

**Table 1. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1945 to 1978**

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	57 503	56 678	72 491	92 530	115 788	176 956	211 512	223 369
Land in farms..... acres.....	11 547 717	11 852 946	13 654 215	15 225 797	16 542 730	20 810 492	20 888 784	19 067 844
Average size of farm..... acres.....	201	209	188	165	143	118	99	85
Approximate land area..... acres.....	32 454 400	32 452 480	32 452 480	32 678 400	32 678 400	32 689 920	32 689 920	32 689 920
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	35.6	36.5	42.1	46.6	50.6	63.7	63.9	58.3
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	128 260	76 049	37 596	20 552	12 780	6 816	4 809	2 506
Average per acre..... dollars.....	639	364	200	125	89	58	49	29
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	2 321	6 261	20 906	47 268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	5 480	9 582	18 185	21 441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	11 741	14 734	17 616	13 948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	13 139	11 671	8 075	5 198	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	7 108	4 687	2 909	1 843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	6 540	3 785	2 035	1 249	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	3 060	1 795	980	605	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	5 617	3 056	1 377	801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	2 502	1 107	408	177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	50 770	51 272	66 580	83 918	107 385	165 555	202 199	216 860
..... acres.....	5 630 078	5 296 467	5 789 393	5 118 610	6 027 961	7 480 170	8 721 501	8 266 105
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	40 895	40 969	52 444	74 409	98 794	151 742	189 554	210 612
..... acres.....	3 432 796	2 793 621	2 706 167	2 989 719	3 715 251	4 812 086	5 729 421	6 163 110
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	28 671	30 014	40 520	59 602	78 958	127 069	163 977	184 699
1 to 9 acres.....	10 188	10 639	17 152	22 872	24 383	38 744	36 741	40 509
10 to 19 acres.....	8 295	9 036	11 520	17 706	24 608	36 426	44 615	44 927
20 to 29 acres.....	5 051	5 048	5 812	9 852	15 180	26 472	42 951	49 562
30 to 49 acres.....	5 137	5 291	6 036	9 172	14 787	25 427	39 670	49 701
50 to 99 acres.....	4 782	4 618	5 634	8 109	12 483	17 710	19 889	20 992
100 to 199 acres.....	3 194	3 017	3 396	4 209	5 192	5 123	4 249	3 577
200 to 499 acres.....	2 810	2 355	2 235	2 068	1 853	1 546	1 179	1 102
500 to 999 acres.....	1 039	723	497	361	257	264	209	199
1,000 acres or more.....	399	242	162	60	51	30	51	43
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	314	203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	85	39	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing <sup>2</sup> ..... farms.....	28 420	32 593	38 805	25 741	33 568	46 044	60 321	37 371
..... acres.....	1 798 213	2 135 175	2 099 840	1 243 080	1 413 137	1 653 472	1 598 354	853 725
Other cropland..... farms.....	12 707	10 009	27 331	32 660	36 676	53 295	73 492	(NA)
..... acres.....	399 069	367 671	983 386	885 811	899 573	1 014 612	1 393 726	1 249 270
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	2 240	(NA)	(NA)	12 500	7 107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	66 339	(NA)	(NA)	348 412	173 752	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 843	(NA)	(NA)	2 709	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6 390
..... acres.....	78 065	(NA)	(NA)	36 600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58 193
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup> ..... farms.....	1 383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	40 097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	8 337	(NA)	(NA)	23 388	(NA)	45 803	(NA)	61 373
..... acres.....	214 568	(NA)	(NA)	500 799	(NA)	866 756	(NA)	1 191 077
Total woodland..... farms.....	35 127	34 272	47 535	66 164	78 985	115 522	133 371	129 040
..... acres.....	4 051 576	4 096 044	5 319 985	7 123 204	7 776 878	10 333 232	9 741 694	7 575 982
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	21 990	(NA)	(NA)	44 070	51 728	79 947	89 981	76 335
..... acres.....	1 494 265	(NA)	(NA)	2 897 065	3 279 701	4 596 858	3 712 094	2 916 878
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	22 079	(NA)	(NA)	42 283	53 716	73 698	93 829	98 373
..... acres.....	2 557 311	(NA)	(NA)	4 226 139	4 497 177	5 736 374	6 029 600	4 659 104
Other land..... farms.....	41 008	39 503	51 250	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 866 063	2 460 435	2 544 837	2 983 983	2 737 891	2 997 090	2 425 589	3 225 757
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	11 138	(NA)	(NA)	42 293	43 671	64 224	64 673	88 876
..... acres.....	1 354 237	(NA)	(NA)	2 554 979	2 236 160	2 454 344	1 706 362	2 440 341
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	37 806	(NA)	(NA)	81 361	(NA)	150 962	174 246	189 488
..... acres.....	511 826	(NA)	(NA)	429 004	501 731	542 746	719 227	785 416
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 091	427	337	318	328	452	34	153
..... acres.....	58 924	13 909	11 058	11 768	17 357	16 658	367	487

<sup>1</sup>1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. <sup>3</sup>Varies from State to State, 1950 through 1964; 17 Western States, 1945 not available.

**Table 2. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

	1978	1974	1969		1978	1974	1969
Farms..... number.....	34 581	29 269	29 639	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	9 794 063	9 429 836	9 913 080	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	283	322	334	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 557	836	1 556
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				..... acres.....	61 453	28 186	52 463
Average per farm..... dollars.....	173 432	112 545	63 767	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	885	797	1 929
Average per acre..... dollars.....	616	349	191	..... acres.....	34 156	39 965	81 546
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	5 219	2 834	8 510
Total cropland..... farms.....	31 174	26 328	27 384	..... acres.....	160 165	124 562	371 213
..... acres.....	4 965 934	4 237 903	4 363 145	Total woodland..... farms.....	21 546	18 001	20 681
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	26 799	23 587	24 128	..... acres.....	3 237 981	3 157 270	3 712 226
..... acres.....	3 244 889	2 567 588	2 349 570	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 416	11 488	13 443
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 168 479	1 181 959	1 406 334
1 to 49 acres.....	14 837	12 852	12 615	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	13 935	11 213	13 423
50 to 99 acres.....	4 576	4 423	5 255	..... acres.....	2 069 502	1 975 311	2 305 892
100 to 199 acres.....	3 160	3 008	3 383	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	7 197	9 059	9 231
200 to 499 acres.....	2 795	2 346	2 223	..... acres.....	1 209 322	1 625 886	1 410 382
500 to 999 acres.....	1 035	721	495	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	21 983	18 834	19 171
1,000 acres or more.....	396	237	157	..... acres.....	380 826	408 777	427 327
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	312	201	132	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	25 071	22 251	23 073
2,000 acres or more.....	84	36	25	..... acres.....	3 790 444	4 218 297	4 200 905
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	17 228	14 889	16 014	Irrigated land..... farms.....	820	288	245
..... acres.....	1 412 643	1 410 452	1 384 189	..... acres.....	56 699	13 160	10 275
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 510	1 673	3 261				
..... acres.....	52 628	67 150	124 164				

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.