

acres, 30 to 49 acres, 175 to 179 acres, 260 to 379 acres, and 380 to 499 acres) were established primarily to provide comparable data for censuses prior to 1935. For 1964, two size groups (10 to 29 acres and 30 to 49 acres), used for the 1954 census, were combined, and 4 additional size groups were established (260

to 379 acres, 380 to 499 acres, 500 to 699 acres, and 700 to 999 acres) to provide for further classification for the increasing number of farms having 260 acres or more. For both the 1959 and 1964 censuses special tabulations were made for farms of 2,000 acres or more, by size of farm groups.

TABLE 2. Farms Classified by Acres of Total Land in Farms, for the United States, 1880 to 1964; and Acres of Improved Land, for the United States: 1860 and 1870

Year	Number of farms by acres of total land in farms								
	Total	Under 3 acres	3 to 9 acres	10 to 29 acres	30 to 49 acres	50 to 99 acres	100 to 499 acres	500 to 999 acres	1,000 or more acres
1964.....	3,157,857	59,686	122,895	(637,434)		542,430	1,439,683	210,437	145,292
1959.....	3,710,503	79,083	165,245	(813,216)		657,990	1,658,530	200,012	136,427
1954 <sup>1</sup> .....	4,782,416	99,896	384,395	713,335	499,496	864,063	1,899,053	191,697	130,481
1950.....	5,388,437	78,110	410,420	855,000	624,596	1,048,075	2,068,466	182,297	121,473
1945 <sup>2</sup> .....	5,859,169	98,966	495,295	945,608	708,796	1,157,320	2,166,208	173,777	112,899
1940.....	6,102,417	37,022	472,325	(1,782,061)		1,291,328	2,255,396	163,711	100,574
1935 <sup>3</sup> .....	6,812,350	35,573	535,258	1,241,431	882,164	1,444,007	2,417,803	167,452	88,662
1930.....	6,295,103	44,244	317,755	(2,002,115)		1,375,198	2,315,403	159,723	80,665
1925 <sup>4</sup> .....	6,371,640	15,151	363,384	(2,038,092)		1,421,078	2,328,155	143,852	63,328
1920.....	6,453,991	21,158	320,348	(2,013,516)		1,475,005	2,456,729	149,826	67,409
1910 <sup>5</sup> .....	6,361,502	18,033	317,010	(1,918,499)		1,438,069	2,494,461	125,295	50,135
1900.....	5,739,657	41,882	226,564	(1,664,797)		1,366,167	2,290,561	102,526	47,160
1890.....	4,564,641	(150,194)		(1,168,327)		1,121,485	2,008,694	84,395	31,546
1880.....	4,008,907	4,352	134,889	(1,036,323)		1,032,810	1,695,983	75,972	28,578
Year	Number of farms by acres of improved land								
	Total	Under 3 acres	3 to 9 acres	10 to 19 acres	20 to 49 acres	50 to 99 acres	100 to 499 acres	500 to 999 acres	1,000 or more acres
1870.....	2,659,985	6,875	172,021	294,607	847,614	754,221	565,054	15,873	3,720
1860 <sup>6</sup> .....	2,044,077	(NA)	54,676	162,178	616,558	608,878	487,041	20,319	5,364

NA Not available.  
<sup>1</sup>Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.  
<sup>2</sup>Includes farms of 100 acres or more for Hawaii.  
<sup>3</sup>Data for Alaska not available.  
<sup>4</sup>Includes 62 farms for Alaska, in the under 50 acres size group.  
<sup>5</sup>For 1860, the classification is for "Farms containing 3 acres or more." The number of farms in the various classes adds to 1,955,014, which is 89,063 less than the total number of farms.

Prior to 1900, the count of farms was the only statistic available by size of farm. From 1900 to 1935 the size of farm data published included not only a count of farms, but also data for all land in farms and the most important of all of the classes of land according to use. For the 1945 to the 1964 censuses, pub-

lished data by size of farm include farms, land in farms, classified according to use; the number of livestock and poultry; farm equipment; the production or sale of livestock, poultry, livestock products, and poultry products; the acreage and production of crops; farm expenditures; etc.

TABLE 3. Farms, all Land in Farms, Average Size of Farm, Average Value of Land and Buildings per Farm and per Acre, for the United States: 1850 to 1964

[Data for value of land and buildings for 1950 through 1964 are estimates based upon reports for a sample of farms.]

Year	Number of farms		All land in farms		Value of land and buildings			Percent of land area in farms	Year	Number of farms		All land in farms		Value of land and buildings			Percent of land area in farms
	Total	Percent change from preceding census <sup>1</sup>	Acres	Percent change from preceding census <sup>1</sup>	Average size of farm (acres)	Average per farm (dollars)	Average per acre (dollars)			Total	Percent change from preceding census <sup>1</sup>	Acres	Percent change from preceding census <sup>1</sup>	Average size of farm (acres)	Average per farm (dollars)	Average per acre (dollars)	
1964.....	3,157,857	-14.9	1,110,187,000	-1.2	351.6	50,646	143.81	50.0	1920....	6,453,991	1.4	958,676,612	8.8	148.5	10,295	69.31	42.2
1959.....	3,710,503	-22.6	1,123,507,574	-3.3	302.8	34,768	114.82	49.3	1910....	6,366,044	10.9	881,431,469	4.8	138.5	5,480	39.58	38.8
1954 <sup>1</sup> .....	4,782,416	-11.1	1,198,191,511	(2)	242.2	20,405	84.25	60.8	1900....	5,739,657	25.7	841,201,546	34.6	146.6	2,905	19.82	44.1
1950.....	5,388,437	-8.1	1,162,642,888	1.5	215.8	14,005	64.97	51.1	1890....	4,564,641	13.9	623,218,619	16.3	136.5	2,909	21.31	32.7
1945 <sup>2</sup> .....	5,859,169	-3.9	1,141,615,364	7.6	194.8	7,917	40.63	59.9	1880....	4,008,907	50.7	536,081,835	31.5	133.7	2,544	19.02	28.2
1940.....	6,102,417	-10.5	1,065,113,774	0.6	174.5	5,532	31.69	46.8	1870....	2,659,985	30.1	407,735,041	0.1	153.3	2,799	18.26	21.4
1935 <sup>3</sup> .....	6,812,350	8.3	1,054,515,111	6.9	154.8	4,823	31.16	55.4	1860....	2,044,077	41.1	407,212,538	38.7	199.2	3,251	16.32	21.4
1930.....	6,295,103	-1.3	990,111,984	6.8	157.3	7,624	48.47	43.6	1850....	1,449,073	-	293,560,614	-	202.6	2,258	11.14	15.6
1925 <sup>4</sup> .....	6,371,640	-1.2	924,319,352	-3.3	145.1	7,764	53.52	48.6									

<sup>2</sup> Less than 0.05 percent.  
<sup>1</sup>Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.