

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	4 310	3 020	3 896	4 864	6 242	(NA)	5 750	(NA)
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 988 282	2 118 976	2 058 087	2 354 454	2 461 454	(NA)	2 432 069	(NA)
Average size of farm..... acres.....	461	702	528	484	394	(NA)	423	(NA)
Approximate land area..... acres.....	4 112 640	4 111 872	4 111 872	4 105 600	4 105 600	(NA)	4 099 840	(NA)
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	48.3	51.5	50.1	57.3	60.0	(NA)	59.3	(NA)
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	413 948	340 570	156 800	98 936	(NA)	(NA)	33 961	(NA)
Average per acre..... dollars.....	897	485	297	205	(NA)	(NA)	80	(NA)
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	185	379	911	1 383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	239	359	663	891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	535	544	806	1 040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	768	513	626	752	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	520	275	291	256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	656	266	223	242	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	371	164	89	80	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	663	323	160	137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	373	197	127	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	3 565	2 485	3 089	3 631	4 908	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	333 262	351 627	379 766	370 896	499 504	(NA)	464 771	(NA)
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	3 299	2 265	2 750	3 422	4 113	(NA)	3 522	(NA)
..... acres.....	158 639	151 433	178 657	167 497	176 410	(NA)	159 497	(NA)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	3 204	2 181	2 656	3 325	4 029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....	2 480	1 758	2 055	2 751	3 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....	330	273	387	400	532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....	108	86	125	124	148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....	86	64	89	50	89	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....	44	36	31	45	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....	14	15	15	12	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....	12	7	8	5	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....	2	2	8	3	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....	23	24	32	32	38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	2	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	21	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	272	207	284	315	720	(NA)	581	(NA)
..... acres.....	27 191	37 372	36 466	52 185	167 339	(NA)	153 512	(NA)
Other cropland..... farms.....	1 089	626	837	1 160	1 623	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	147 432	162 822	164 643	151 214	155 755	(NA)	151 762	(NA)
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	58	(NA)	(NA)	116	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	665	(NA)	(NA)	3 150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	34	(NA)	(NA)	87	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	129	(NA)	(NA)	231	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	35	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 316	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 024	(NA)	(NA)	1 027	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	145 322	(NA)	(NA)	147 833	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Total woodland..... farms.....	146	78	148	188	569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	145 802	201 140	167 466	216 771	409 718	(NA)	703 270	(NA)
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	57	(NA)	(NA)	85	287	(NA)	349	(NA)
..... acres.....	40 242	(NA)	(NA)	30 755	115 237	(NA)	411 509	(NA)
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	107	(NA)	(NA)	121	309	(NA)	626	(NA)
..... acres.....	105 560	(NA)	(NA)	186 016	294 481	(NA)	291 761	(NA)
Other land..... farms.....	2 146	1 582	1 899	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 509 218	1 566 209	1 510 855	1 766 787	1 552 232	(NA)	1 264 028	(NA)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	611	(NA)	(NA)	1 102	1 145	(NA)	559	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 143 095	(NA)	(NA)	1 202 873	917 389	(NA)	796 425	(NA)
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 859	(NA)	(NA)	2 975	(NA)	(NA)	3 293	(NA)
..... acres.....	366 123	(NA)	(NA)	563 914	634 843	(NA)	467 603	(NA)
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 493	889	735	1 070	1 251	(NA)	1 158	(NA)
..... acres.....	159 323	141 742	145 564	143 940	141 179	(NA)	117 418	(NA)

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.....	2 898	2 092	2 284	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 940 451	2 090 210	2 020 775	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	670	999	885	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	25	13	21
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	102	36	92
Average per farm..... dollars.....	547 693	455 173	240 603	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	32	13	55
Average per acre..... dollars.....	818	456	272	..... acres.....	1 306	197	883
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	709	688	482
Total cropland..... farms.....	2 473	1 750	1 859	..... acres.....	139 236	302 316	156 251
..... acres.....	319 782	343 841	368 407	Total woodland..... farms.....	96	52	91
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 393	1 646	1 769	..... acres.....	142 762	198 208	164 815
..... acres.....	156 006	149 773	175 604	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	37	20	33
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	38 239	28 233	18 136
1 to 49 acres.....	2 304	1 563	1 677	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	72	36	64
50 to 99 acres.....	40	35	30	..... acres.....	104 523	169 975	146 679
100 to 199 acres.....	12	15	14	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	364	308	341
200 to 499 acres.....	12	7	8	..... acres.....	1 119 325	1 015 158	967 898
500 to 999 acres.....	2	2	8	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 252	928	952
1,000 acres or more.....	23	24	32	..... acres.....	358 582	533 003	519 655
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	2	1	4	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	490	411	459
2,000 acres or more.....	21	23	28	..... acres.....	1 180 123	1 078 555	1 017 576
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	141	119	134	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 156	717	560
..... acres.....	22 559	35 164	31 542	..... acres.....	158 420	141 134	144 900
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	41	12	44				
..... acres.....	573	78	4 035				

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