

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	3 632	3 400	3 710	4 401	5 208	6 297	7 448	9 296
Land in farms..... acres.....	679 045	630 605	673 895	717 013	762 526	814 316	851 291	923 350
Average size of farm..... acres.....	187	185	182	163	146	129	114	99
Approximate land area..... acres.....	1 268 480	1 268 416	1 268 416	1 265 920	1 265 920	1 265 920	1 265 920	1 265 920
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	53.5	49.7	53.1	56.6	60.2	64.3	67.2	72.9
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	270 381	180 023	90 632	53 443	34 551	20 287	13 043	7 820
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 500	971	499	322	236	157	114	79
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	54	176	469	682	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	174	260	644	979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	365	665	894	1 168	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	571	632	620	706	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	503	405	292	315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	480	343	281	218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	365	182	140	131	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	626	454	273	170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	495	283	97	32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	3 114	2 912	3 249	3 845	4 589	5 832	6 863	8 868
..... acres.....	536 077	485 727	505 356	500 329	496 094	514 534	535 170	564 118
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 944	2 792	3 052	3 646	4 358	5 512	6 448	8 450
..... acres.....	500 417	451 752	422 984	418 538	416 197	412 295	389 283	416 162
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	1 284	1 170	1 315	1 614	1 986	2 881	3 824	5 537
1 to 9 acres.....	363	289	272	433	483	765	1 163	1 756
10 to 19 acres.....	308	284	307	377	443	597	838	1 182
20 to 29 acres.....	246	250	277	287	375	584	697	993
30 to 49 acres.....	367	347	459	517	685	935	1 126	1 606
50 to 99 acres.....	516	540	620	759	1 040	1 371	1 484	1 868
100 to 199 acres.....	458	472	528	690	835	879	865	855
200 to 499 acres.....	438	396	423	486	421	334	257	172
500 to 999 acres.....	175	154	131	71	65	43	13	15
1,000 acres or more.....	73	60	35	26	11	4	5	3
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	65	51	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	8	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	771	734	963	1 390	2 030	2 871	3 662	3 052
..... acres.....	18 662	20 751	26 647	32 220	43 130	63 860	72 051	62 842
Other cropland..... farms.....	628	436	1 079	1 527	1 268	1 631	2 974	(NA)
..... acres.....	16 998	13 224	55 725	49 571	36 767	38 379	73 836	85 114
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	129	(NA)	(NA)	793	283	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 779	(NA)	(NA)	23 647	9 150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	126	(NA)	(NA)	375	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 059
..... acres.....	1 805	(NA)	(NA)	10 587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16 957
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	43	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	417	(NA)	(NA)	672	(NA)	1 344	(NA)	2 840
..... acres.....	9 834	(NA)	(NA)	15 337	(NA)	31 127	(NA)	68 157
Total woodland..... farms.....	1 745	1 573	2 015	2 771	3 595	4 317	5 054	5 898
..... acres.....	103 878	100 394	121 117	160 916	191 431	214 893	216 853	232 229
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	266	(NA)	(NA)	242	292	533	499	415
..... acres.....	7 770	(NA)	(NA)	8 537	6 017	22 884	10 776	8 992
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 574	(NA)	(NA)	2 628	3 466	3 966	4 822	5 778
..... acres.....	96 108	(NA)	(NA)	152 379	185 414	192 009	206 077	223 237
Other land..... farms.....	2 427	2 316	2 334	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	39 090	44 484	47 422	55 768	75 001	84 889	99 268	127 003
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	241	(NA)	(NA)	387	684	936	1 283	1 958
..... acres.....	8 754	(NA)	(NA)	12 403	20 324	26 029	28 178	40 157
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	2 377	(NA)	(NA)	3 859	(NA)	5 913	6 932	8 272
..... acres.....	30 336	(NA)	(NA)	43 365	54 677	58 860	71 090	86 846
Irrigated land..... farms.....	255	154	164	158	156	81	10	3
..... acres.....	33 725	19 879	20 421	17 542	15 533	5 553	404	22

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.....	3 185	2 988	2 815	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	662 647	613 573	621 487	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	208	205	221	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	103	83	77
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	1 684	2 056	2 605
Average per farm..... dollars.....	299 858	197 850	109 919	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	29	23	73
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 487	963	498	..... acres.....	1 500	1 073	6 216
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	379	196	459
Total cropland..... farms.....	2 709	2 521	2 434	..... acres.....	9 410	5 635	19 334
..... acres.....	527 312	477 519	478 148	Total woodland..... farms.....	1 535	1 382	1 533
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 586	2 456	2 352	..... acres.....	98 401	94 125	103 816
..... acres.....	495 466	447 489	407 059	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	231	222	373
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	7 278	11 751	19 158
1 to 49 acres.....	933	838	651	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 384	1 217	1 224
50 to 99 acres.....	511	538	587	..... acres.....	91 123	82 374	84 658
100 to 199 acres.....	456	470	527	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	211	199	223
200 to 499 acres.....	438	396	421	..... acres.....	8 266	5 827	8 748
500 to 999 acres.....	175	154	131	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	2 089	1 992	1 720
1,000 acres or more.....	73	60	35	..... acres.....	28 668	36 102	30 775
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	65	51	30	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	897	843	1 057
2,000 acres or more.....	8	9	5	..... acres.....	31 740	35 497	50 233
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	641	580	716	Irrigated land..... farms.....	238	142	154
..... acres.....	16 196	17 919	22 327	..... acres.....	33 631	19 797	20 385
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	108	145	318				
..... acres.....	3 056	3 347	20 607				

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