

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.....	9,038	9,705	11,402	12,615	13,076	15,018	17,487	16,011
Less than 10 acres.....	234	150	616	535	556	614	477	333
Less than 3 acres.....	139	56	267	150	98	134	106	137
1 acre or less.....	113	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 acres.....	26	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 to 9 acres.....	95	94	349	385	458	480	371	196
3 acres.....	16	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4 acres.....	21	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 acres.....	28	32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6 acres.....	10	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
7 acres.....	7	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
8 acres.....	7	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 acres.....	6	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....	516	527	595	721	797	916	888	630
10 to 29 acres.....	272	292	311	431	416	441	387	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	244	235	284	290	381	475	501	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	128	115	159	140	174	209	217	¹ 1,039
70 to 99 acres.....	328	340	554	716	836	1,105	1,061	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	323	381	573	696	623	724	718	² 3,163
140 to 179 acres.....	554	735	1,070	1,310	1,386	1,678	1,813	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	311	347	388	451	452	446	447	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	340	360	439	460	463	493	485	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	1,351	1,571	1,551	1,771	1,729	2,113	2,966	2,966
500 to 999 acres.....	1,163	1,217	1,403	1,626	1,659	2,334	3,795	3,850
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,102	1,165	4,054	4,189	4,401	4,386	4,555	4,085
2,000 acres or more.....	2,688	2,797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms (acres):								
All land in farms.....	37,052,632	36,195,356	34,989,064	34,402,935	33,116,554	28,025,979	28,161,911	23,525,234
Average size of farm.....	4,099.6	3,729.6	3,068.7	2,727.1	2,532.6	1,866.2	1,610.4	1,469.3
Less than 10 acres.....	656	590	2,132	2,380	2,530	2,656	2,115	1,313
10 to 49 acres.....	13,958	13,560	16,362	18,550	21,708	25,862	26,336	19,720
10 to 29 acres.....	4,507	(NA)	5,286	6,870	6,735	7,189	6,374	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	9,451	(NA)	11,076	11,680	14,973	18,673	19,962	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....	7,471	6,750	9,287	8,450	10,299	12,240	12,665	¹ 80,023
70 to 99 acres.....	26,513	27,825	45,257	57,944	67,928	89,123	85,684	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....	38,090	44,995	67,477	81,280	73,319	85,003	84,539	² 537,778
140 to 179 acres.....	88,065	117,425	170,727	207,550	220,263	266,353	288,397	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....	61,271	69,025	76,842	89,190	89,362	88,392	88,773	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....	80,703	85,345	104,481	110,210	110,106	117,274	117,873	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....	491,094	568,688	556,408	642,144	624,308	765,597	1,072,481	1,076,582
500 to 999 acres.....	832,326	860,485	1,014,156	1,186,335	1,202,677	1,680,089	2,700,189	2,688,804
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³	1,594,191	1,690,620	32,925,935	31,998,902	30,694,054	24,893,390	23,682,859	19,121,014
2,000 acres or more.....	33,818,294	32,710,048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use: ⁴								
Cropland harvested by size of farm.....farms..	7,624	8,403	9,352	11,022	11,551	12,454	12,843	14,396
Less than 10 acres.....acres..	1,702,311	1,693,905	1,556,022	1,906,163	1,843,413	1,534,800	1,220,354	2,007,751
Less than 3 acres.....farms..	33	45	170	224	327	224	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	72	90	319	555	560	851	649	497
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	264	306	377	435	577	711	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	3,981	4,816	5,524	6,545	8,536	11,635	10,869	(NA)
10 to 29 acres.....farms..	120	(NA)	180	225	277	324	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	1,134	(NA)	1,657	1,995	2,329	2,872	2,453	10,468
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	144	(NA)	197	210	300	387	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	2,847	(NA)	3,867	4,550	6,207	8,763	8,416	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	99	70	128	125	143	176	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	2,780	2,005	4,074	4,040	4,971	6,031	5,986	¹ 43,824
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	272	280	479	655	769	976	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	10,453	12,040	21,235	31,245	37,596	45,116	38,191	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	265	355	520	581	579	668	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	16,521	23,065	34,625	40,068	37,351	39,016	31,494	² 225,142
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	504	670	989	1,190	1,325	1,497	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	42,021	58,620	79,270	94,725	105,187	104,037	88,890	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	285	341	366	421	429	413	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	26,886	37,500	34,232	40,812	40,829	35,560	27,512	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	322	340	416	455	447	467	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	37,117	39,210	46,454	52,150	49,344	45,072	37,648	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,241	1,469	1,432	1,676	1,603	1,836	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	177,509	214,464	179,397	210,764	198,020	197,623	193,102	297,983
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,038	1,150	1,224	1,526	1,507	1,850	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	196,035	196,987	197,851	262,434	237,150	231,551	200,167	427,854
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	998	1,037	3,288	3,788	3,948	3,533	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	232,469	236,908	953,041	1,162,825	1,123,869	818,308	585,846	1,001,983
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,303	2,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....acres..	956,467	868,200	(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 ²farms..	8,033	8,809	10,068	11,531	11,837	13,884	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	2,766,265	2,747,280	2,566,205	2,730,138	2,219,582	3,513,414	3,441,588	4,614,199
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	61	50	207	245	285	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	189	110	626	935	828	1,565	1,233	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	344	386	470	550	636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	6,990	6,986	8,614	9,385	10,604	16,728	15,809	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	111	90	139	130	151	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	4,477	3,050	5,596	5,245	5,614	8,360	8,297	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	297	300	513	670	786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	15,765	15,845	28,564	36,320	43,071	58,944	54,210	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	288	366	545	671	891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	22,772	30,135	44,382	56,908	42,826	52,225	45,632	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	529	710	1,026	1,255	1,337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	56,850	76,355	105,464	128,395	121,700	145,330	137,902	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	295	346	379	421	435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	35,185	44,280	47,337	51,862	46,577	51,533	42,723	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	330	355	429	455	538	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	49,764	52,345	63,925	63,950	57,538	64,470	58,895	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,295	1,525	1,495	1,706	1,635	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	255,867	298,354	275,612	282,263	238,043	349,344	428,448	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,086	1,160	1,315	1,566	1,537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	330,698	311,434	364,549	395,815	302,741	570,531	648,211	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,032	1,084	3,550	3,862	3,991	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	424,107	410,495	1,621,536	1,697,060	1,350,040	2,194,384	2,000,228	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,365	2,437	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,563,601	1,497,871	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land pastured, total, by size of farm.....farms..	8,258	8,896	10,279	11,347	12,160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	34,085,562	33,501,692	32,451,055	31,528,380	30,639,236	(NA)	25,591,508	20,836,980
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	70	50	283	285	338	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	256	145	908	955	1,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	414	426	484	595	649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	7,529	6,758	7,709	7,635	10,234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	105	100	135	120	144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	3,592	3,820	3,889	3,175	4,259	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	276	290	457	565	682	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	11,335	11,765	15,969	17,670	21,797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	261	321	471	470	542	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	16,157	15,665	21,733	21,095	26,397	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	453	600	903	1,105	1,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	33,199	42,605	57,520	65,825	84,233	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	273	282	346	415	416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	26,371	19,075	27,685	34,570	38,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	296	330	398	415	433	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	31,385	34,360	38,483	39,450	45,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,235	1,409	1,439	1,679	1,667	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	246,898	268,274	283,819	338,550	360,788	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,116	1,152	1,341	1,561	1,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	533,198	555,432	669,846	780,945	880,232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	1,080	1,147	4,022	4,137	4,398	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	1,203,889	1,301,183	31,323,494	30,218,510	29,166,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	2,679	2,789	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	31,971,753	31,242,610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Irrigated land in farms, by size of farm.....farms..	5,923	6,485	7,130	7,803	7,793	8,637	⁶ 7,860	7,308
.....acres..	1,571,192	1,490,531	1,262,632	1,420,850	1,353,873	1,284,027	⁶ 773,930	⁷ 978,106
Less than 10 acres.....farms..	66	50	251	235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	128
.....acres..	220	165	743	870	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 49 acres.....farms..	359	371	436	455	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	6,676	7,156	7,582	8,095	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 69 acres.....farms..	106	90	129	115	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	⁸ 3,324
.....acres..	3,868	3,945	4,949	4,625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
70 to 99 acres.....farms..	287	300	469	615	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	13,845	15,295	24,302	34,715	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 139 acres.....farms..	264	356	506	541	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	19,814	28,175	39,141	38,898	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
140 to 179 acres.....farms..	488	675	940	1,135	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	47,609	68,230	86,590	101,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
180 to 219 acres.....farms..	262	321	344	391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	31,037	38,130	36,308	39,892	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
220 to 259 acres.....farms..	314	350	390	405	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	44,825	51,605	49,573	49,310	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
260 to 499 acres.....farms..	1,105	1,240	1,170	1,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,197
.....acres..	204,089	224,203	181,303	186,333	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	742	804	713	806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	839
.....acres..	195,249	173,362	135,486	170,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres ³farms..	554	534	1,782	1,860	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,352
.....acres..	175,549	146,658	696,655	786,372	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....farms..	1,376	1,394	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres..	828,411	733,607	(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.