

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.....	39,757	42,551	54,441	59,747	63,125	61,829	64,826	55,153
Less than 10 acres.....	4,041	5,149	10,132	10,648	12,755	10,010	9,298	6,626
Less than 3 acres.....	971	1,263	1,643	8,846	1,892	822	443	930
1 acre or less.....	504	632	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	467	631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	3,070	3,886	8,489	1,802	10,863	9,188	8,855	5,696
3 acres.....	400	593	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	449	494	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	786	1,015	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	420	535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	326	455	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	427	427	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	262	367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	13,817	13,606	16,981	19,349	20,269	20,116	21,200	16,613
10 to 29 acres.....	8,840	8,517	10,866	12,154	12,802	12,256	13,011	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	4,977	5,089	6,115	7,195	7,467	7,860	8,189	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	2,817	2,907	3,470	3,883	3,732	3,906	4,050	¹ 8,932
70 to 99 acres.....	3,566	3,892	4,947	5,592	5,546	6,060	6,234	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	2,687	3,045	3,571	3,957	4,020	4,240	4,600	² 12,360
140 to 179 acres.....	2,371	2,682	3,143	3,629	3,933	4,451	5,222	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	1,396	1,514	1,735	1,882	1,824	1,904	2,065	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	982	1,129	1,258	1,469	1,413	1,385	1,447	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,064	3,283	3,566	3,724	3,956	4,215	4,657	4,597
500 to 999 acres.....	1,882	2,096	2,281	2,386	2,394	2,522	3,007	3,029
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,248	1,327	3,357	3,228	3,283	3,020	3,046	2,996
2,000 acres or more.....	1,886	1,921	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	20,509,302	21,222,641	21,047,340	20,275,572	19,754,257	17,988,307	17,357,549	16,548,678
Average size of farm.....	515.9	498.8	386.6	339.4	312.9	290.9	267.8	300.1
Less than 10 acres.....	18,940	25,029	47,844	52,623	60,283	50,753	49,178	33,236
10 to 49 acres.....	340,534	339,600	417,588	480,443	498,254	507,321	532,077	422,698
10 to 29 acres.....	150,424	(NA)	183,015	203,268	211,430	203,581	216,559	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	190,110	(NA)	234,573	277,175	286,824	303,740	315,518	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	163,391	168,680	201,921	225,147	216,000	226,958	234,723	¹ 650,454
70 to 99 acres.....	292,796	319,352	405,055	462,055	453,440	494,673	507,827	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	312,384	354,652	415,886	462,807	467,788	493,393	535,070	² 1,978,336
140 to 179 acres.....	372,436	424,951	496,206	572,085	620,700	704,059	826,800	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	275,990	299,175	342,629	369,573	360,498	377,021	408,617	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	232,939	267,448	298,925	350,791	335,705	329,284	344,314	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,086,810	1,140,955	1,256,859	1,324,910	1,399,552	1,496,728	1,656,307	1,635,105
500 to 999 acres.....	1,320,350	1,471,892	1,588,850	1,645,491	1,662,962	1,766,651	2,107,604	2,114,707
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,750,431	1,845,643	15,575,577	14,329,647	13,679,075	11,541,466	10,155,032	9,714,142
2,000 acres or more.....	14,342,301	14,565,264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	29,981	33,900	41,218	47,525	52,630	54,589	59,508	50,862
acres.....	3,050,278	3,131,872	3,265,385	3,206,101	3,276,086	2,824,316	2,831,742	2,906,324
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	2,504	2,952	4,813	5,807	8,027	7,504	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6,808	9,148	12,728	16,478	21,805	20,709	24,026	16,913
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	9,052	10,137	12,492	15,222	16,888	17,648	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	103,050	124,763	147,687	176,334	202,607	210,061	237,787	193,723
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	5,529	(NA)	7,679	9,277	10,477	10,623	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	45,081	(NA)	64,020	75,324	88,759	88,896	106,251	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	3,523	(NA)	4,813	5,945	6,411	7,025	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	57,969	(NA)	83,667	101,010	113,848	121,165	131,536	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	2,182	2,381	2,864	3,347	3,392	3,659	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	54,210	61,594	76,803	84,678	92,548	97,546	105,052	¹ 258,481
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	2,807	3,452	4,221	4,891	5,028	5,584	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	98,095	118,481	158,197	176,519	178,589	187,782	189,293	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	2,213	2,597	3,106	3,542	3,681	3,941	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	111,794	139,441	160,671	172,963	178,086	178,844	195,910	² 995,118
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	1,944	2,211	2,665	3,112	3,528	4,021	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	122,217	148,855	173,495	193,092	199,051	196,094	211,956	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	1,180	1,339	1,509	1,647	1,704	1,798	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	100,188	123,459	122,740	128,066	128,339	124,757	128,002	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	836	984	1,118	1,324	1,326	1,309	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	86,255	99,713	109,593	123,450	116,789	99,122	98,114	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	2,673	2,931	3,189	3,417	3,674	3,947	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	376,309	397,864	417,133	392,271	409,877	399,566	401,871	403,521
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,669	1,925	2,064	2,156	2,259	2,355	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	386,234	418,269	408,856	363,948	411,061	354,669	374,085	439,123
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,139	1,207	3,177	3,060	3,123	2,823	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	415,093	401,733	1,477,482	1,378,302	1,337,334	955,166	865,646	999,445
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,782	1,784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1,190,025	1,088,552	(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.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	34,763	38,767	47,822	54,645	57,150	59,766	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	5,281,935	5,366,525	5,249,888	5,501,141	4,909,101	5,255,467	4,921,039	4,989,322
50 to 69 acres.....	3,114	3,937	6,841	8,243	9,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	10,800	14,670	22,990	30,322	32,139	33,125	32,080	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	11,387	12,262	15,032	17,823	18,434	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	180,871	205,290	233,171	277,663	266,199	297,059	299,295	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	2,507	2,722	3,237	3,703	3,569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	87,757	100,020	113,146	123,202	116,480	132,781	130,536	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	3,198	3,672	4,654	5,366	5,248	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	156,574	180,833	224,716	254,905	227,081	260,418	242,815	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	2,472	2,899	3,396	3,827	3,834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	170,458	211,697	224,859	247,269	225,354	248,274	250,609	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	2,180	2,497	2,960	3,463	3,710	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	189,139	221,672	240,760	275,879	253,686	294,421	301,947	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	1,299	1,409	1,648	1,767	1,754	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	148,026	171,934	168,446	176,670	162,514	177,760	176,436	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	922	1,069	1,203	1,394	1,367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	125,251	140,999	147,881	176,700	145,952	147,649	137,094	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	2,890	3,153	3,406	3,622	3,825	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	549,919	565,797	591,594	601,248	548,269	647,022	635,536	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,782	2,021	2,189	2,281	2,306	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	616,241	666,239	652,565	631,752	600,220	687,423	732,334	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,187	1,279	3,256	3,156	3,179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	748,377	743,423	2,629,760	2,705,531	2,331,207	2,329,535	1,982,357	(NA)
Land in farms, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	1,825	1,847	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	2,298,522	2,143,951	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	31,329	32,559	42,155	45,931	50,332	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	15,135,286	15,541,965	15,261,888	14,193,328	14,423,723	(NA)	12,038,576	11,378,824
100 to 139 acres.....	1,758	2,311	5,601	5,551	6,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	6,225	7,696	17,887	16,637	20,549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	10,544	9,670	12,376	14,213	15,583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	156,276	125,137	158,343	171,394	197,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	2,289	2,295	2,839	3,251	3,259	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	72,353	66,422	77,448	83,558	87,722	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	3,043	3,246	4,217	4,786	4,982	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	127,046	120,135	152,088	161,785	192,444	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	2,264	2,509	3,114	3,444	3,709	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	129,357	128,210	156,615	168,926	206,953	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	2,060	2,339	2,789	3,137	3,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	163,633	171,585	198,609	222,579	304,140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	1,182	1,325	1,551	1,610	1,736	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	112,466	106,700	142,891	151,036	172,713	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	848	979	1,110	1,287	1,335	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	96,515	100,165	121,946	137,451	166,050	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	2,684	2,889	3,259	3,389	3,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	497,668	483,527	569,303	599,124	768,752	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,678	1,892	2,085	2,198	2,295	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	676,903	724,434	848,991	895,771	1,011,759	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	1,145	1,227	3,214	3,065	3,218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	991,575	1,063,230	12,817,767	11,585,087	11,295,628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	1,834	1,877	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	12,105,269	12,444,724	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	15,869	18,088	19,826	17,494	15,597	16,159	⁶ 13,243	11,387
140 to 179 acres.....	1,607,659	1,395,358	1,490,366	1,287,000	1,129,059	1,030,228	⁶ 578,838	⁷ 637,967
180 to 219 acres.....	1,364	1,862	2,699	2,335	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,208
220 to 259 acres.....	4,642	6,275	8,921	8,585	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	4,395	5,046	5,353	4,963	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,258
500 to 999 acres.....	64,138	72,534	77,989	76,099	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	980	1,116	1,177	1,092	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	⁸ 4,077
2,000 acres or more.....	28,777	29,201	34,735	31,399	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	1,446	1,734	2,138	1,960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	63,496	74,695	97,038	95,810	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	1,171	1,408	1,496	1,374	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....	66,589	77,248	81,779	71,204	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	1,086	1,330	1,376	1,189	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	81,360	96,765	94,918	95,373	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	663	767	726	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	60,197	59,872	54,566	42,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	473	547	526	453	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	48,555	48,592	47,104	41,423	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,520	1,507	1,491	1,200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,100
2,000 acres or more.....	194,663	159,420	153,085	118,671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms, by size of farm.....								
Less than 10 acres.....	932	996	1,012	874	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	724
10 to 49 acres.....	167,935	161,640	130,613	95,514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	623	604	1,832	1,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,020
70 to 99 acres.....	147,338	112,455	709,618	610,403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	1,216	1,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....	679,969	496,661	(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.