7,008	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	52,175	68,450	101,890	191,735	226,308	390,993	569,702	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	5,024	6,265	9,263	14,237	19,274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	196,978	277,430	380,807	624,700	846,662	1,363,742	1,721,971	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	4,393	5,372	7,392	11,455	12,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	228,843	305,530	426,330	718,835	796,997	1,216,727	1,384,102	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	8,959	11,808	16,667	23,329	30,829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	707,601	1,010,949	1,425,274	2,069,013	2,733,088	3,731,155	4,547,758	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,306	4,072	5,446	7,580	7,420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	288,395	402,045	534,185	804,140	784,570	953,713	968,181	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	3,946	4,939	6,469	7,861	7,859	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	436,871	612,066	810,764	1,043,660	1,049,764	1,193,696	1,135,856	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	16,350	19,293	22,278	24,207	24,480	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,978,584	3,718,691	4,296,754	4,704,020	4,937,282	5,053,827	4,552,076	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	11,448	11,409	10,130	9,067	8,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,893,725	4,057,706	3,445,415	3,144,464	2,892,749	2,760,299	2,164,992	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	4,450	3,900	4,505	3,761	3,385	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,562,299	2,233,638	2,876,515	2,425,057	2,302,764	2,365,731	1,601,224	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,725	1,564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,577,268	1,418,784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	83,544	87,985	108,497	127,490	145,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	23,812,816	22,510,441	22,034,705	19,974,597	19,229,583	(NA)	16,142,512	14,639,512
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	686	1,105	3,194	3,585	6,189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,619	4,005	12,135	12,865	16,776	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	10,750	9,749	14,805	17,545	20,769	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	254,820	215,058	324,982	340,285	328,967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	3,130	3,051	4,378	5,966	6,579	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	146,732	135,063	186,023	210,920	197,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	7,593	7,821	10,755	14,280	18,464	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	479,691	449,996	611,478	688,855	746,688	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	6,004	6,396	8,190	11,355	12,512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	532,911	522,967	638,303	738,220	717,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	10,646	12,784	17,208	22,838	29,919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,122,353	1,218,601	1,555,635	1,780,994	2,212,606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	3,979	4,486	5,696	7,570	7,306	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	549,643	557,405	682,243	785,375	703,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	4,573	5,195	6,658	7,716	7,695	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	718,149	713,241	884,714	897,695	836,948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	17,710	19,992	22,558	23,776	24,155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,881,192	3,984,282	4,326,781	4,033,950	3,850,352	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	11,935	11,631	10,299	8,992	8,150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,854,081	4,378,423	3,971,206	3,217,918	2,761,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	4,639	4,027	4,756	3,867	3,478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	3,966,389	3,419,922	8,841,205	7,267,520	6,856,593	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,899	1,748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	7,304,236	6,911,478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm....farms..	2,673	2,637	1,620	443	74	275	⁶ 184	99
acres..	302,081	202,658	108,151	34,857	2,237	4,437	⁶ 1,361	⁷ 2,109
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	16	50	35	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	14
acres..	33	90	93	80	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	62	76	77	42	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	21
acres..	843	703	1,143	1,384	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	26	35	39	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	844
acres..	659	845	959	100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	81	85	82	46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,675	2,615	2,966	1,563	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	65	56	76	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,454	1,648	2,808	510	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	208	290	214	85	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	10,949	11,610	11,235	6,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	89	90	75	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	4,393	5,735	3,419	1,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	121	171	110	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	7,698	9,258	5,936	4,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	724	841	452	80	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8
acres..	55,943	52,895	30,330	6,570	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	666	536	262	46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1
acres..	77,859	46,356	20,680	4,790	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	397	286	198	39	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11
acres..	71,541	40,313	28,582	7,015	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	218	121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	67,034	30,590	(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.