

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)		
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	
All farms	number	58 766	50 959	15 577 474	14 641 677	7 642 668	6 639 182	1 686 395	948 910
	with harvested cropland	40 047	35 362	13 522 263	12 446 952	7 642 668	6 639 182	1 684 206	947 092
	with irrigated land	6 447	4 673	4 933 932	3 783 213	3 975 744	2 849 354	1 686 395	948 910
Farms by size:									
1 to 9 acres	number	2 677	1 573	9 927	5 142	1 765	1 382	291	195
	with harvested cropland	560	369	2 603	1 757	1 765	1 382	278	114
	with irrigated land	115	51	523	209	304	131	291	195
10 to 49 acres	number	12 302	8 537	364 404	266 033	97 443	75 281	5 716	1 526
	with harvested cropland	6 240	4 611	193 975	147 420	97 443	75 281	5 284	1 368
	with irrigated land	511	185	14 621	5 129	7 584	1 798	5 716	1 526
50 to 69 acres	number	4 142	3 460	241 817	201 952	63 479	49 729	2 369	1 444
	with harvested cropland	2 507	2 063	147 179	120 583	63 479	49 729	2 268	1 436
	with irrigated land	135	97	8 020	5 700	3 654	2 265	2 369	1 444
70 to 99 acres	number	7 377	6 483	604 711	531 507	128 577	118 907	9 288	4 482
	with harvested cropland	4 576	4 041	374 352	331 770	128 577	118 907	9 075	3 990
	with irrigated land	268	198	22 100	15 960	11 782	8 031	9 288	4 482
100 to 139 acres	number	6 594	5 968	773 123	695 945	180 851	150 439	10 536	6 606
	with harvested cropland	4 705	3 985	553 983	464 791	180 851	150 439	10 363	6 398
	with irrigated land	247	186	28 788	21 892	17 446	12 812	10 536	6 606
140 to 179 acres	number	4 716	4 572	741 989	718 946	173 524	164 290	17 078	8 040
	with harvested cropland	3 417	3 213	538 981	505 384	173 524	164 290	16 792	7 930
	with irrigated land	286	186	44 776	29 194	29 595	16 938	17 078	8 040
180 to 219 acres	number	3 166	3 251	624 513	642 142	165 326	156 559	16 485	8 519
	with harvested cropland	2 462	2 389	485 694	471 593	165 326	156 559	16 245	8 366
	with irrigated land	218	173	43 075	34 356	31 025	21 785	16 485	8 519
220 to 259 acres	number	2 582	2 505	610 656	594 137	169 600	167 243	20 173	12 024
	with harvested cropland	2 061	1 961	488 722	465 182	169 600	167 243	20 143	12 021
	with irrigated land	221	161	52 704	38 423	38 724	28 088	20 173	12 024
260 to 499 acres	number	7 287	7 306	2 595 967	2 595 947	963 937	931 438	181 212	103 612
	with harvested cropland	6 111	6 029	2 184 903	2 158 069	963 937	931 438	180 691	103 609
	with irrigated land	1 158	912	433 728	342 892	359 173	271 423	181 212	103 612
500 to 999 acres	number	4 883	4 508	3 330 971	3 087 530	1 863 994	1 639 384	489 080	271 446
	with harvested cropland	4 480	4 076	3 062 060	2 806 249	1 863 994	1 639 384	489 080	270 884
	with irrigated land	1 695	1 325	1 196 666	938 624	1 011 109	754 101	489 080	271 446
1,000 to 1,999 acres	number	2 204	2 009	2 959 015	2 674 564	2 006 091	1 642 788	553 144	317 149
	with harvested cropland	2 115	1 881	2 844 309	2 509 711	2 006 091	1 642 788	552 964	317 109
	with irrigated land	1 111	836	1 506 959	1 118 817	1 247 621	875 136	553 144	317 149
2,000 acres or more	number	836	787	2 720 381	2 627 832	1 828 081	1 541 742	381 023	213 867
	with harvested cropland	813	744	2 645 502	2 464 443	1 828 081	1 541 742	381 023	213 867
	with irrigated land	482	363	1 581 972	1 232 017	1 217 727	856 846	381 023	213 867
5,000 acres or more	number	89	(NA)	646 075	(NA)	384 742	(NA)	74 799	(NA)
	with harvested cropland	86	(NA)	626 888	(NA)	384 742	(NA)	74 799	(NA)
	with irrigated land	52	(NA)	386 037	(NA)	281 312	(NA)	74 799	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹			
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969	
Farms and land in farms operated by:							
All operators	farms	58 766	50 959	60 433	2 196	1 822	3 775
	acres	15 577 474	14 641 677	15 694 527	231 960	205 164	343 464
Harvested cropland	farms	40 047	35 362	40 952	1 554	1 556	3 179
	acres	7 642 668	6 639 182	6 804 569	122 390	111 647	188 291
Full owners	farms	38 155	34 336	39 739	1 266	1 058	2 153
	acres	6 154 069	6 502 290	7 000 396	90 346	72 194	139 029
Harvested cropland	farms	22 997	21 101	23 064	740	823	1 673
	acres	1 453 271	1 513 735	1 482 682	22 178	23 235	49 609
Part owners	farms	14 159	11 187	13 024	521	495	860
	acres	6 953 734	5 908 036	6 191 413	96 098	97 507	147 186
Harvested cropland	farms	11 901	9 695	11 284	459	476	799
	acres	4 256 068	3 470 384	3 431 536	66 628	63 102	96 999
Tenants	farms	6 452	5 436	7 670	409	269	762
	acres	2 469 671	2 231 351	2 502 718	45 516	35 463	57 249
Harvested cropland	farms	5 149	4 566	6 604	355	257	707
	acres	1 933 329	1 655 063	1 890 351	33 584	25 310	41 683
Percent of tenancy	percent	11.0	10.7	12.6	18.6	14.8	20.1
Farms by type of organization:							
Individual or family	farms	53 006	(NA)	(NA)	2 038	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	11 498 325	(NA)	(NA)	196 789	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	farms	4 335	(NA)	(NA)	122	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	2 429 280	(NA)	(NA)	22 982	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	farms	1 309	(NA)	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1 528 884	(NA)	(NA)	11 262	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	27	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	29 864	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	1 146	(NA)	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	1 382 582	(NA)	(NA)	11 262	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	23	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	17 395	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	113	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	99 043	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms	116	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	120 985	(NA)	(NA)	927	(NA)	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	1 222	808	896	31	28	35
25 to 34 years	7 410	5 338	5 887	150	101	164
35 to 44 years	12 081	9 230	11 265	352	181	423
45 to 54 years	14 497	12 868	15 995	456	373	809
55 to 64 years	13 831	13 198	16 842	492	489	1 245
65 years and over	9 725	8 827	9 548	715	650	1 099
Average age	50.4	51.6	51.4	55.7	57.4	57.2
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	41 447	31 148	41 790	1 366	969	2 383
Not on farm operated	10 358	8 406	10 854	439	372	785
Not reported	6 961	11 405	7 789	391	481	607
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	23 341	17 219	(NA)	967	641	(NA)
Any	33 176	23 418	33 356	1 096	725	1 913
1 to 49 days	3 225	2 241	5 374	110	116	433
50 to 99 days	1 786	1 478	2 988	93	94	289
100 to 149 days	2 007	1 586	5 766	70	69	504
150 to 199 days	3 110	2 420	19 228	110	96	687
200 days or more	23 048	15 693	(NA)	713	350	(NA)
Not reporting	2 249	9 632	(NA)	133	456	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	27 959	28 720	(NA)	1 141	1 248	(NA)
Other	30 807	21 549	(NA)	1 055	574	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	55 358	(NA)	(NA)	1 942	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	15 015 346	(NA)	(NA)	210 706	(NA)	(NA)
Female	3 408	(NA)	(NA)	254	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	562 128	(NA)	(NA)	21 254	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
farms	216	(NA)	(NA)	16	(NA)	(NA)
acres	49 388	(NA)	(NA)	3 129	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	35 572	1 012	28 386	947	29 215	1 176
acres	10 059 232	151 381	9 547 599	146 350	9 739 812	194 800
Partnership	3 702	85	2 225	41	3 852	148
acres	2 359 392	20 749	1 840 091	12 674	2 310 754	30 414
Corporations	1 289	26	622	(NA)	466	13
acres	1 524 477	(D)	936 064	(NA)	720 157	2 086
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	26	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 127	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 378 199	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	23	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	17 395	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	113	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	99 043	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	62	1	37	(NA)	136	9
acres	61 320	(D)	67 995	(NA)	66 968	968

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.