

Table 1. Farms by Sales Group, Standard Industrial Classification, Size, and Operator Characteristics, by Components of Coverage: 1978

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		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
UNITED STATES													
Farms.....	2,279,470	2,202,360	96.6	23,962	1.1	101,072	4.4	57,408	2.5	21,344	0.9	22,320	1.0
Farms by value of sales:													
Less than \$2,500.....	540,848	505,670	93.5	3,048	.6	38,226	7.1	17,664	3.3	8,832	1.6	11,730	2.2
\$2,500 to \$9,999.....	574,074	555,166	96.7	10,610	1.8	29,518	5.1	16,192	2.8	4,416	.8	8,910	1.5
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	567,301	547,957	96.6	3,680	.6	23,024	4.0	15,456	2.7	5,888	1.0	1,680	.3
\$40,000 or more.....	597,247	593,567	99.4	6,624	1.1	10,304	1.7	8,096	1.3	2,208	.4	-	-
\$2,500 or more.....	1,738,622	1,696,690	97.6	20,914	1.2	62,846	3.6	39,744	2.3	12,512	.7	10,590	.6
Farms by standard industrial classification:													
Crops (01).....	1,070,546	1,035,388	96.7	15,706	1.5	50,864	4.7	32,384	3.0	11,040	1.0	7,440	.7
Livestock (02).....	1,208,924	1,166,972	96.5	8,256	.7	50,208	4.2	25,024	2.1	10,304	.9	14,880	1.2
Farms by size:													
1 to 99 acres.....	910,948	855,928	94.0	9,186	1.0	64,206	7.0	31,648	3.5	16,928	1.8	15,630	1.7
100 to 499 acres.....	988,802	969,864	98.1	11,096	1.1	30,034	3.0	20,608	2.1	4,416	.4	5,010	.5
500 acres or more.....	379,720	376,568	99.2	3,680	1.0	6,832	1.8	5,152	1.4	-	-	1,680	.4
Farms by tenure of operator:													
Full owners.....	1,297,341	1,246,671	96.1	16,602	1.3	67,272	5.2	35,328	2.7	17,664	1.4	14,280	1.1
Part owners.....	711,768	705,328	99.1	5,888	.8	12,328	1.7	8,832	1.2	736	.1	2,760	.4
Tenants.....	270,361	250,361	92.6	1,472	.5	21,472	7.9	13,248	4.9	2,944	1.0	5,280	2.0
Farms by age of operator:													
Under 35 years.....	388,648	364,213	93.7	2,944	.8	27,379	7.1	9,965	2.6	8,538	2.2	8,876	2.3
35 to 54 years.....	1,038,397	1,002,486	96.5	7,162	.7	43,073	4.2	20,403	2.0	11,334	1.1	11,336	1.1
55 years and over.....	852,425	835,661	98.0	13,856	1.6	30,620	3.6	27,040	3.2	1,472	.2	2,108	.2
Farms by residence of operator:													
On farm operated.....	1,723,637	1,679,507	97.4	17,822	1.0	61,952	3.6	35,328	2.0	10,304	.6	16,320	1.0
Not on farm operated.....	360,683	332,789	92.3	4,668	1.3	32,562	9.0	21,344	5.9	9,568	2.7	1,650	.4
Farms by principal occupation of operator:													
Farming.....	1,267,434	1,242,936	98.1	16,638	1.3	41,136	3.2	30,912	2.4	6,624	.5	3,600	.3
Other.....	1,012,036	959,424	94.8	7,324	.7	59,936	5.9	26,496	2.6	14,720	1.5	18,720	1.8
NORTHEAST													
Farms.....	154,216	144,876	93.9	450	.3	9,790	6.4	5,888	3.8	1,472	1.0	2,430	1.6
Farms by value of sales:													
Less than \$2,500.....	46,362	40,988	88.4	-	-	5,374	11.6	2,944	6.4	-	-	2,430	5.2
\$2,500 to \$9,999.....	35,264	34,242	97.1	450	1.3	1,472	4.2	1,472	4.2	-	-	-	-
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	22,816	21,344	93.5	-	-	1,472	6.5	-	-	1,472	6.5	-	-
\$40,000 or more.....	49,774	48,302	97.0	-	-	1,472	3.0	1,472	3.0	-	-	-	-
\$2,500 or more.....	107,854	103,888	96.3	450	.4	4,416	4.1	2,944	2.7	1,472	1.4	-	-
Farms by standard industrial classification:													
Crops (01).....	56,616	50,294	88.8	-	-	6,322	11.2	3,680	6.5	1,472	2.6	1,170	2.1
Livestock (02).....	97,600	94,582	96.9	450	.5	3,468	3.6	2,208	2.3	-	-	1,260	1.3
Farms by size:													
1 to 99 acres.....	63,768	54,714	85.8	-	-	9,054	14.2	5,152	8.1	1,472	2.3	2,430	3.8
100 to 499 acres.....	78,672	78,386	99.6	450	.6	736	1.0	736	1.0	-	-	-	-
500 acres or more.....	11,776	11,776	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farms by tenure of operator:													
Full owners.....	87,222	80,524	92.3	450	.5	7,148	8.2	4,416	5.1	1,472	1.7	1,260	1.4
Part owners.....	52,248	50,342	96.4	-	-	1,906	3.6	736	1.4	-	-	1,170	2.2
Tenants.....	14,746	14,010	95.0	-	-	736	5.0	736	5.0	-	-	-	-
Farms by age of operator:													
Under 35 years.....	26,110	25,374	97.2	-	-	736	2.8	736	2.8	-	-	-	-
35 to 54 years.....	72,805	68,167	93.6	-	-	4,638	6.4	736	1.0	1,472	2.0	2,430	3.4
55 years and over.....	55,301	51,335	92.8	450	.8	4,416	8.0	4,416	8.0	-	-	-	-
Farms by residence of operator:													
On farm operated.....	133,986	125,908	94.0	-	-	8,078	6.0	4,416	3.3	1,472	1.1	2,190	1.6
Not on farm operated.....	11,776	10,754	91.3	450	3.8	1,472	12.5	1,472	12.5	-	-	-	-
Farms by principal occupation of operator:													
Farming.....	95,528	90,376	94.6	-	-	5,152	5.4	3,680	3.9	1,472	1.5	-	-
Other.....	58,688	54,500	92.9	450	.8	4,638	7.9	2,208	3.8	-	-	2,430	4.1

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	Estimated farms <sup>1</sup>	Farms in census				Farms missed							
		Included		Overcounted		Total		Misclassified		In urban areas		In rural areas (CAAS) <sup>2</sup>	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Farms.....	938,248	907,346	96.7	6,230	0.7	37,132	4.0	21,344	2.3	5,888	0.6	9,900	1.1
Farms by value of sales:													
Less than \$2,500.....	156,090	143,584	92.0	736	.5	13,242	8.5	5,888	3.8	2,944	1.9	4,410	2.8
\$2,500 to \$9,999.....	202,002	193,174	95.6	3,286	1.6	12,114	6.0	5,152	2.6	1,472	.7	5,490	2.7
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	271,865	261,561	96.2	-	-	10,304	3.8	8,832	3.2	1,472	.6	-	-
\$40,000 or more.....	308,291	309,027	100.2	2,208	.7	1,472	.5	1,472	.5	-	-	-	-
\$2,500 or more.....	782,158	763,762	97.6	5,494	.7	23,890	3.1	15,456	2.0	2,944	.4	5,490	.7
Farms by standard industrial classification:													
Crops (01).....	478,845	458,407	95.7	2,944	.6	23,382	4.9	15,456	3.2	4,416	.9	3,510	.8
Livestock (02).....	459,403	448,939	97.7	3,286	.7	13,750	3.0	5,888	1.3	1,472	.3	6,390	1.4
Farms by size:													
1 to 99 acres.....	305,858	285,198	93.3	1,472	.5	22,132	7.2	11,776	3.9	4,416	1.4	5,940	1.9
100 to 499 acres.....	451,427	439,713	97.4	2,550	.6	14,264	3.2	8,832	2.0	1,472	.3	3,960	.9
500 acres or more.....	180,963	182,435	100.8	2,208	1.2	736	.4	736	.4	-	-	-	-
Farms by tenure of operator:													
Full owner.....	499,170	475,850	95.3	4,022	.8	27,342	5.5	13,984	2.8	5,888	1.2	7,470	1.5
Part owner.....	329,842	328,370	99.5	1,472	.4	2,944	.9	2,944	.9	-	-	-	-
Tenant.....	109,236	103,126	94.4	736	.7	6,846	6.3	4,416	4.1	-	-	2,430	2.2
Farms by age of operator:													
Under 35 years.....	170,015	158,143	93.0	1,472	.9	13,344	7.9	5,152	3.1	2,944	1.7	5,248	3.1
35 to 54 years.....	430,281	416,797	96.9	736	.2	14,220	3.3	6,624	1.5	2,944	.7	4,652	1.1
55 years and over.....	337,952	332,406	98.4	4,022	1.2	9,568	2.8	9,568	2.8	-	-	-	-
Farms by residence of operator:													
On farm operated.....	743,288	728,064	97.9	5,494	.7	20,718	2.8	11,776	1.6	1,472	.2	7,470	1.0
Not on farm operated.....	118,930	106,418	89.5	-	-	12,512	10.5	9,568	8.0	2,944	2.5	-	-
Farms by principal occupation of operator:													
Farming.....	568,123	556,467	97.9	5,494	.9	17,150	3.0	14,720	2.6	-	-	2,430	.4
Other.....	370,125	350,879	94.8	736	.2	19,982	5.4	6,624	1.8	5,888	1.6	7,470	2.0
<b>SOUTH</b>													
Farms.....	903,984	882,028	97.6	15,074	1.7	37,030	4.1	22,816	2.5	6,624	.7	7,590	.9
Farms by value of sales:													
Less than \$2,500.....	250,780	240,570	95.9	2,312	.9	12,522	5.0	7,360	2.9	1,472	.6	3,690	1.5
\$2,500 to \$9,999.....	281,856	273,998	97.2	6,874	2.4	14,732	5.2	9,568	3.4	2,944	1.0	2,220	.8
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	203,346	200,194	98.4	3,680	1.8	6,832	3.4	3,680	1.8	1,472	.7	1,680	.9
\$40,000 or more.....	168,002	167,266	99.6	2,208	1.3	2,944	1.7	2,208	1.3	736	.4	-	-
\$2,500 or more.....	653,204	641,458	98.2	12,762	2.0	24,508	3.8	15,456	2.4	5,152	.8	3,900	.6
Farms by standard industrial classification:													
Crops (01).....	399,513	399,645	100.0	12,026	3.0	11,894	3.0	9,568	2.4	736	.2	1,590	.4
Livestock (02).....	504,471	482,383	95.6	3,048	.6	25,136	5.0	13,248	2.6	5,888	1.2	6,000	1.2
Farms by size:													
1 to 99 acres.....	406,740	392,666	96.5	6,978	1.7	21,052	5.2	12,512	3.1	3,680	.9	4,860	1.2
100 to 499 acres.....	377,055	372,325	98.7	7,360	1.9	12,090	3.2	8,096	2.1	2,944	.8	1,050	.3
500 acres or more.....	120,189	117,037	97.4	736	.6	3,888	3.2	2,208	1.8	-	-	1,680	1.4
Farms by tenure of operator:													
Full owner.....	522,339	512,919	98.2	9,922	1.9	19,342	3.7	11,776	2.3	4,416	.8	3,150	.6
Part owner.....	263,216	260,154	98.8	4,416	1.7	7,478	2.9	5,152	2.0	736	.3	1,590	.6
Tenant.....	118,429	108,955	92.0	736	.6	10,210	8.6	5,888	5.0	1,472	1.2	2,850	2.4
Farms by age of operator:													
Under 35 years.....	146,718	138,653	94.5	1,472	1.0	9,537	6.5	3,259	2.2	2,650	1.8	3,628	2.5
35 to 54 years.....	397,134	384,162	96.7	4,954	1.2	17,926	4.5	11,408	2.9	3,974	1.0	2,544	.6
55 years and over.....	360,132	359,213	99.7	8,648	2.4	9,567	2.7	8,149	2.3	-	-	1,418	.4
Farms by residence of operator:													
On farm operated.....	635,317	622,313	98.0	10,856	1.7	23,860	3.7	15,456	2.4	2,944	.5	5,460	.8
Not on farm operated.....	176,401	169,129	95.9	3,482	2.0	10,754	6.1	6,624	3.8	3,680	2.1	450	.2
Farms by principal occupation of operator:													
Farming.....	451,175	448,411	99.4	8,936	2.0	11,700	2.6	8,832	1.9	2,208	.5	660	.2
Other.....	452,809	433,617	95.8	6,138	1.4	25,330	5.6	13,984	3.1	4,416	1.0	6,930	1.5

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		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
WEST													
Farms.....	283,022	268,110	94.7	2,208	0.8	17,120	6.0	7,360	2.6	7,360	2.6	2,400	0.8
Farms by value of sales:													
Less than \$2,500.....	87,616	80,528	91.9	-	-	7,088	8.1	1,472	1.7	4,416	5.0	1,200	1.4
\$2,500 to \$9,999.....	54,952	53,752	97.8	-	-	1,200	2.2	-	-	-	-	1,200	2.2
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	69,274	64,858	93.6	-	-	4,416	6.4	2,944	4.3	1,472	2.1	-	-
\$40,000 or more.....	71,180	68,972	96.9	2,208	3.1	4,416	6.2	2,944	4.1	1,472	2.1	-	-
\$2,500 or more.....	195,406	187,582	96.0	2,208	1.1	10,032	5.1	5,888	3.0	2,944	1.5	1,200	.6
Farms by standard industrial classification:													
Crops (01).....	135,572	127,042	93.7	736	.5	9,266	6.8	3,680	2.7	4,416	3.2	1,170	.9
Livestock (02).....	147,450	141,068	95.7	1,472	1.0	7,854	5.3	3,680	2.5	2,944	2.0	1,230	.8
Farms by size:													
1 to 99 acres.....	134,582	123,350	91.6	736	.5	11,968	8.9	2,208	1.6	7,360	5.5	2,400	1.8
100 to 499 acres.....	81,648	79,440	97.3	736	.9	2,944	3.6	2,944	3.6	-	-	-	-
500 acres or more.....	66,792	65,320	97.8	736	1.1	2,208	3.3	2,208	3.3	-	-	-	-
Farms by tenure of operator:													
Full owner.....	188,610	177,378	94.0	2,208	1.2	13,440	7.1	5,152	2.7	5,888	3.1	2,400	1.3
Part owner.....	66,462	66,462	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenant.....	27,950	24,270	86.8	-	-	3,680	13.2	2,208	7.9	1,472	5.3	-	-
Farms by age of operator:													
Under 35 years.....	45,805	42,043	91.8	-	-	3,762	8.2	818	1.8	2,944	6.4	-	-
35 to 54 years.....	138,177	133,360	96.5	1,472	1.1	6,289	4.6	1,635	1.2	2,944	2.1	1,710	1.3
55 years and over.....	99,040	92,707	93.6	736	.7	7,069	7.1	4,907	4.9	1,472	1.5	690	.7
Farms by residence of operator:													
On farm operated.....	211,046	203,222	96.3	1,472	.7	9,296	4.4	3,680	1.7	4,416	2.1	1,200	.6
Not on farm operated.....	53,576	46,488	86.8	736	1.4	7,824	14.6	3,680	6.9	2,944	5.5	1,200	2.2
Farms by principal occupation of operator:													
Farming.....	152,608	147,682	96.8	2,208	1.4	7,134	4.6	3,680	2.4	2,944	1.9	510	.3
Other.....	130,414	120,428	92.3	-	-	9,986	7.7	3,680	2.8	4,416	3.4	1,890	1.5

<sup>1</sup>Estimates from coverage evaluation samples; not comparable with published data because of sampling and nonsampling errors. See text, Accuracy of the Estimates.

<sup>2</sup>Census of Agriculture Area Sample.

Table 2. Characteristics of Missed Farms by Sales Group: 1978

	All farms	Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		Farms with sales of less than \$2,500		All farms	Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		Farms with sales of less than \$2,500
		Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more	Farms with sales of less than \$2,500				Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more	Farms with sales of less than \$2,500	
Farms missed.....number..	101,072	62,846	38,226		Hay.....farms..	19,236	11,776	7,460	
Land in farms.....acres..	20,437,370	18,358,384	2,078,986		acres..	816,222	610,144	206,078	
Average size of farm.....acres..	202	292	54		Tobacco.....farms..	5,888	5,152	736	
					acres..	39,229	38,125	1,104	
Corn for grain.....farms..	20,232	16,928	3,304		Cattle and calves inventory...farms..	49,320	24,882	24,438	
acres..	1,042,520	986,976	55,544		number..	2,060,076	1,791,146	268,930	
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	1,472	1,472	-		Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	11,922	2,132	9,790	
acres..	139,840	139,840	-		number..	193,340	66,952	126,388	
Wheat.....farms..	8,832	7,360	1,472		Hens and pullets inventory....farms..	13,228	4,748	8,480	
acres..	473,984	444,544	29,440		number..	264,054	136,160	127,894	
Soybeans.....farms..	12,436	10,964	1,472		Value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	1,653,448	1,613,802	39,646	
acres	533,196	518,476	14,720						