

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	7 660	5 803	5 890	6 477	7 233	9 321	10 412	13 142
Land in farms..... acres.....	38 657 700	37 944 191	38 202 667	40 559 493	40 203 386	41 789 946	39 916 440	37 856 370
Average size of farm..... acres.....	5 047	6 539	6 486	6 262	5 558	4 483	3 854	2 881
Approximate land area..... acres.....	72 587 520	72 587 264	72 587 264	72 680 320	72 688 000	72 688 000	72 688 000	72 691 200
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	53.3	52.3	52.6	55.8	55.3	57.5	54.9	52.1
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	1 002 923	723 169	452 241	330 549	269 724	115 330	57 996	21 905
Average per acre..... dollars.....	199	111	70	53	49	26	15	8
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	250	198	499	521	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	337	285	471	586	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	869	712	916	1 036	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	962	706	830	951	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	808	448	441	472	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	721	584	514	562	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	445	397	365	385	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	1 337	1 143	961	1 040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	1 931	1 330	893	924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	5 500	4 244	4 189	4 890	5 626	7 472	8 535	10 132
..... acres.....	1 574 996	1 505 072	1 631 401	1 589 668	1 586 267	1 614 859	1 265 597	958 530
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	3 975	3 523	3 354	4 191	4 878	6 209	6 973	7 409
..... acres.....	1 113 890	1 096 525	1 079 327	1 025 494	1 018 757	1 093 544	883 717	652 049
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	2 111	1 678	1 462	1 971	2 311	3 285	4 363	5 220
1 to 9 acres.....	1 095	637	558	1 034	1 017	1 581	1 941	2 535
10 to 19 acres.....	435	480	361	415	498	689	961	1 188
20 to 29 acres.....	268	235	250	212	301	397	580	596
30 to 49 acres.....	313	326	293	310	495	618	881	901
50 to 99 acres.....	349	379	348	491	652	841	899	899
100 to 199 acres.....	333	365	377	494	682	761	698	595
200 to 499 acres.....	537	498	557	685	746	770	623	421
500 to 999 acres.....	377	352	357	344	315	348	245	184
1,000 acres or more.....	268	261	253	206	172	204	145	90
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	168	171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	100	90	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing? <sup>2</sup> ..... farms.....	2 080	1 290	1 484	1 658	1 954	2 760	3 320	4 640
..... acres.....	143 667	117 299	146 450	141 802	204 095	201 895	184 010	229 607
Other cropland..... farms.....	1 554	971	1 336	1 966	1 871	2 475	2 358	(NA)
..... acres.....	317 439	291 248	405 624	422 372	363 415	319 420	197 870	76 874
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	112	(NA)	(NA)	183	174	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 933	(NA)	(NA)	23 259	16 816	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	229	(NA)	(NA)	165	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	644
..... acres.....	12 526	(NA)	(NA)	6 537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	21 132
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup> ..... farms.....	272	(NA)	(NA)	800	887	909	599	(NA)
..... acres.....	98 495	(NA)	(NA)	188 121	157 295	113 584	54 777	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 162	(NA)	(NA)	1 287	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 027
..... acres.....	202 485	(NA)	(NA)	204 455	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55 742
Total woodland..... farms.....	232	202	179	328	276	893	821	487
..... acres.....	4 218 210	4 132 311	5 069 742	5 313 253	6 022 820	8 950 507	7 009 835	6 021 282
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	154	(NA)	(NA)	270	229	745	666	355
..... acres.....	4 058 283	(NA)	(NA)	5 293 343	5 959 964	8 896 754	6 935 764	6 007 260
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	99	(NA)	(NA)	81	60	181	183	141
..... acres.....	159 927	(NA)	(NA)	19 910	62 856	53 753	74 071	14 022
Other land..... farms.....	5 284	4 041	4 170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	32 864 494	32 306 808	31 501 524	33 656 572	32 594 299	31 224 580	31 641 008	30 876 558
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	2 338	(NA)	(NA)	2 370	2 552	2 386	2 476	4 244
..... acres.....	31 773 743	(NA)	(NA)	31 934 767	30 710 333	30 187 661	31 113 047	30 514 589
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	4 067	(NA)	(NA)	5 247	(NA)	7 833	8 510	10 723
..... acres.....	1 090 751	(NA)	(NA)	1 721 805	1 883 966	1 036 919	527 961	361 969
Irrigated land..... farms.....	4 852	3 828	3 709	4 697	5 391	6 809	7 822	9 634
..... acres.....	1 210 568	1 153 478	1 177 618	1 125 376	1 152 450	1 177 407	963 560	736 027

<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.....	4 982	4 321	4 252	Land in farms according to use—Con. Total cropland—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	17 115 674	16 965 315	17 145 844				
Average size of farm..... acres.....	3 436	3 926	4 032	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	149	62	74
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				..... acres.....	10 320	7 509	5 708
Average per farm..... dollars.....	1 058 730	637 925	442 755	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	250	191	439
Average per acre..... dollars.....	308	162	110	..... acres.....	94 975	67 290	124 699
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	912	577	801
Total cropland..... farms.....	3 632	3 202	3 080	..... acres.....	168 242	144 347	207 986
..... acres.....	1 451 999	1 372 631	1 469 569	Total woodland..... farms.....	131	102	84
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 991	2 821	2 716	..... acres.....	99 737	205 726	248 421
..... acres.....	1 074 707	1 052 199	1 031 397	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	87	66	61
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	92 310	89 504	246 585
1 to 49 acres.....	1 186	997	872	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	54	41	27
50 to 99 acres.....	325	376	337	..... acres.....	7 427	116 222	1 836
100 to 199 acres.....	319	361	371	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 667	1 417	1 464
200 to 499 acres.....	531	488	544	..... acres.....	15 359 568	14 858 453	14 788 059
500 to 999 acres.....	371	345	349	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	2 523	2 319	2 327
1,000 acres or more.....	259	254	243	..... acres.....	204 370	528 505	639 795
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	162	169	168	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	2 420	1 961	1 994
2,000 acres or more.....	97	85	75	..... acres.....	15 552 277	15 033 878	15 129 554
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	1 084	784	851	Irrigated land..... farms.....	3 409	2 984	2 894
..... acres.....	100 399	85 921	94 910	..... acres.....	1 153 661	1 109 978	1 128 696
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	85	86	68				
..... acres.....	3 356	15 365	4 869				

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