

Table 3. **Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974**

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974
All farms	4 310	3 020	1 988 282	2 118 976	158 639	151 433	159 323	141 742
with harvested cropland	3 299	2 265	778 525	722 436	158 639	151 433	145 926	140 503
with irrigated land	1 493	889	600 255	648 948	118 276	105 210	159 323	141 742
Farms by size								
1 to 9 acres	2 527	1 633	8 833	5 974	5 382	3 811	1 979	1 246
with harvested cropland	2 116	1 380	7 523	5 130	5 382	3 811	1 950	1 242
with irrigated land	969	546	3 274	1 949	2 069	1 286	1 979	1 246
10 to 49 acres	1 211	872	25 848	18 405	9 581	6 846	3 645	2 334
with harvested cropland	935	661	19 121	13 486	9 581	6 846	3 583	2 260
with irrigated land	405	250	8 569	5 192	3 946	2 389	3 645	2 334
50 to 69 acres	93	102	5 387	5 902	1 580	1 413	741	408
with harvested cropland	64	66	3 714	3 817	1 580	1 413	721	400
with irrigated land	33	24	1 886	1 380	768	471	741	408
70 to 99 acres	84	69	6 802	5 470	1 321	1 269	375	419
with harvested cropland	48	43	3 794	3 386	1 321	1 269	372	419
with irrigated land	20	14	1 531	1 093	416	439	375	419
100 to 139 acres	69	55	7 811	6 272	1 199	1 389	464	263
with harvested cropland	29	30	3 307	3 370	1 199	1 389	464	237
with irrigated land	14	8	1 613	922	508	177	464	263
140 to 179 acres	50	45	7 856	7 090	737	903	246	16
with harvested cropland	19	16	2 960	2 562	737	903	246	16
with irrigated land	6	3	943	498	184	16	246	16
180 to 219 acres	32	26	6 277	5 233	586	552	96	61
with harvested cropland	13	6	2 561	1 243	586	552	81	61
with irrigated land	4	3	819	615	91	39	96	61
220 to 259 acres	19	20	4 522	4 811	436	406	(D)	(D)
with harvested cropland	3	6	720	(D)	436	406	(D)	(D)
with irrigated land	1	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
260 to 499 acres	95	81	32 301	27 026	3 138	2 022	1 398	601
with harvested cropland	26	17	9 118	5 749	3 138	2 022	1 398	591
with irrigated land	11	8	3 938	2 541	1 413	582	1 398	601
500 to 999 acres	24	23	15 548	15 436	1 525	1 842	(D)	713
with harvested cropland	9	10	6 184	6 940	1 525	1 842	(D)	713
with irrigated land	2	5	(D)	3 645	(D)	829	(D)	713
1,000 to 1,999 acres	32	24	45 917	35 239	827	274	168	(D)
with harvested cropland	6	3	8 989	(D)	827	274	-	(D)
with irrigated land	3	2	4 151	(D)	-	-	168	(D)
2,000 acres or more	74	70	1 821 180	1 982 118	132 327	130 706	150 120	135 405
with harvested cropland	31	27	710 534	671 686	132 327	130 706	137 020	134 563
with irrigated land	25	24	571 860	628 263	108 790	98 981	150 120	135 405
5,000 acres or more	55	(NA)	1 766 987	(NA)	126 672	(NA)	146 030	(NA)
with harvested cropland	25	(NA)	689 896	(NA)	126 672	(NA)	133 030	(NA)
with irrigated land	20	(NA)	557 415	(NA)	105 771	(NA)	146 030	(NA)

Table 4. **Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by						
All operators	4 310	3 020	3 896	3 271	2 271	3 113
Harvested cropland	1 988 282	2 118 976	2 058 087	339 917	293 623	485 035
Full owners	3 299	2 265	2 750	2 655	1 878	2 434
Harvested cropland	158 639	151 433	178 657	19 234	13 388	48 236
Part owners	281 019	180 135	182 096	1 655	1 117	1 347
Harvested cropland	1 684	1 105	1 204	181 397	18 355	165 554
Tenants	19 309	16 423	17 168	1 364	935	1 024
Percent of tenancy	34.5	36.6	38.1	5.517	4.453	15.285
Farms by type of organization						
Individual or family	3 614	(NA)	(NA)	2 802	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	656 332	(NA)	(NA)	109 030	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	326	(NA)	(NA)	240	(NA)	(NA)
Family held	222 668	(NA)	(NA)	29 173	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	326	(NA)	(NA)	199	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	973 239	(NA)	(NA)	69 664	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held	11	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	52 027	(NA)	(NA)	58	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	222	(NA)	(NA)	156	(NA)	(NA)
Other cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	325 568	(NA)	(NA)	51 832	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	29	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	260 880	(NA)	(NA)	13 720	(NA)	(NA)
Other cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	64	(NA)	(NA)	29	(NA)	(NA)
Percent of tenancy	334 764	(NA)	(NA)	4 054	(NA)	(NA)
Other cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	44	(NA)	(NA)	30	(NA)	(NA)
Percent of tenancy	136 043	(NA)	(NA)	132 050	(NA)	(NA)

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	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years.....	51	25	24	37	16	15
25 to 34 years.....	535	173	216	318	125	150
35 to 44 years.....	600	305	690	431	229	543
45 to 54 years.....	1 005	791	1 193	756	636	936
55 to 64 years.....	1 270	829	1 088	1 014	682	901
65 years and over.....	849	679	685	715	583	568
Average age.....	52.7	55.4	53.1	54.0	56.1	53.6
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	2 177	1 505	2 109	1 646	1 258	1 688
Not on farm operated.....	1 176	825	1 076	884	642	814
Not reported.....	957	690	711	741	371	611
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	1 551	829	(NA)	1 199	704	(NA)
Any.....	2 495	1 449	2 494	1 880	1 140	1 927
1 to 49 days.....	362	141	305	280	110	231
50 to 99 days.....	255	136	222	198	102	169
100 to 149 days.....	227	133	515	169	110	394
150 to 199 days.....	300	150	221	221	119	119
200 days or more.....	1 351	889	1 452	1 012	699	1 133
Not reporting.....	264	524	(NA)	192	427	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	2 239	1 512	(NA)	1 717	1 285	(NA)
Other.....	2 071	1 290	(NA)	1 554	986	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male.....farms.....	3 731	(NA)	(NA)	2 773	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	1 856 109	(NA)	(NA)	324 548	(NA)	(NA)
Female.....farms.....	579	(NA)	(NA)	498	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	132 173	(NA)	(NA)	15 369	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
.....farms.....	68	(NA)	(NA)	45	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	2 550	(NA)	(NA)	1 561	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks, 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships, see text

Table 5. **Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)
Individual or family.....farms.....	2 358	1 902	1 784	1 526	1 972	—
.....acres.....	627 937	95 018	605 925	278 770	363 269	—
Partnership.....farms.....	234	176	109	76	169	—
.....acres.....	221 258	28 395	187 912	5 011	319 139	—
Corporations.....farms.....	280	168	187	(NA)	130	—
.....acres.....	969 455	67 696	1 175 040	(NA)	1 219 145	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	9	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	186	132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	323 851	50 630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	29	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	56	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	332 700	3 291	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....farms.....	26	14	12	(NA)	13	—
.....acres.....	121 801	117 887	121 333	(NA)	119 222	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.