

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	255	154	164	238	142	154
Proportion of farms	7.0	4.5	4.4	7.5	4.8	5.4
Irrigated land	33 725	19 879	20 421	33 631	19 797	20 385
Average per farm	132	129	1 245	141	139	1 323
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	76	41	24	61	31	15
10 to 49 acres	211	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	97	63
50 to 99 acres	48	29	30	46	27	29
100 to 199 acres	1 262	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	715	673
200 to 499 acres	40	23	31	40	23	31
500 to 999 acres	2 860	(NA)	(NA)	2 860	1 551	1 983
1,000 acres or more	35	29	50	35	29	50
	5 000	(NA)	(NA)	5 000	4 146	6 880
	45	24	24	45	24	24
	14 082	(NA)	(NA)	14 082	6 550	7 501
	7	6	5	7	6	5
	4 220	(NA)	(NA)	4 220	(D)	3 285
	4	2	-	4	2	-
	6 090	(NA)	(NA)	6 090	(D)	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	252	(NA)	(NA)	238	138	154
Pastureland	33 429	(NA)	(NA)	33 359	19 571	20 031
Other land	9	(NA)	(NA)	7	(NA)	(NA)
	196	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	47	6
	6	(NA)	(NA)	5	4	4
	100	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	179	348
Land in irrigated farms	138 440	75 642	81 916	137 343	74 705	80 682
Cropland	111 036	(NA)	(NA)	110 507	63 136	68 018
Harvested cropland	106 632	61 399	60 438	106 206	60 989	59 931

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	3 632	255	56	3 377
Land in farms	679 045	138 440	5 633	540 605
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	270 381	778 547	274 707	232 989
Average per acre	1 500	4 428	3 003	1 519
Irrigated land	33 725	33 725	4 580	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	3 114	255	56	2 859
Harvested cropland	536 077	111 036	4 668	425 041
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	2 944	254	56	2 690
	500 417	106 632	4 568	393 785
	948	49	5	899
	27 416	3 155	170	24 261
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	717	38	1	679
Milk cows	29 325	3 902	(D)	25 423
Hogs and pigs	318	7	-	311
Sheep and lambs	10 985	408	-	10 577
	672	39	2	633
	63 465	10 781	(D)	52 684
	33	2	-	31
	590	(D)	-	(D)
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	3 632	249	60	3 383
Average per farm	\$1,000 143 141	27 590	4 132	115 551
	39 411	110 802	68 860	34 156
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000 326 003	77 740	8 780	248 264
Average per farm	89 759	304 861	156 785	73 516
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	2 736	251	56	2 485
Livestock and livestock products	\$1,000 103 396	39 881	7 901	63 515
Poultry and poultry products	1 186	59	3	1 127
	\$1,000 28 216	4 618	16	23 598
	1 205	59	7	1 146
	\$1,000 194 391	33 240	863	161 151
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	2 051	86	10	1 965
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	\$1,000 121 055	17 908	480	103 147
Commercial fertilizer	2 407	229	51	2 178
	\$1,000 5 625	2 379	305	3 246
	2 585	222	46	2 363
	\$1,000 14 246	4 320	256	9 926
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	2 632	238	52	2 394
Energy and petroleum products	\$1,000 6 920	2 213	212	4 706
Hired farm labor	3 613	249	60	3 364
Contract labor	\$1,000 10 621	2 866	453	7 755
	1 648	185	49	1 463
	\$1,000 15 194	7 852	1 887	7 342
	268	74	21	194
	\$1,000 1 501	1 244	147	257

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