

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	29 633	25 501	27 950	29 798	33 390	40 749	45 578	47 618
Land in farms..... acres.....	35 470 404	35 902 165	36 697 132	38 258 626	38 787 312	38 385 234	37 953 099	36 217 808
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 197	1 408	1 313	1 284	1 162	942	833	761
Approximate land area..... acres.....	66 410 880	66 411 072	66 411 072	66 485 760	66 485 760	66 510 080	66 510 080	66 538 880
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	53.4	54.1	55.3	57.5	58.3	57.7	57.1	54.4
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	387 873	264 065	124 180	90 183	61 494	37 513	26 588	11 855
Average per acre..... dollars.....	322	188	95	70	53	40	32	16
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	291	599	1 859	2 326	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	1 167	1 159	2 691	3 746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	1 925	2 689	4 921	6 075	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	3 477	3 778	5 425	6 238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	2 899	2 747	3 520	3 568	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	3 556	3 162	3 449	3 416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	2 630	2 479	1 910	1 631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	7 710	5 981	3 222	2 246	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	5 983	2 907	953	547	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	25 626	22 792	24 754	27 103	30 565	37 060	42 103	44 334
..... acres.....	10 702 720	10 512 521	10 773 310	10 740 138	11 032 678	11 062 983	11 027 572	8 556 941
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	22 264	21 049	22 476	24 938	28 912	33 599	40 497	42 529
..... acres.....	5 880 493	5 956 865	5 265 721	4 725 734	5 879 446	5 219 689	6 892 904	6 034 697
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	7 105	5 569	5 785	7 332	8 068	11 922	13 449	15 240
1 to 9 acres.....	2 023	1 351	1 443	2 239	2 544	4 175	4 903	5 900
10 to 19 acres.....	1 783	1 333	1 414	1 621	1 918	2 490	2 870	2 989
20 to 29 acres.....	1 312	1 069	1 084	1 278	1 313	1 980	2 259	2 259
30 to 49 acres.....	1 987	1 816	1 844	2 194	2 293	3 277	3 557	4 092
50 to 99 acres.....	3 026	3 077	3 648	4 295	5 017	6 802	7 695	8 508
100 to 199 acres.....	3 954	4 103	4 856	5 751	6 786	7 029	8 981	9 522
200 to 499 acres.....	4 801	4 808	5 419	5 475	6 263	5 761	7 632	7 278
500 to 999 acres.....	2 248	2 403	2 051	1 656	2 125	1 647	2 102	1 578
1,000 acres or more.....	1 130	1 089	717	429	653	438	403	403
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	884	829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	246	260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	9 246	8 786	10 828	9 003	9 716	12 472	10 830	8 181
..... acres.....	1 078 233	1 292 170	1 389 318	1 119 757	1 235 186	1 007 840	970 090	515 171
Other cropland..... farms.....	11 142	9 146	12 036	15 084	14 642	20 126	18 106	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 743 994	3 263 486	4 118 271	4 894 647	3 918 046	4 835 454	3 164 578	2 007 073
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 909	(NA)	(NA)	4 100	2 990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	177 763	(NA)	(NA)	713 753	649 108	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 692	(NA)	(NA)	5 987	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 319
..... acres.....	345 828	(NA)	(NA)	840 114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	514 117
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	6 761	(NA)	(NA)	10 123	10 261	12 461	12 327	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 790 217	(NA)	(NA)	2 924 886	2 686 522	3 059 424	2 578 522	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	4 586	(NA)	(NA)	4 364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11 325
..... acres.....	430 186	(NA)	(NA)	415 894	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 492 956
Total woodland..... farms.....	2 062	1 795	2 078	2 395	3 145	3 761	5 702	3 316
..... acres.....	1 147 724	1 210 303	1 478 501	1 575 334	2 029 690	2 003 686	3 247 271	1 405 462
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 433	(NA)	(NA)	2 049	2 648	3 202	4 726	2 792
..... acres.....	881 118	(NA)	(NA)	1 435 955	1 838 101	1 834 305	2 817 391	1 310 553
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	816	(NA)	(NA)	544	779	833	1 507	680
..... acres.....	266 606	(NA)	(NA)	139 379	191 589	169 381	429 880	94 909
Other land..... farms.....	23 585	20 015	22 444	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	23 619 960	24 179 341	24 445 321	25 943 154	25 724 944	25 318 565	23 678 256	26 255 405
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	12 685	(NA)	(NA)	17 856	19 313	23 213	25 204	31 396
..... acres.....	22 813 501	(NA)	(NA)	25 063 113	24 647 093	24 317 850	22 603 154	25 416 599
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	18 176	(NA)	(NA)	26 361	(NA)	37 327	41 495	43 329
..... acres.....	806 459	(NA)	(NA)	880 041	1 077 851	1 000 715	1 075 102	838 806
Irrigated land..... farms.....	17 073	14 687	15 567	18 317	20 312	23 355	27 121	28 054
..... acres.....	3 458 031	2 873 692	2 894 984	2 690 018	2 684 757	2 262 921	2 872 348	2 698 519

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. ³Varies 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.....	22 568	21 055	21 342	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	32 930 957	33 739 546	33 779 109	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 459	1 602	1 583	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 118	1 377	2 199
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	291 822	194 457	317 247
Average per farm..... dollars.....	461 866	297 523	146 494	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	6 239	1 6 501	7 446
Average per acre..... dollars.....	315	186	93	..... acres.....	2 729 101	2 704 193	2 776 629
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	3 483	1 793	3 458
Total cropland..... farms.....	19 779	19 185	19 569	..... acres.....	401 807	210 923	515 961
..... acres.....	10 282 595	10 207 361	10 219 757	Total woodland..... farms.....	1 431	1 312	1 510
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	18 304	18 334	18 648	..... acres.....	753 257	914 239	1 067 555
..... acres.....	5 773 693	5 892 090	5 137 606	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 074	898	1 175
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	583 126	562 242	873 035
1 to 49 acres.....	3 647	3 057	2 772	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	493	556	463
50 to 99 acres.....	2 676	2 894	3 059	..... acres.....	170 131	351 997	194 520
100 to 199 acres.....	3 841	4 093	4 646	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	10 959	10 327	11 582
200 to 499 acres.....	4 768	4 800	5 410	..... acres.....	21 161 572	21 841 504	21 610 845
500 to 999 acres.....	2 245	2 402	2 047	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	13 411	13 293	13 832
1,000 acres or more.....	1 127	1 088	714	..... acres.....	733 533	776 442	880 952
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	881	829	589	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	15 429	14 608	15 722
2,000 acres or more.....	246	259	125	..... acres.....	22 664 021	23 517 413	23 674 520
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	6 485	6 640	8 119	Irrigated land..... farms.....	13 395	12 324	12 738
..... acres.....	919 323	1 113 667	1 190 640	..... acres.....	3 330 414	2 788 746	2 788 124
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 654	800	1 856				
..... acres.....	166 849	92 031	281 674				

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