

TABLE 1. Farms, Acreage, and Value: 1930 to 1964

[Data for value of land and buildings for 1950 to 1964 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

1973  
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Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Farms.....number..	15,759	17,811	22,826	24,176	26,322	25,411	30,695	27,159
Approximate land area.....acres..	52,722,560	52,696,960	52,701,440	52,701,440	52,701,440	52,701,440	52,597,760	52,597,760
Proportion in farms.....percent..	24.4	24.1	23.3	20.6	19.6	13.9	11.9	10.7
Land in farms.....acres..	12,867,081	12,688,518	12,262,222	10,865,165	10,309,107	7,302,007	6,239,318	5,613,101
Average size of farm.....acres..	816.5	712.4	537.2	449.4	391.7	287.4	203.3	206.7
Value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm.....dollars..	57,747	42,391	25,652	19,492	9,947	6,074	5,157	8,145
Average per acre.....dollars..	70.66	59.50	47.75	43.37	25.40	21.14	25.37	39.41
Land in farms according to use: <sup>1</sup>								
Cropland harvested.....farms..	13,759	15,481	19,728	21,344	23,907	23,372	26,182	25,027
acres..	1,039,040	1,062,246	1,228,520	1,279,469	1,247,718	966,088	814,854	1,159,890
1 to 9 acres.....farms..	2,353	2,654	4,458	4,366	5,956	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....farms..	1,946	2,200	2,612	2,960	3,220	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....farms..	1,456	1,707	2,175	2,513	2,763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	2,140	2,615	3,419	4,059	4,312	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	2,977	3,435	4,116	4,524	4,794	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....farms..	1,858	1,924	1,916	1,942	1,947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 acres or more.....farms..	1,029	946	1,032	980	915	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....farms..	819	768	796	766	744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	164	136	179	160	140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....farms..	46	42	57	54	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture <sup>2</sup> .....farms..	5,899	6,458	7,267	6,739	4,257	9,262	3,793	5,992
acres..	441,573	409,472	275,432	305,178	127,813	395,033	201,055	228,205
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms..	6,266	5,429	6,626	7,039	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	588,901	535,933	523,506	468,242	288,171	401,175	690,265	335,607
Cultivated summer fallow.....farms..	3,408	3,136	4,055	4,578	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	281,728	253,981	373,242	345,222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms..	1,455	784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	148,438	133,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop failure.....farms..	911	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,159	4,216	15,421	3,271
acres..	24,863	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	14,471	76,587	358,177	47,550
Idle cropland.....farms..	2,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,155	7,326	9,017	6,203
acres..	133,872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	273,700	324,588	332,088	288,057
Woodland pastured.....farms..	532	756	815	1,480	550	(NA)	1,164	1,249
acres..	762,307	928,391	979,746	1,454,387	173,093	(NA)	190,099	177,014
Woodland not pastured.....farms..	180	215	247	491	209	(NA)	408	317
acres..	62,690	51,562	49,495	102,216	10,808	(NA)	29,758	14,322
Other pasture (see text) <sup>2</sup> .....farms..	7,976	9,170	11,554	11,561	15,400	(NA)	15,652	12,157
acres..	9,661,056	9,250,019	8,732,655	6,815,022	8,263,100	(NA)	3,901,488	3,256,558
Improved pasture.....farms..	4,376	2,995	4,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	490,997	276,428	277,655	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms..	11,908	(NA)	18,965	19,531	20,636	(NA)	23,917	19,058
acres..	311,519	450,895	472,868	440,651	198,404	(NA)	411,799	441,505
Cropland, total <sup>2</sup> .....farms..	14,570	16,320	20,579	22,058	24,522	24,435	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	2,069,514	2,007,651	2,027,458	2,052,889	1,663,702	1,762,296	1,706,174	1,723,702
Land pastured, total.....farms..	11,389	12,710	15,549	16,028	17,487	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	10,864,936	10,587,882	9,987,833	8,574,587	8,564,006	(NA)	4,292,642	3,661,777
Woodland, total.....farms..	668	905	1,019	1,836	743	813	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	824,997	979,953	1,029,241	1,556,603	183,901	79,192	219,857	191,336
Irrigated land in farms.....farms..	13,762	15,701	19,406	21,126	23,543	22,612	24,332	23,847
acres..	1,092,270	1,061,683	1,072,682	1,137,995	1,124,081	911,135	583,183	491,139

NA Not available.  
<sup>1</sup>For the censuses of 1964, 1959, and 1954, in the census year; for all other censuses, in the calendar year preceding the census.  
<sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for the various census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.  
<sup>3</sup>Irrigated cropland harvested only.  
<sup>4</sup>Acreage of irrigated crops, including some duplication where two or more crops were harvested from the same land.