

Other pastureland and rangeland—This included any pasture other than cropland and woodland pasture. It need not have been used for pasture in 1969, but is land which could provide some nourishment if grazed or pastured. Such land was included in "All other land" for farms with sales of less than \$2,500.

Improved pastureland and rangeland—For 1969, pastureland other than cropland and woodland pasture that had been limed, fertilized, seeded, had weeds or brush controlled since 1965, or was irrigated during 1969, or had an established effective drainage system, was to be considered improved pasture.

Pastureland and rangeland not improved—All other pastureland and rangeland not fitting the improved category was considered to be "unimproved."

Other pasture was qualified as "not cropland and not woodland" from 1949 to 1964; "not cropland plowed with 7 years and not woodland" for 1944; and "not plowable and not woodland" for 1924 and 1934. In 1939 it was included as "other land." Separate data for other pasture are not available

for Alaska prior to 1950, and for Hawaii prior to 1940. Information is presented in table 3 for the various combinations of data required for censuses from 1924 to 1969 to obtain comparable data for total cropland, cropland pasture, and other pasture.

All other land—This classification included land occupied by buildings, roads, ditches and ponds, and wasteland. If "other pastureland and rangeland" is added the sum is equivalent to the same category for all farms.

Land-Use Classifications, 1850 to 1920

From 1850 to 1920 all land in farms was classified as "improved" and "unimproved." In general, improved land included land in crops; land in pasture that had been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in orchards, nurseries, vineyards, and gardens; and land occupied by buildings.

Cropland harvested for 1879 to 1919 was obtained by adding the acreages of the individual crops harvested for these censuses. Data for 1850 to 1969 are presented in table 4 for land-use classifications where comparable data exists.

Table 3. Comparability of Data for Prior Censuses With 1969—Total Cropland, Cropland Pastured, Other Pasture

Census year	Most nearly comparable item, each census (as shown in table 5)		To obtain more complete comparability with 1969 the following adjustments would be needed	
	Item as shown in this report	U.S. total (acres)	Add ¹	Subtract ¹
Cropland, total				
1969...	Cropland, total.....	459,047,505	-	-
1964...	Cropland, total.....	434,232,200	-	-
1959...	Cropland, total.....	448,087,341	-	-
1954 ² ...	Cropland, total.....	459,648,961	-	-
1949...	Cropland, total.....	478,315,094	-	-
1944 ² ...	Cropland, other than cropland pasture not plowed within 7 years.....	450,694,226	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	-
1939...	Land available for crops.....	530,555,551	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured (except Alaska).
1934 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	513,913,969	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	522,395,804	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	505,027,400	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
Cropland pastured				
1969...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	88,220,653	-	-
1964...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	57,418,864	-	-
1959...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	65,516,598	-	-
1954 ² ...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	66,069,838	-	-
1949...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	69,487,805	-	-
1944 ² ...	Cropland used only for pasture plowed within 7 years.....	47,449,184	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	-
1939 ² ...	Plowable pasture.....	131,379,940	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1934 ² ...	Plowable pasture.....	98,579,038	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ...	Plowable pasture.....	109,159,914	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ...	Plowable pasture.....	113,567,498	-	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland)				
1969...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.....	389,493,412	-	-
1964...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.....	490,306,987	-	-
1959...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.....	466,224,802	-	-
1954 ² ...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.....	459,878,925	-	-
1949...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.....	416,802,416	-	-
1944 ² ...	Other pasture, not cropland plowed within 7 years and not woodland.....	481,016,668	-	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.
1939 ² ...	Other land; house lots, roads, wasteland, etc., and pasture other than plowable and woodland.....	393,543,673	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.
1934 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.....	311,225,652	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	-
1929 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.....	269,672,710	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	-
1924 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.....	217,687,145	Plowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	-

¹No census data available for these items.

²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.