

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

		1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms.....	number.....	383	291	332	382	367	(NA)	525	(NA)
Land in farms.....	acres.....	1 286 463	1 633 070	1 604 211	1 959 440	888 331	(NA)	421 799	(NA)
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	3 359	5 612	4 832	5 129	2 421	(NA)	803	(NA)
Approximate land area.....	acres.....	364 544 000	362 516 480	362 516 480	362 516 480	362 516 480	(NA)	362 516 480	(NA)
Proportion in farms.....	percent.....	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	(NA)	0.1	(NA)
Value of land and buildings: ¹									
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	364 528	237 938	61 541	47 150	48 379	(NA)	12 465	(NA)
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	109	42	13	9	20	(NA)	16	(NA)
Farms by value of land and buildings:									
\$1 to \$9,999.....		2	8	24	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....		11	17	58	91	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....		18	35	76	120	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....		38	50	73	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....		33	46	45	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....		52	24	36	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....		36	26	11	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....		117	57	6	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....		76	28	3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:									
Total cropland.....	farms.....	320	249	282	346	325	(NA)	414	(NA)
	acres.....	29 341	23 970	22 035	23 271	24 119	(NA)	12 385	(NA)
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	303	237	251	305	302	(NA)	310	(NA)
	acres.....	20 538	16 750	13 105	16 410	14 482	(NA)	6 450	(NA)
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres.....		202	152	167	195	206	(NA)	280	(NA)
1 to 9 acres.....		87	57	72	69	77	(NA)	154	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....		39	26	38	54	57	(NA)	46	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....		36	38	30	45	34	(NA)	37	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....		40	31	27	27	38	(NA)	43	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....		49	40	44	59	57	(NA)	30	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....		24	23	22	36	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....		23	19	18	14	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....		2	1	-	1	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....		3	2	-	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		3	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....		-	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ²	farms.....	87	70	96	140	107	(NA)	127	(NA)
	acres.....	3 761	1 599	3 123	3 516	4 365	(NA)	2 449	(NA)
Other cropland.....	farms.....	104	74	145	160	154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	5 042	5 621	5 807	3 345	5 272	(NA)	3 486	(NA)
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	32	(NA)	(NA)	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	391	(NA)	(NA)	699	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	21	(NA)	(NA)	39	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	426	(NA)	(NA)	532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³	farms.....	32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	883	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle.....	farms.....	58	(NA)	(NA)	112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	3 342	(NA)	(NA)	2 114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Total woodland.....	farms.....	207	149	234	258	290	(NA)	455	(NA)
	acres.....	37 390	27 586	34 215	48 132	110 326	(NA)	42 825	(NA)
Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	76	(NA)	(NA)	76	82	(NA)	119	(NA)
	acres.....	15 464	(NA)	(NA)	16 821	42 286	(NA)	7 108	(NA)
Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	163	(NA)	(NA)	235	261	(NA)	392	(NA)
	acres.....	21 926	(NA)	(NA)	31 311	68 040	(NA)	35 717	(NA)
Other land.....	farms.....	301	252	264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	1 219 732	1 581 514	1 547 961	1 888 037	753 886	(NA)	366 589	(NA)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	124	(NA)	(NA)	170	77	(NA)	74	(NA)
	acres.....	1 212 192	(NA)	(NA)	1 751 934	523 930	(NA)	356 471	(NA)
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.	farms.....	239	(NA)	(NA)	339	(NA)	(NA)	303	(NA)
	acres.....	7 540	(NA)	(NA)	136 103	229 956	(NA)	10 118	(NA)
Irrigated land.....	farms.....	35	28	28	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	920	888	823	158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. ²Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. ³Varies 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.....	221	201	148	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms.....	799 464	1 553 958	1 527 104	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm.....	3 617	7 731	10 318	Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	10	12
Value of land and buildings: ¹					acres.....	169	573
Average per farm.....	444 592	270 090	80 037	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms.....	18	11
Average per acre.....	123	35	8		acres.....	628	299
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle.....	farms.....	34	35
Total cropland.....	farms.....	194	172		acres.....	2 826	1 261
	acres.....	24 770	21 311	Total woodland.....	farms.....	117	93
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	185	165		acres.....	21 682	16 416
	acres.....	17 691	15 007	Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	41	34
Farms by acres harvested:					acres.....	6 281	2 472
1 to 49 acres.....	98	86	38	Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	97	76
1 to 9 acres.....	41	37	37		acres.....	15 401	13 944
10 to 19 acres.....	20	22	20	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	56	62
20 to 499 acres.....	21	17	17		acres.....	747 940	1 491 179
500 to 999 acres.....	2	1	-	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.	farms.....	136	99
1,000 acres or more.....	3	2	-		acres.....	5 072	19 544
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3	1	-	Pastureland, all types.....	farms.....	113	105
2,000 acres or more.....	-	1	-		acres.....	757 472	1 497 313
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms.....	54	44	Irrigated land.....	farms.....	26	21
	acres.....	3 251	2 043		acres.....	723	790
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	12	11				
	acres.....	205	206				

¹1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.