

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	81 706	67 674	33 130 362	33 385 619	8 899 360	8 307 246	8 603 719	7 748 709
	with harvested cropland	60 703	52 754	20 699 400	21 181 433	8 899 360	8 307 246	8 265 768	7 462 629
	with irrigated land	60 361	47 160	19 198 557	18 510 247	8 297 289	7 597 939	8 603 719	7 748 709
Farms by size:									
1 to 9 acres	number	20 792	13 480	84 861	55 645	44 538	33 915	47 069	29 432
	with harvested cropland	12 797	9 367	57 478	41 843	44 538	33 915	39 903	25 128
	with irrigated land	13 049	7 390	60 010	34 341	39 150	24 242	47 069	29 432
10 to 49 acres	number	28 249	24 162	463 321	581 631	410 122	373 181	421 730	356 393
	with harvested cropland	22 303	19 606	534 073	476 553	410 122	373 181	381 091	325 475
	with irrigated land	22 718	17 955	538 870	459 837	375 719	318 214	421 730	356 393
50 to 69 acres	number	4 454	4 095	256 316	235 786	158 531	147 646	159 515	140 214
	with harvested cropland	3 679	3 358	212 037	193 456	158 531	147 646	148 837	130 046
	with irrigated land	3 616	3 114	208 677	179 426	147 336	129 646	159 515	140 214
70 to 99 acres	number	4 600	4 205	375 017	342 733	235 596	219 586	235 851	210 321
	with harvested cropland	3 928	3 524	319 870	287 024	235 596	219 586	224 911	199 392
	with irrigated land	3 802	3 271	309 830	266 167	221 244	197 895	235 851	210 321
100 to 139 acres	number	3 782	3 317	436 759	382 434	244 784	234 073	246 558	222 462
	with harvested cropland	3 023	2 749	349 328	317 133	244 784	234 073	232 317	213 383
	with irrigated land	2 980	2 563	344 532	295 431	228 446	213 142	246 558	222 462
140 to 179 acres	number	2 928	2 636	458 515	413 387	252 876	243 774	248 586	228 621
	with harvested cropland	2 234	2 156	350 091	338 274	252 876	243 774	235 892	220 115
	with irrigated land	2 201	1 929	344 281	302 314	234 993	218 405	248 586	228 621
180 to 219 acres	number	1 925	1 549	380 853	305 043	205 251	169 186	203 346	164 013
	with harvested cropland	1 484	1 208	292 606	238 075	205 251	169 186	192 696	156 940
	with irrigated land	1 470	1 168	290 607	229 880	191 407	157 274	203 346	164 013
220 to 259 acres	number	1 384	1 343	329 000	319 747	180 737	182 202	174 409	174 016
	with harvested cropland	1 122	1 089	266 496	259 338	180 737	182 202	168 719	169 916
	with irrigated land	1 068	1 019	253 410	242 469	170 157	170 208	174 409	174 016
260 to 499 acres	number	4 804	4 240	1 721 130	1 523 250	913 283	805 297	883 666	756 096
	with harvested cropland	3 742	3 341	1 348 709	1 199 898	913 283	805 297	857 882	735 328
	with irrigated land	3 515	3 109	1 260 574	1 114 283	855 340	752 983	883 666	756 096
500 to 999 acres	number	3 642	3 514	2 542 460	2 442 704	1 245 279	1 222 301	1 205 423	1 123 224
	with harvested cropland	2 748	2 707	1 925 067	1 876 716	1 245 279	1 222 301	1 168 718	1 098 457
	with irrigated land	2 633	2 452	1 842 753	1 705 535	1 184 494	1 145 262	1 205 423	1 123 224
1,000 to 1,999 acres	number	2 375	2 320	3 285 650	3 195 333	1 479 273	1 391 911	1 385 603	1 263 700
	with harvested cropland	1 829	1 762	2 530 418	2 434 017	1 479 273	1 391 911	1 359 448	1 243 333
	with irrigated land	1 638	1 567	2 275 462	2 152 752	1 395 389	1 301 457	1 385 603	1 263 700
2,000 acres or more	number	2 771	2 813	22 596 480	23 587 926	3 529 090	3 284 174	3 391 963	3 080 217
	with harvested cropland	1 814	1 887	12 513 227	13 519 106	3 529 090	3 284 174	3 255 354	2 945 116
	with irrigated land	1 671	1 623	11 469 551	11 547 812	3 253 614	2 969 211	3 391 963	3 080 217
5,000 acres or more	number	1 106	(NA)	17 568 534	(NA)	1 872 522	(NA)	1 837 181	(NA)
	with harvested cropland	646	(NA)	9 005 522	(NA)	1 872 522	(NA)	1 742 586	(NA)
	with irrigated land	592	(NA)	8 236 723	(NA)	1 712 873	(NA)	1 837 181	(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	81 706	67 674	77 875	5 575	4 099	203
	acres	33 130 362	33 385 619	35 328 360	1 126 432	706 034	17 871
Harvested cropland	farms	60 703	52 754	56 672	4 851	3 670	125
	acres	8 899 360	8 307 246	7 649 021	475 670	299 673	7 470
Full owners	farms	58 528	47 339	53 727	3 688	2 718	154
	acres	9 490 275	9 408 197	9 048 736	562 042	200 725	4 956
Harvested cropland	farms	43 607	37 200	38 915	3 124	2 428	87
	acres	2 679 281	2 545 429	2 153 119	162 359	97 205	1 690
Part owners	farms	13 323	12 377	14 361	824	668	21
	acres	17 611 755	16 884 933	19 897 845	364 187	221 343	10 165
Harvested cropland	farms	10 542	10 096	11 482	766	626	19
	acres	4 603 381	4 339 959	4 085 204	201 479	142 490	3 988
Tenants	farms	9 855	7 958	9 787	1 063	713	28
	acres	6 028 332	7 092 489	6 381 779	200 203	283 966	2 750
Harvested cropland	farms	6 554	5 458	6 280	961	616	19
	acres	1 616 498	1 421 858	1 410 698	111 832	59 978	1 792
Percent of tenancy	percent	12.1	11.8	12.5	19.1	17.4	13.7
Farms by type of organization:							
Individual or family	farms	65 894	(NA)	(NA)	4 197	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	16 660 372	(NA)	(NA)	432 860	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	farms	11 326	(NA)	(NA)	829	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	8 574 098	(NA)	(NA)	162 920	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	farms	3 872	(NA)	(NA)	459	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	7 072 155	(NA)	(NA)	239 551	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	142	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	331 280	(NA)	(NA)	6 652	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	3 093	(NA)	(NA)	405	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	4 925 430	(NA)	(NA)	153 865	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	214	(NA)	(NA)	13	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	993 075	(NA)	(NA)	47 838	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	423	(NA)	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	822 370	(NA)	(NA)	31 196	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms	614	(NA)	(NA)	90	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	823 737	(NA)	(NA)	291 101	(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.....	1 364	740	858	85	53	—
25 to 34 years.....	8 855	5 191	6 031	554	301	10
35 to 44 years.....	16 898	10 549	14 678	1 020	527	24
45 to 54 years.....	21 176	17 633	22 808	1 527	1 376	70
55 to 64 years.....	20 849	17 930	20 348	1 715	1 201	69
65 years and over.....	12 564	12 571	13 152	674	641	30
Average age.....	50.8	53.2	52.0	50.9	53.0	53.4
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	56 339	40 514	51 044	3 489	2 528	141
Not on farm operated.....	19 966	15 208	18 420	1 631	992	43
Not reported.....	5 401	11 952	8 411	455	579	19
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	30 964	23 312	(NA)	2 685	1 815	(NA)
Any.....	48 079	31 758	43 564	2 681	1 600	136
1 to 49 days.....	4 740	3 149	5 146	321	212	15
50 to 99 days.....	2 721	1 792	2 968	261	119	15
100 to 149 days.....	3 109	2 045	6 335	266	112	20
150 to 199 days.....	4 761	3 337	29 115	1 257	166	86
200 days or more.....	32 748	21 435	29 115	1 576	991	86
Not reporting.....	2 663	9 544	(NA)	209	684	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	40 072	36 332	(NA)	3 667	2 979	(NA)
Other.....	41 634	28 282	(NA)	1 908	1 120	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male.....farms.....	75 502	(NA)	(NA)	5 201	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	31 958 944	(NA)	(NA)	1 109 176	(NA)	(NA)
Female.....farms.....	6 204	(NA)	(NA)	374	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	1 171 418	(NA)	(NA)	17 256	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
.....farms.....	3 968	(NA)	(NA)	982	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	1 500 847	(NA)	(NA)	116 963	(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.....farms.....	43 452	3 251	41 209	667 891	43 421	92
.....acres.....	15 507 348	408 729	18 580 296	428 206	19 968 412	6 331
Partnership.....farms.....	9 478	736	6 615	433 133	8 193	10
.....acres.....	8 382 225	158 793	7 014 835	254 767	8 210 663	8 275
Corporations.....farms.....	3 770	456	2 625	(NA)	1 934	1
.....acres.....	7 034 855	239 105	5 994 079	(NA)	5 128 655	809
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	139	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	330 222	6 652	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	3 014	402	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	4 891 138	153 419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	209	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	992 674	47 838	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	408	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	820 821	31 196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....						
.....farms.....	410	47	314	(NA)	492	—
.....acres.....	381 842	3 901	518 271	(NA)	353 023	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.