

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	
All farms.....	number.....	81 706	67 674	77 875	80 852	99 274	123 075	137 168	138 917
Land in farms.....	acres.....	33 130 362	33 385 619	35 328 360	37 010 925	36 887 948	37 794 780	36 613 291	35 054 379
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	405	493	454	458	372	307	267	252
Approximate land area.....	acres.....	100 069 760	100 069 184	100 069 184	100 206 720	100 206 720	100 313 600	100 313 600	100 353 920
Proportion in farms.....	percent.....	33.1	33.4	35.3	36.9	36.8	37.7	36.5	34.9
Value of land and buildings: ¹									
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	482 809	322 034	217 429	214 650	131 212	69 620	41 192	25 084
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	1 186	653	479	468	353	227	154	99
Farms by value of land and buildings:									
\$1 to \$9,999.....		674	1 923	4 010	2 858	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....		2 098	3 267	6 461	6 729	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....		5 377	9 399	15 024	16 247	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....		9 014	12 750	14 987	15 792	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....		8 938	7 356	8 026	8 332	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....		11 908	7 801	7 761	8 053	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....		8 086	4 924	4 881	4 954	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....		20 088	11 559	10 158	10 888	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....		15 518	8 695	6 567	6 993	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:									
Total cropland.....	farms.....	70 855	59 192	66 016	69 386	85 012	105 931	119 062	122 071
	acres.....	11 721 056	10 629 829	11 245 140	11 815 368	12 965 640	13 229 708	13 765 110	11 362 817
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	60 703	52 754	56 677	62 078	76 663	93 231	104 712	112 399
	acres.....	8 899 360	8 307 246	7 649 021	7 845 816	8 021 836	8 326 331	7 956 671	7 535 523
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres.....		40 525	33 611	36 566	40 443	52 538	67 268	77 799	85 178
1 to 9 acres.....		19 068	14 056	14 431	18 860	25 353	32 660	35 383	39 757
10 to 19 acres.....		9 260	8 284	9 273	9 496	12 049	15 818	19 887	21 378
20 to 29 acres.....		5 371	4 982	5 631	5 013	6 304	8 006	9 699	10 509
30 to 49 acres.....		6 826	6 289	7 231	7 074	8 832	10 784	12 830	13 534
50 to 99 acres.....		6 868	6 492	7 266	7 759	9 245	10 570	11 813	12 430
100 to 199 acres.....		5 079	4 882	5 126	5 640	6 496	7 035	7 150	7 444
200 to 499 acres.....		4 471	4 153	4 419	4 879	5 179	5 141	5 141	4 915
500 to 999 acres.....		2 012	1 984	1 958	2 031	2 004	1 964	1 792	1 593
1,000 acres or more.....		1 748	1 632	1 342	1 326	1 201	1 253	1 017	839
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		1 108	1 076	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....		640	556	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing? ²	farms.....	17 155	13 458	17 614	16 576	20 343	28 630	32 068	24 281
	acres.....	1 628 414	1 404 088	1 844 016	2 052 678	3 033 050	3 018 010	3 530 589	2 196 312
Other cropland.....	farms.....	12 011	7 323	12 499	14 981	17 051	21 369	27 088	(NA)
	acres.....	1 193 282	918 495	1 752 103	1 916 874	1 910 754	1 885 367	2 277 850	1 630 982
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	899	(NA)	(NA)	1 360	1 267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	80 379	(NA)	(NA)	195 166	126 512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	1 527	(NA)	(NA)	1 567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 440
	acres.....	108 647	(NA)	(NA)	105 458	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	108 446
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow? ³	farms.....	1 696	(NA)	(NA)	4 103	5 754	6 653	7 832	(NA)
	acres.....	448 513	(NA)	(NA)	1 006 270	1 083 662	1 181 385	1 291 153	(NA)
Cropland idle.....	farms.....	8 939	(NA)	(NA)	9 998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	12 463
	acres.....	555 743	(NA)	(NA)	609 980	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 522 536
Total woodland.....	farms.....	4 598	3 638	4 632	6 081	8 690	10 883	13 874	12 208
	acres.....	1 378 599	1 522 263	2 038 165	3 402 953	4 899 079	5 854 778	7 322 171	4 032 364
Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	2 149	(NA)	(NA)	3 782	5 635	7 013	9 315	7 710
	acres.....	930 329	(NA)	(NA)	2 803 967	4 076 443	5 142 261	6 289 944	3 341 441
Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	2 963	(NA)	(NA)	2 927	3 947	4 811	5 945	5 554
	acres.....	448 270	(NA)	(NA)	598 986	822 636	712 517	1 032 227	690 923
Other land.....	farms.....	50 245	40 083	45 762	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	20 030 707	21 233 527	22 045 055	21 792 604	19 023 229	18 710 294	15 526 010	19 659 198
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	12 056	(NA)	(NA)	19 199	20 986	25 107	21 187	32 353
	acres.....	18 830 686	(NA)	(NA)	20 449 545	17 181 200	16 871 060	13 543 763	18 210 722
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	44 774	(NA)	(NA)	64 669	(NA)	102 216	109 912	109 537
	acres.....	1 200 021	(NA)	(NA)	1 343 059	1 842 029	1 839 234	1 982 247	1 448 476
Irrigated land.....	farms.....	60 361	47 160	51 050	59 429	74 138	84 502	90 755	87 205
	acres.....	8 603 719	7 748 709	7 240 131	7 598 698	7 395 570	7 048 049	6 438 324	4 952 819

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. ³Values 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.....	57 110	50 763	54 040	Land in farms according to use—Con.		
Land in farms.....	acres.....	31 306 270	32 107 481	33 660 753	Total cropland—Con.		
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	548	632	623	Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	1 089
Value of land and buildings: ¹						acres.....	95 921
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	621 706	401 574	288 232	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms.....	1 466
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	1 128	635	463		acres.....	435 489
Land in farms according to use:					Cropland idle.....	farms.....	6 502
Total cropland.....	farms.....	50 571	45 008	47 274		acres.....	463 585
	acres.....	11 128 805	10 229 573	10 732 975	Total woodland.....	farms.....	2 871
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	45 798	41 891	43 457		acres.....	1 171 345
	acres.....	8 718 000	8 206 097	7 512 535	Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	1 420
Farms by acres harvested:						acres.....	843 171
1 to 49 acres.....		26 066	22 902	23 607	Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	1 806
50 to 99 acres.....		6 558	6 380	7 075		acres.....	328 174
100 to 199 acres.....		4 995	4 867	5 091	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	8 585
200 to 499 acres.....		4 435	4 138	4 401		acres.....	17 992 736
500 to 999 acres.....		2 001	1 977	1 944	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	30 024
1,000 acres or more.....		1 743	1 627	1 339		acres.....	1 013 384
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		1 103	1 071	884	Pastureland, all types.....	farms.....	17 467
2,000 acres or more.....		640	556	455		acres.....	20 186 605
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms.....	10 189	8 239	10 411	Irrigated land.....	farms.....	45 392
	acres.....	1 350 698	1 147 210	1 545 707		acres.....	8 393 008
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	661	621	746			
	acres.....	65 112	56 240	101 052			

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