

PART 1. FARMS: NUMBER, USE OF LAND

PRESENTATION OF DATA

Coverage in Part 1

This part deals with the land in farms, how it is used, and the value of this land and the associated buildings. The data presented reflect the extent and geographic location of changes in the number of farms and utilization of land resources over a period of years. The text provides explanations of how land in farms and land in the various use categories are defined and determined.

Other Published Data for 1969

Data for number of farms, land in farms, land use, and value of land and buildings for counties and each State may be found in volume I, parts 1 to 50.

Data for these items also appear for States, regions, and the United States in other chapters of this volume: by size of farm in part 2 of this chapter; by age and tenure of farm operator and type of organization in chapter 3; by economic class of farm in chapter 7; and by type of farm in chapter 8. A limited amount of data by these classifications are also presented at the county level for each State in volume I.

Table 1 provides a description and location of other published data.

Other Published Data for Prior Censuses

Data for regions and States for censuses prior to 1969 can be found in volume II of the 1964 Census of Agriculture and in volume II of the 1959 census. Table 2 provides a guide for locating such data.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The first nationwide census of agriculture providing data on Farms, land in farms, land use, and farm values was taken in 1850. (The census of 1840 was restricted to enumeration of specified agricultural products and various classes of farm animals.) The classification of land use comparable to that of most recent censuses was first used in 1925. Prior to 1925, land in farms was classified either as improved or unimproved.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

General

The descriptive terms and explanations refer principally to the 1969 Census of Agriculture, although they are generally applicable to earlier censuses.

The definitions and explanations include instructions found on the report forms and the more essential instructions and

Table 1. Other Published Data for Farms, Land in Farms, Land Use, and Value of Land and Buildings: 1969

Where found	Geographical area for which available	Period	Classification	Subjects covered
Volume I				
<u>State tables:</u>				
1.....	State.....	1935 - 1969.....	<u>All farms</u> Total farms.....	Farms, land in farms, and land use
2.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms, land in farms, and land use
3.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Farms by tenure and color.....	Farms, land in farms, cropland harvested
8.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Total farms.....	Farms, cropland harvested
9.....	State.....	1969.....	Selected economic class groups.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
<u>Class 1-5 farms</u>				
10.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Total class 1-5 farms.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
11.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
12.....	State.....	1959 - 1969.....	Farms by tenure and color.....	Farms, land in farms, cropland harvested
24.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by tenure of operator and type of organ..	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
25.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by age of operator.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
26.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
27.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by economic class.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
28.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
29.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type and economic class.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
30.....	State.....	1969.....	Large-scale farms by type.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
<u>County tables:</u>				
1.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	<u>All farms</u> Total farms.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
2.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
3.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	Farms by tenure and color.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
8.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	Total farms.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
<u>County tables:</u>				
9.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	<u>Class 1-5 farms</u> Total class 1-5 farms.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
10.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farms, land in farms, land use
12.....	County and State.....	1964 - 1969.....	Farms by tenure and color.....	Farms, land in farms, cropland harvested
<u>County summary table for selected items:</u>				
1.....	County and State.....	1969.....	<u>All farms and class 1-5 farms</u> Total farms.....	Farms, land in farms, and value
2.....	County and State.....	1969.....	Total farms.....	Farms, land in farms, cropland harvested
3.....	County and State.....	1969.....	Total farms.....	Farms, land use, irrigated land
<u>Volume II:</u>				
Chapter 7.....	State, region, and U.S....	1964 - 1969.....	<u>All farms and class 1-5 farms</u> Farms by economic class.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value
Chapter 8.....	State, region, and U.S....	1964 - 1969.....	Farms by type.....	Farms, land in farms, land use and value