

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	1 493	889	735	1 156	717	560
Proportion of farms	34.6	29.4	18.8	39.9	34.3	24.5
Irrigated land	159 323	141 742	145 564	158 420	141 134	144 900
Average per farm	107	159	1 980	137	197	2 587
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	1 263	715	587	941	553	420
10 to 49 acres	2 977	(NA)	(NA)	2 445	1 619	1 390
50 to 99 acres	182	138	115	170	130	109
100 to 199 acres	3 538	(NA)	(NA)	3 335	2 354	1 828
200 to 499 acres	19	9	1	16	8	1
500 to 999 acres	1 153	(NA)	(NA)	985	506	50
1,000 acres or more	4	4	8	4	3	6
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	495	(NA)	(NA)	495	355	(D)
Postureland	6	5	1	6	5	1
Other land	1 888	(NA)	(NA)	1 888	(D)	(D)
Land in irrigated farms	3	1	2	3	1	2
Cropland	1 762	(NA)	(NA)	1 762	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	16	17	21	16	17	21
Land in irrigated farms	147 510	(NA)	(NA)	147 510	134 552	139 151
Harvested cropland	1 465	(NA)	(NA)	1 140	701	550
Postureland	77 396	(NA)	(NA)	76 668	67 143	69 967
Other land	38	(NA)	(NA)	26	(NA)	(NA)
Land in irrigated farms	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	2 671	2 890
Harvested cropland	79	(NA)	(NA)	65	45	28
Land in irrigated farms	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	71 320	72 043
Land in irrigated farms	600 255	648 948	708 619	596 945	646 174	706 124
Cropland	225 784	(NA)	(NA)	224 063	217 560	246 563
Harvested cropland	118 276	105 210	129 921	117 458	104 801	129 283

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

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	4 310	1 493	1 312	2 817
Land in farms	1 988 282	600 255	273 874	1 388 027
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	413 948	387 093	280 465	428 181
Average per acre	897	963	1 344	869
Irrigated land	159 323	159 323	92 618	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	3 565	1 480	1 312	2 085
Harvested cropland	333 262	225 784	99 008	107 478
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	3 299	1 471	1 312	1 828
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	158 639	118 276	50 497	40 363
Inventory of livestock:	841	143	101	698
Cattle and calves	1 170 286	144 589	65 246	1 025 697
Milk cows	839	127	87	712
Hogs and pigs	218 901	20 085	8 264	198 816
Sheep and lambs	76	17	10	59
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	12 956	3 656	1 701	9 300
Average per farm	399	54	44	345
Market value of agricultural products sold	50 071	2 084	1 904	47 987
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	13	1	1	12
Livestock and livestock products	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products	4 203	1 484	1 304	2 719
Average per farm	172 521	134 473	81 851	38 048
Market value of agricultural products sold	41 047	90 615	62 769	13 993
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	419 251	264 207	130 569	155 043
Livestock and livestock products	97 274	176 964	99 519	55 038
Poultry and poultry products	3 197	1 443	1 289	1 754
Selected farm production expenses: ¹	331 020	253 205	124 710	77 815
Feed for livestock and poultry	1 104	134	88	970
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	71 043	10 744	5 601	60 299
Commercial fertilizer	105	19	16	86
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	17 187	259	257	16 929
Energy and petroleum products	927	126	90	801
Hired farm labor	34 227	3 975	2 129	30 252
Contract labor	1 212	740	665	472
Feed for livestock and poultry	2 033	1 516	1 306	517
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	3 172	1 395	1 232	1 777
Commercial fertilizer	26 530	18 703	7 301	7 828
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	3 277	1 387	1 225	1 890
Energy and petroleum products	13 700	11 011	4 546	2 689
Hired farm labor	4 165	1 462	1 282	2 703
Contract labor	19 816	15 747	9 712	4 069
Feed for livestock and poultry	1 202	524	426	678
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	131 217	105 701	54 123	25 516
Commercial fertilizer	521	106	81	415
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	2 396	705	403	1 691

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