

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]

Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Farms.....number..	9,038	9,744	11,402	12,614	13,076	15,018	17,487	16,011
Approximate land area.....acres..	62,256,640	62,343,040	62,403,840	62,403,840	62,403,840	62,403,840	62,430,720	62,430,720
Proportion in farms.....percent..	59.5	58.1	56.1	55.2	53.1	44.9	45.1	37.7
Land in farms.....acres..	37,052,632	36,199,666	34,989,064	34,420,892	33,116,554	28,025,979	28,161,911	23,525,234
Average size of farm.....acres..	4,099.6	3,715.1	3,068.7	2,728.8	2,532.6	1,866.2	1,610.4	1,469.3
Value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm.....dollars..	115,355	79,447	46,935	36,060	17,746	10,585	9,537	12,919
Average per acre.....dollars..	28.13	21.39	15.29	13.21	7.01	5.67	5.92	8.79
Land in farms according to use: ¹								
Cropland harvested.....farms..	7,624	8,338	9,352	10,960	11,551	12,454	12,843	14,396
.....acres..	1,702,311	1,679,024	1,556,022	1,900,646	1,843,413	1,534,800	1,220,354	2,007,751
1 to 9 acres.....farms..	226	246	386	473	611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....farms..	288	299	402	411	439	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....farms..	274	325	432	440	462	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	625	665	928	1,015	1,118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	1,366	1,691	2,342	2,687	3,117	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....farms..	2,216	2,521	2,650	3,210	3,224	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 acres or more.....farms..	2,629	2,591	2,212	2,724	2,580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,931	1,969	1,692	2,045	2,007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	518	449	373	512	413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....farms..	180	173	147	167	160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture ²farms..	3,069	3,279	4,072	3,215	2,507	6,589	5,424	7,019
.....acres..	567,223	587,980	445,442	405,052	111,778	1,459,211	1,301,391	2,321,531
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms..	2,902	2,721	3,496	3,766	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	496,731	470,979	564,741	406,734	264,391	519,403	919,843	284,917
Cultivated summer fallow.....farms..	1,859	1,868	2,212	2,285	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	321,892	314,457	350,021	282,569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms..	779	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	79,813	74,746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop failure.....farms..	649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,153	3,784	8,384	2,073
.....acres..	38,672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66,099	210,082	552,078	96,284
Idle cropland.....farms..	818	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,208	3,789	5,551	2,628
.....acres..	56,354	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	198,292	309,321	367,765	188,633
Woodland pastured.....farms..	853	811	1,121	1,505	657	(NA)	2,200	1,668
.....acres..	581,108	535,442	622,434	1,275,367	281,246	(NA)	543,650	468,113
Woodland not pastured.....farms..	128	129	177	302	104	(NA)	277	237
.....acres..	248,494	20,416	29,045	72,551	10,664	(NA)	52,365	47,530
Other pasture (see text) ²farms..	7,106	7,784	8,650	9,527	11,238	(NA)	14,480	12,437
.....acres..	32,937,231	32,367,801	31,383,179	29,844,743	30,246,212	(NA)	23,746,467	18,047,336
Improved pasture.....farms..	2,507	2,217	2,106	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	642,391	418,145	271,165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms..	8,126	(NA)	10,579	11,666	12,134	(NA)	15,803	11,754
.....acres..	519,415	538,024	388,201	515,799	358,850	(NA)	377,841	348,056
Cropland, total ²farms..	8,033	8,763	10,068	11,484	11,837	13,884	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,766,265	2,737,983	2,566,205	2,712,432	2,219,582	3,513,414	3,441,588	4,614,199
Land pastured, total.....farms..	8,258	8,934	10,279	11,250	12,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	34,085,562	33,491,223	32,451,055	31,525,162	30,639,236	(NA)	25,591,508	20,836,980
Woodland, total.....farms..	925	899	1,251	1,709	737	1,958	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	829,602	555,858	651,479	1,347,918	291,910	386,539	596,015	515,643
Irrigated land in farms.....farms..	5,923	6,412	7,130	7,831	7,793	8,637	7,860	7,308
.....acres..	1,571,192	1,469,911	1,262,632	1,431,767	1,353,873	1,284,027	777,930	497,106

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