

## PART 4

# SECTION C. LAND IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES AND LAND DIVERSION

### Data in This Part

Information is presented in this section of part 4, relative to the number of acres used for grain and row crops farmed on the contour, acres in stripcropping systems for soil-erosion control, and acres of cropland and pastureland having terraces for class 1-5 farms. Data are shown for acres diverted under soil-bank or other Federal programs for all farms.

### Other Published Data

In addition to the information for land improvement practices and crop diversion, data for 1969 have been published in volume I and in other chapters of volume II. The location of the data are shown in table 1.

### Land Improvement Practices and Land Diversion

Data obtained in the 1969 census for class 1-5 farms concerning land-use practices and land diversion under Federal programs are given in this section. The three land-use practices which are covered in this report are related to soil conservation and land

improvement. Information of this nature has been obtained in the last four censuses.

A facsimile of the three inquiries which appeared on the report form is shown below:

Information on acres diverted under Federal programs was obtained for the first time in 1969. Limited information on the number of farms participating in the wheat and in the feed grains program was obtained in the 1964 census. Data for diverted acres were not published at either the State or county level in the 1969 volume I. For 1969, the inquiry included on both the 69-A1 and the 69-A2 report forms was worded as follows:

"How many acres in THIS PLACE were diverted under soil bank or other Federal programs such as those for feed grains, wheat, etc.?"

It should be noted that there were no additional instructions or definitions provided for these inquiries. The farm operator was left to interpret what was to be reported. In the absence of other related data, there was very little basis for comprehensive editing or imputation of the data reported for this item. There was no attempt during the processing to impute data for this item.

**Table 1. Other Published Data for Conservation Practices**

Where found	Geographical area for which available	Period	Classification	Subjects covered
<b>Volume I</b>				
<u>State tables:</u>				
Class 1-5 farms				
10.....	State.....	1969 to 1959.....	Total farms.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
24.....	State.....	1969.....	Tenure of operator and type of organization...	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
25.....	State.....	1969.....	Age of operator.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
26.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
27.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by value of sales class.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
28.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
29.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type and value of sales class.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
30.....	State.....	1969.....	Large-scale farms by type.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
<u>County tables:</u>				
9.....	County and State.....	1969 to 1964.....	Farms, land in farms and land use.....	Farms reporting contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
<b>Volume II:</b>				
Chapter 3.....	United States.....	1969.....	Farms by tenure and type of organization.....	Farms reporting and acres of contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
Chapter 7.....	United States.....	1969.....	Farms by value of sales class.....	Farms reporting and acres of contouring, stripcropping and terracing.
Chapter 8.....	United States.....	1969.....	Farms by type.....	Farms reporting and acres of contouring, stripcropping and terracing.