

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	58 766	50 959	60 433	79 898	95 007	145 076	182 429	198 769
Land in farms..... acres.....	15 577 474	14 641 677	15 694 527	16 565 299	16 458 515	17 944 367	18 871 244	17 455 900
Average size of farm..... acres.....	265	287	260	207	173	124	103	88
Approximate land area..... acres.....	33 248 000	33 245 248	33 245 248	33 599 360	33 599 360	33 712 000	33 712 000	33 744 000
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	46.9	44.0	47.2	49.3	49.0	53.2	56.0	51.7
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	203 014	120 382	67 532	36 734	18 915	9 496	6 225	3 344
Average per acre..... dollars.....	770	419	260	178	109	77	60	38
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 380	2 649	10 237	30 643	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 643	5 610	12 754	19 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	8 818	11 501	15 713	14 363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	12 548	11 218	8 950	6 603	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	8 162	5 466	3 631	2 583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	6 874	4 761	3 170	2 414	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	4 218	2 550	1 746	1 379	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	7 797	4 906	3 094	2 105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	5 330	2 298	1 138	548	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	50 360	45 524	54 236	66 591	85 421	132 544	172 066	190 512
..... acres.....	10 549 347	9 652 236	9 986 536	8 525 225	8 435 617	8 810 833	9 654 411	8 772 366
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	40 047	35 362	40 952	55 518	72 315	114 277	154 493	182 663
..... acres.....	7 642 668	6 639 182	6 804 569	6 087 610	5 324 541	5 535 608	5 930 093	5 994 816
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	23 559	19 991	22 971	36 458	51 388	89 400	127 689	157 095
1 to 9 acres.....	5 283	4 376	5 895	12 902	17 079	26 920	31 919	41 269
10 to 19 acres.....	6 718	5 935	6 756	10 607	15 779	29 304	39 775	46 441
20 to 29 acres.....	5 101	4 566	4 693	6 183	9 120	16 611	28 002	33 999
30 to 49 acres.....	6 457	5 114	5 627	6 766	9 410	16 565	27 993	35 386
50 to 99 acres.....	4 942	4 570	5 269	6 444	9 031	13 634	17 176	17 439
100 to 199 acres.....	3 143	3 056	3 965	4 941	5 798	6 265	5 960	5 220
200 to 499 acres.....	3 838	3 832	4 997	4 734	4 209	3 732	2 819	2 223
500 to 999 acres.....	2 688	2 425	2 469	2 095	1 419	974	668	553
1,000 acres or more.....	1 877	1 488	1 281	846	470	272	181	133
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 412	1 128	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	465	360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing <sup>2</sup> ..... farms.....	27 458	26 872	31 966	29 832	43 694	59 788	77 724	60 393
..... acres.....	2 447 667	2 468 633	2 613 088	1 840 161	2 270 170	2 418 830	2 471 912	1 651 259
Other cropland..... farms.....	7 914	6 327	11 168	14 878	19 297	32 005	44 884	(NA)
..... acres.....	459 012	544 421	568 879	597 454	840 906	856 395	1 252 406	1 126 291
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 454	(NA)	(NA)	5 251	5 097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	60 258	(NA)	(NA)	207 650	269 377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 160	(NA)	(NA)	4 084	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9 718
..... acres.....	123 567	(NA)	(NA)	115 149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	135 760
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup> ..... farms.....	945	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	58 123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	4 323	(NA)	(NA)	7 707	(NA)	20 809	(NA)	37 701
..... acres.....	217 064	(NA)	(NA)	274 655	(NA)	582 638	(NA)	990 531
Total woodland..... farms.....	33 124	25 975	33 094	53 991	61 221	82 946	100 322	96 464
..... acres.....	2 877 429	2 570 858	3 238 975	4 967 385	5 657 503	6 533 988	6 823 802	5 549 119
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	21 629	(NA)	(NA)	39 461	41 697	61 539	66 563	57 715
..... acres.....	1 510 911	(NA)	(NA)	2 922 158	3 003 143	4 008 571	3 244 659	2 382 675
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	17 320	(NA)	(NA)	24 598	32 616	36 187	55 569	61 884
..... acres.....	1 366 518	(NA)	(NA)	2 045 227	2 654 360	2 525 417	3 579 143	3 166 444
Other land..... farms.....	39 659	32 930	38 389	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 150 698	2 418 583	2 469 016	3 072 689	2 365 395	2 599 546	2 393 031	3 134 415
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 390	(NA)	(NA)	33 551	28 304	42 032	47 562	73 897
..... acres.....	1 523 818	(NA)	(NA)	2 373 002	1 621 967	1 998 314	1 584 836	2 328 179
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	35 626	(NA)	(NA)	69 758	(NA)	114 230	139 655	176 725
..... acres.....	626 880	(NA)	(NA)	699 687	743 428	601 232	808 195	806 236
Irrigated land..... farms.....	6 447	4 673	5 728	6 220	5 652	6 218	3 060	2 229
..... acres.....	1 686 395	948 910	1 010 200	974 297	711 812	857 863	422 107	288 665

<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.....	40 625	31 270	33 669	Land in farms according to use - Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	14 004 421	12 391 749	12 837 691	Total cropland - Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	345	396	381	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 416	1 716	1 084
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				..... acres.....	109 399	178 787	81 172
Average per farm..... dollars.....	263 062	168 054	104 397	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	819	627	1 045
Average per acre..... dollars.....	769	424	274	..... acres.....	55 559	64 695	62 874
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	3 283	2 161	3 742
Total cropland..... farms.....	36 319	28 387	31 067	..... acres.....	187 830	199 420	212 417
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	9 892 202	8 540 181	8 663 026	Total woodland..... farms.....	22 084	14 728	17 499
..... acres.....	31 088	25 175	27 299	..... acres.....	2 275 563	1 852 230	2 247 022
..... acres.....	7 464 235	6 447 205	6 554 155	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	14 354	9 291	11 551
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 178 671	923 742	1 215 435
1 to 49 acres.....	15 028	10 221	9 831	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	11 973	7 933	8 981
50 to 99 acres.....	4 593	4 176	4 783	..... acres.....	1 096 892	928 488	1 031 587
100 to 199 acres.....	3 080	3 047	3 951	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	8 347	8 039	7 685
200 to 499 acres.....	3 829	3 827	4 993	..... acres.....	1 294 299	1 452 323	1 434 835
500 to 999 acres.....	2 684	2 419	2 461	..... farms.....	23 449	18 252	19 041
1,000 acres or more.....	1 874	1 485	1 280	..... acres.....	542 357	547 015	492 808
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 411	1 127	1 027	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	27 570	20 096	21 456
2,000 acres or more.....	463	358	253	..... acres.....	4 499 833	3 981 636	4 328 139
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	18 788	13 368	15 262	Irrigated land..... farms.....	6 129	4 387	5 246
..... acres.....	2 026 863	1 605 571	1 677 869	..... acres.....	1 680 375	941 477	999 856
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 058	748	1 827				
..... acres.....	48 316	44 503	74 539				

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