

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	58 648	54 911	67 431	83 366	106 350	165 523	198 191	225 897
Land in farms..... acres.....	13 742 485	13 878 294	15 805 892	17 886 931	19 657 615	24 018 773	25 751 055	23 675 612
Average size of farm..... acres.....	234	253	234	215	185	145	130	105
Approximate land area..... acres.....	37 175 040	37 165 888	37 165 888	37 295 360	37 295 360	37 429 120	37 429 120	37 451 520
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	37.0	37.3	42.5	48.0	52.7	64.2	68.8	63.2
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	181 876	119 766	54 883	29 155	17 944	8 710	5 623	2 896
Average per acre..... dollars.....	777	474	234	135	97	60	43	28
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 673	3 804	12 106	29 555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	4 740	6 189	13 753	21 520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	9 985	11 487	17 203	16 705	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	11 635	10 828	11 044	8 474	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	6 985	5 865	4 863	2 943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	7 144	5 594	3 644	2 024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	3 857	3 169	1 766	833	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	8 251	5 753	2 461	1 090	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 376	2 222	591	222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	52 188	49 723	61 277	74 033	98 071	153 975	189 266	220 920
..... acres.....	6 977 959	6 475 079	6 834 619	6 367 160	7 458 475	8 924 073	10 486 875	10 643 425
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	42 951	40 732	47 340	65 059	89 686	140 499	176 610	212 430
..... acres.....	4 748 175	4 161 205	3 650 656	3 950 518	4 917 975	6 117 379	7 098 147	7 824 189
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	25 914	23 827	30 109	44 089	61 468	104 500	135 422	169 880
1 to 9 acres.....	9 169	7 962	10 852	17 513	20 116	30 943	29 436	31 526
10 to 19 acres.....	7 280	6 197	7 753	10 995	15 972	26 006	32 313	35 555
20 to 29 acres.....	4 290	4 308	5 101	6 855	11 121	21 232	32 513	45 437
30 to 49 acres.....	5 175	5 360	6 403	8 726	14 259	26 319	41 160	57 362
50 to 99 acres.....	6 114	6 646	7 597	10 520	16 068	24 048	30 515	33 935
100 to 199 acres.....	4 559	4 838	5 175	6 406	7 913	8 377	7 792	6 226
200 to 499 acres.....	4 234	3 814	3 414	3 279	3 521	2 980	2 350	1 922
500 to 999 acres.....	1 524	1 180	835	621	595	490	429	379
1,000 acres or more.....	606	427	210	144	121	104	102	88
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	510	369	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	96	58	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	27 022	30 081	37 977	26 002	36 457	43 295	47 457	32 462
..... acres.....	1 551 257	1 828 086	1 838 408	1 017 623	1 303 702	1 407 398	1 273 027	784 245
Other cropland..... farms.....	16 812	10 303	25 819	36 857	39 836	58 324	84 890	(NA)
..... acres.....	678 527	485 788	1 345 555	1 399 019	1 236 798	1 399 296	2 115 701	2 034 991
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	3 032	(NA)	(NA)	17 250	8 469	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	87 473	(NA)	(NA)	696 698	261 485	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	5 100	(NA)	(NA)	3 377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 127
..... acres.....	182 132	(NA)	(NA)	48 671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	90 631
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	1 625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	69 721	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	10 752	(NA)	(NA)	24 702	(NA)	49 930	(NA)	76 008
..... acres.....	339 201	(NA)	(NA)	653 650	(NA)	1 165 030	(NA)	1 944 360
Total woodland..... farms.....	36 765	36 096	48 198	65 616	78 610	112 791	132 205	141 135
..... acres.....	5 174 439	5 423 384	6 957 572	9 247 330	10 240 890	12 686 331	13 280 149	10 722 274
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	18 880	(NA)	(NA)	36 928	43 717	66 225	74 224	69 169
..... acres.....	1 374 526	(NA)	(NA)	2 598 179	3 065 538	4 600 542	4 371 298	3 508 135
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	26 295	(NA)	(NA)	49 077	61 331	82 406	101 109	114 292
..... acres.....	3 799 913	(NA)	(NA)	6 649 151	7 175 352	8 085 789	8 908 851	7 214 139
Other land..... farms.....	41 731	38 728	46 804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 590 087	1 979 831	2 013 701	2 272 441	1 958 250	2 408 369	1 984 031	2 309 913
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	9 294	(NA)	(NA)	40 225	37 214	57 101	52 142	68 751
..... acres.....	909 293	(NA)	(NA)	1 801 994	1 384 167	1 850 269	1 184 817	1 610 556
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	39 348	(NA)	(NA)	74 956	(NA)	140 244	155 205	197 044
..... acres.....	680 794	(NA)	(NA)	470 447	574 083	558 100	799 214	699 357
Irrigated land..... farms.....	4 644	2 138	3 510	6 907	2 194	1 268	139	14
..... acres.....	463 534	112 271	78 630	64 112	33 700	23 873	3 161	423

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.....	38 840	35 836	37 616	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	12 134 801	12 048 792	12 645 090	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	312	336	336	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 188	947	2 726
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	147 554	32 030	101 180
Average per farm..... dollars.....	238 935	153 422	76 370	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	1 174	1 007	2 043
Average per acre..... dollars.....	766	456	227	..... acres.....	64 274	60 259	112 348
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	7 874	3 995	10 202
Total cropland..... farms.....	35 310	32 623	34 426	..... acres.....	289 983	216 367	607 360
..... acres.....	6 429 465	5 774 675	5 747 846	Total woodland..... farms.....	25 702	23 928	27 770
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	31 046	29 752	30 499	..... acres.....	4 350 979	4 600 930	5 442 487
..... acres.....	4 581 498	4 027 860	3 410 595	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 117	12 630	15 309
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 149 573	1 375 438	1 649 686
1 to 49 acres.....	14 314	12 976	13 730	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	18 526	17 095	19 840
1 to 9 acres.....	5 865	6 534	7 162	..... acres.....	3 201 406	3 225 492	3 792 801
10 to 19 acres.....	4 523	4 836	5 160	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 614	9 018	8 467
20 to 499 acres.....	4 221	3 803	3 407	..... acres.....	802 511	1 116 844	832 810
500 to 999 acres.....	1 519	1 178	832	..... farms.....	25 212	23 672	24 044
1,000 acres or more.....	604	425	208	..... acres.....	551 846	556 343	621 947
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	509	368	173	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	25 647	25 293	27 627
2,000 acres or more.....	95	57	35	..... acres.....	3 225 009	3 835 216	3 791 217
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	18 043	17 844	20 556	Irrigated land..... farms.....	4 352	1 991	3 409
..... acres.....	1 272 925	1 342 934	1 308 721	..... acres.....	459 880	111 500	77 927
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	2 080	2 163	4 377				
..... acres.....	73 231	95 225	207 642				

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