

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	26 478	23 680	25 475	29 661	33 670	38 740	40 284	41 498
Land in farms..... acres.....	14 869 911	14 274 258	14 416 521	15 301 513	15 232 401	14 364 471	13 224 192	12 503 332
Average size of farm..... acres.....	562	603	566	516	452	371	328	301
Approximate land area..... acres.....	52 912 640	52 912 576	52 912 576	52 933 120	52 933 120	52 972 160	52 972 160	52 997 120
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	28.1	27.0	27.2	28.9	28.8	27.1	25.0	23.6
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	329 026	204 091	99 916	68 178	50 528	33 466	22 920	11 888
Average per acre..... dollars.....	585	339	177	132	112	90	70	39
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	310	678	1 623	2 367	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	959	1 218	2 861	4 505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	2 195	2 882	5 629	7 521	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	3 188	4 209	5 499	6 578	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	2 845	2 846	3 046	3 332	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	3 157	3 260	2 718	2 324	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	2 628	2 141	1 382	1 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	6 810	4 549	2 126	1 514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 387	1 897	591	260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	24 540	22 312	23 734	27 660	31 318	35 941	37 999	39 301
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	6 631 994	6 247 705	6 172 473	5 877 633	5 784 005	5 475 520	5 229 755	4 589 598
Other cropland..... farms.....	22 091	20 854	21 640	25 636	29 251	33 697	36 150	37 301
..... acres.....	4 877 569	4 531 164	3 954 957	3 934 659	3 832 164	3 727 616	3 647 885	3 441 661
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	7 799	6 895	7 015	8 663	10 339	13 793	16 423	17 662
1 to 9 acres.....	1 879	1 209	1 400	2 021	2 317	3 428	4 237	4 744
10 to 19 acres.....	1 854	1 596	1 657	1 901	2 240	2 681	3 057	3 227
20 to 29 acres.....	1 560	1 544	1 502	1 726	2 097	2 750	3 236	3 525
30 to 49 acres.....	2 506	2 546	2 456	3 015	3 685	4 934	5 893	6 166
50 to 99 acres.....	3 706	4 021	4 562	5 938	7 839	9 663	10 026	10 171
100 to 199 acres.....	4 067	4 132	4 506	5 631	6 153	5 817	5 583	5 626
200 to 499 acres.....	4 066	3 585	3 789	3 880	3 669	3 350	3 096	2 996
500 to 999 acres.....	1 551	1 413	1 278	1 161	1 002	847	807	688
1,000 acres or more.....	902	808	490	363	249	227	215	158
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	698	614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	204	194	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	12 108	12 154	14 590	14 875	16 458	19 063	17 138	15 320
..... acres.....	765 918	873 607	967 431	695 870	666 311	545 073	484 625	322 286
Other cropland..... farms.....	7 445	4 990	10 606	11 525	8 977	10 344	11 000	(NA)
..... acres.....	988 507	842 934	1 250 085	1 247 104	1 285 530	1 202 831	1 097 245	825 651
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 611	(NA)	(NA)	4 042	1 703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	81 427	(NA)	(NA)	189 734	190 196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	952	(NA)	(NA)	1 236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 512
..... acres.....	58 720	(NA)	(NA)	37 144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	25 496
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	3 294	(NA)	(NA)	6 789	6 006	7 082	6 828	(NA)
..... acres.....	662 873	(NA)	(NA)	895 470	917 462	995 837	863 269	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	3 277	(NA)	(NA)	2 910	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 252
..... acres.....	185 487	(NA)	(NA)	124 756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	800 155
Total woodland..... farms.....	3 209	2 809	3 216	4 307	5 125	6 171	7 406	6 038
..... acres.....	891 162	818 549	972 477	1 393 386	1 523 387	1 427 618	1 552 053	1 060 134
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	2 217	(NA)	(NA)	3 334	3 870	4 812	5 992	5 273
..... acres.....	664 903	(NA)	(NA)	1 137 719	1 218 793	1 165 167	1 242 638	946 253
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 439	(NA)	(NA)	1 662	2 088	2 112	2 505	1 190
..... acres.....	226 259	(NA)	(NA)	255 667	304 594	262 451	309 415	113 881
Other land..... farms.....	20 045	18 064	19 822	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	7 346 755	7 208 004	7 271 571	8 030 494	7 925 009	7 461 333	6 442 384	6 853 600
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	7 689	(NA)	(NA)	13 092	14 599	16 171	17 595	22 538
..... acres.....	6 781 377	(NA)	(NA)	7 434 260	7 074 136	6 712 298	5 625 500	6 229 520
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	17 273	(NA)	(NA)	26 942	(NA)	36 151	37 852	39 273
..... acres.....	565 378	(NA)	(NA)	596 234	850 873	749 035	816 884	624 080
Irrigated land..... farms.....	19 650	16 825	17 840	22 251	25 383	28 218	29 413	28 571
..... acres.....	3 508 254	2 859 047	2 760 852	2 801 500	2 576 580	2 324 571	2 137 237	2 026 280

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.....	20 867	19 530	19 505	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	13 127 597	12 762 153	12 671 245	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	629	653	650	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	791	627	593
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	52 923	47 929	30 478
Average per farm..... dollars.....	381 240	230 219	119 011	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	3 145	2 693	5 528
Average per acre..... dollars.....	610	352	183	..... acres.....	658 122	625 686	896 247
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	2 797	1 413	3 559
Total cropland..... farms.....	19 679	18 727	18 706	..... acres.....	165 396	101 469	163 252
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	18 538	18 049	17 928	Total woodland..... farms.....	2 350	2 059	2 221
..... acres.....	4 806 259	4 457 445	3 853 298	..... acres.....	692 142	641 085	726 622
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 655	1 455	1 657
1 to 49 acres.....	4 480	4 295	3 750	..... acres.....	522 626	481 966	581 736
50 to 99 acres.....	3 510	3 857	4 189	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	995	923	893
100 to 199 acres.....	4 042	4 109	4 454	..... acres.....	169 516	159 119	144 886
200 to 499 acres.....	4 055	3 573	3 773	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 516	6 637	6 953
500 to 999 acres.....	1 550	1 408	1 273	..... acres.....	5 487 253	5 566 067	5 567 957
1,000 acres or more.....	901	807	489	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	13 538	13 328	13 826
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	697	614	392	..... acres.....	492 346	497 875	451 827
2,000 acres or more.....	204	193	97	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	14 052	14 101	15 051
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	9 297	9 873	11 308	..... acres.....	6 704 940	6 838 877	7 026 962
..... acres.....	695 061	790 844	877 269	Irrigated land..... farms.....	16 057	14 669	14 786
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 420	629	1 865 acres.....	3 432 191	2 800 383	2 670 503
..... acres.....	78 095	33 753	104 295				

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