

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.....	29 633	25 501	35 470 404	35 902 165	5 880 493	5 956 865	3 458 031	2 873 692
with harvested cropland.....	22 264	21 049	28 007 535	28 358 427	5 880 493	5 956 865	3 352 298	2 794 570
with irrigated land.....	17 073	14 687	18 424 075	17 612 008	3 538 736	3 276 876	3 458 031	2 873 692
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	3 233	1 681	11 056	4 810	2 456	1 672	3 638	3 185
with harvested cropland.....	746	556	3 532	2 448	2 456	1 672	2 448	1 616
with irrigated land.....	997	561	5 002	2 562	2 298	1 446	3 638	3 185
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	4 395	2 800	110 786	71 978	48 528	34 854	55 894	37 743
with harvested cropland.....	3 136	2 111	81 683	55 417	48 528	34 854	51 061	33 887
with irrigated land.....	3 129	2 015	81 138	52 242	43 817	28 911	55 894	37 743
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	870	676	50 186	38 907	20 803	17 948	23 687	19 391
with harvested cropland.....	631	556	36 494	32 051	20 803	17 948	21 865	18 329
with irrigated land.....	619	508	35 942	29 262	18 674	15 177	23 687	19 391
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	1 522	1 314	123 010	105 953	56 078	53 260	62 419	56 615
with harvested cropland.....	1 212	1 118	98 189	90 349	56 078	53 260	59 321	52 423
with irrigated land.....	1 150	1 031	93 335	83 266	51 279	46 551	62 419	56 615
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	1 134	1 002	132 205	116 318	56 769	56 883	60 527	56 833
with harvested cropland.....	872	863	102 365	100 712	56 769	56 883	57 679	54 928
with irrigated land.....	848	775	99 409	90 635	51 364	49 639	60 527	56 833
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	1 930	2 026	304 882	321 037	148 968	160 185	137 567	138 535
with harvested cropland.....	1 639	1 754	258 928	277 869	148 968	160 185	134 735	133 342
with irrigated land.....	1 316	1 344	207 469	212 941	123 836	126 327	137 567	138 535
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	905	778	179 491	154 059	84 342	79 482	84 653	80 099
with harvested cropland.....	773	683	153 342	135 268	84 342	79 482	81 671	77 303
with irrigated land.....	650	635	128 289	125 913	74 352	73 128	84 653	80 099
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	900	784	214 118	186 426	105 263	99 394	103 029	94 135
with harvested cropland.....	767	714	182 414	169 770	105 263	99 394	100 839	92 436
with irrigated land.....	673	625	159 783	148 547	94 291	89 503	103 029	94 135
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	3 956	3 630	1 432 511	1 325 853	583 268	584 566	502 518	457 381
with harvested cropland.....	3 232	3 206	1 181 030	1 172 979	583 268	584 566	492 634	452 639
with irrigated land.....	2 406	2 240	872 872	809 100	463 441	441 563	502 518	457 381
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	3 537	3 578	2 548 983	2 588 404	853 370	904 139	581 698	492 313
with harvested cropland.....	3 048	3 171	2 199 541	2 292 411	853 370	904 139	568 093	483 560
with irrigated land.....	1 877	1 768	1 331 660	1 250 717	557 780	515 663	581 698	492 313
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	3 245	3 171	4 610 332	4 509 866	1 265 650	1 254 364	586 447	442 476
with harvested cropland.....	2 889	2 869	4 122 648	4 088 540	1 265 650	1 254 364	577 996	436 607
with irrigated land.....	1 478	1 348	2 078 600	1 902 221	639 291	554 143	586 447	442 476
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	4 006	4 061	25 752 844	26 478 554	2 654 998	2 710 118	1 255 954	994 986
with harvested cropland.....	3 319	3 448	19 587 369	19 940 613	2 654 998	2 710 118	1 203 956	957 500
with irrigated land.....	1 930	1 837	13 330 576	12 904 602	1 418 313	1 334 825	1 255 954	994 986
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	1 325	(NA)	17 560 100	(NA)	1 063 547	(NA)	584 541	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	1 004	(NA)	12 509 227	(NA)	1 063 547	(NA)	548 762	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	681	(NA)	9 484 614	(NA)	638 984	(NA)	584 541	(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.....	29 633	25 501	27 950	578	238	29
acres.....	35 470 404	35 902 165	36 697 132	1 142 131	128 881	9 012
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	22 264	21 049	22 476	426	200	24
acres.....	5 880 493	5 956 865	5 265 721	81 150	42 291	2 347
Full owners..... farms.....	16 065	13 269	14 104	364	144	19
acres.....	9 080 322	10 053 318	8 305 392	954 188	60 483	1 968
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	10 978	10 229	10 291	245	109	14
acres.....	1 551 665	1 638 824	1 306 769	29 883	15 247	508
Part owners..... farms.....	9 139	8 467	9 395	142	59	5
acres.....	22 734 443	22 527 586	24 794 968	146 134	60 138	6 330
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	7 924	7 672	8 451	122	57	5
acres.....	3 465 591	3 522 164	3 133 095	37 352	21 124	1 538
Tenants..... farms.....	4 429	3 765	4 451	72	35	5
acres.....	3 655 639	3 321 261	3 596 772	41 809	8 260	714
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	3 362	3 148	3 734	59	34	5
acres.....	863 237	795 877	825 857	13 915	5 920	301
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	14.9	14.8	15.9	12.5	14.7	17.2
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	24 935	(NA)	(NA)	449	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	22 127 881	(NA)	(NA)	186 107	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... farms.....	3 195	(NA)	(NA)	86	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6 103 350	(NA)	(NA)	54 066	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	1 314	(NA)	(NA)	41	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	5 498 242	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	33	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	321 550	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 140	(NA)	(NA)	39	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4 380 526	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	24	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	279 826	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	117	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	516 340	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	189	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 740 931	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(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.....	952	625	518	12	3	—
25 to 34 years.....	4 143	2 560	3 110	49	14	3
35 to 44 years.....	6 051	4 389	5 712	123	37	7
45 to 54 years.....	6 993	6 465	7 668	168	101	10
55 to 64 years.....	7 049	6 285	7 063	134	61	9
65 years and over.....	4 445	4 106	3 879	92	22	—
Average age.....	49.4	51.2	50.2	51.0	51.7	48.2
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	21 943	16 413	20 994	404	146	13
Not on farm operated.....	5 378	4 335	4 493	113	52	8
Not reported.....	2 312	4 753	2 463	61	40	8
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	12 415	9 568	(NA)	241	78	(NA)
Any.....	15 883	10 034	14 502	305	108	23
1 to 49 days.....	2 726	1 877	3 433	47	24	5
50 to 99 days.....	1 034	765	1 481	16	8	—
100 to 149 days.....	1 168	777	2 446	39	17	5
150 to 199 days.....	1 494	1 136	7 142	43	8	—
200 days or more.....	9 461	5 479	(NA)	160	51	13
Not reporting.....	1 335	4 828	(NA)	32	52	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	17 130	17 072	(NA)	320	185	(NA)
Other.....	12 503	7 358	(NA)	258	53	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male..... farms.....	28 158	(NA)	(NA)	532	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	34 323 320	(NA)	(NA)	1 128 806	(NA)	(NA)
Female..... farms.....	1 475	(NA)	(NA)	46	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 147 084	(NA)	(NA)	13 325	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
farms.....	703	(NA)	(NA)	177	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	959 969	(NA)	(NA)	633 713	(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.....	18 389	287	17 995	178	17 711	18
acres.....	21 285 896	169 917	23 504 468	98 967	23 269 032	8 037
Partnership..... farms.....	2 812	76	2 062	23	2 938	1
acres.....	5 961 296	52 108	5 301 547	26 236	6 517 716	7
Corporations..... farms.....	1 274	40	931	(NA)	609	—
acres.....	5 456 865	(D)	4 804 323	(NA)	3 839 430	—
Family held..... farms.....	33	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	1 105	38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4 344 838	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held..... farms.....	23	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	113	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	511 086	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms.....	93	—	67	(NA)	84	—
acres.....	226 900	—	129 208	(NA)	152 931	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.