

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 ----- number...	26 478	23 680	14 869 911	14 274 258	4 877 569	4 531 164	3 508 254	2 859 047
with harvested cropland...	22 091	20 854	12 470 660	12 580 250	4 877 569	4 531 164	3 414 585	2 799 732
with irrigated land...	19 650	16 825	9 332 598	8 827 905	3 520 487	3 001 593	3 508 254	2 859 047
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres ----- number...	2 397	1 286	9 509	4 778	2 216	1 384	5 017	3 330
with harvested cropland...	635	367	3 396	1 969	2 216	1 384	2 404	1 164
with irrigated land...	1 268	524	6 392	2 731	1 988	956	5 017	3 330
10 to 49 acres ----- number...	5 579	4 251	152 482	120 999	76 818	64 690	97 488	74 958
with harvested cropland...	4 217	3 375	119 889	101 249	76 818	64 690	82 562	65 816
with irrigated land...	4 547	3 292	122 934	95 092	66 657	54 408	97 488	74 958
50 to 69 acres ----- number...	998	1 077	58 126	62 800	31 989	35 028	36 385	38 205
with harvested cropland...	887	957	51 715	55 953	31 989	35 028	34 108	36 819
with irrigated land...	830	863	48 418	50 436	28 667	30 926	36 385	38 205
70 to 99 acres ----- number...	2 268	2 378	183 823	192 241	108 286	112 696	115 899	116 775
with harvested cropland...	2 091	2 227	169 293	180 121	108 286	112 696	111 338	114 270
with irrigated land...	1 899	1 944	153 904	157 036	98 662	99 317	115 899	116 775
100 to 139 acres ----- number...	1 830	1 913	213 072	223 042	119 673	127 203	126 285	126 894
with harvested cropland...	1 649	1 772	192 056	206 856	119 673	127 203	120 872	124 425
with irrigated land...	1 505	1 531	175 125	178 580	107 043	113 633	126 285	126 894
140 to 179 acres ----- number...	1 921	2 075	302 831	326 303	173 232	190 847	174 481	182 262
with harvested cropland...	1 759	1 956	277 385	307 524	173 232	190 847	170 744	179 197
with irrigated land...	1 513	1 613	238 671	252 812	154 552	164 254	174 481	182 262
180 to 219 acres ----- number...	1 210	1 152	239 779	226 933	140 950	129 381	141 528	120 792
with harvested cropland...	1 148	1 104	227 462	217 536	140 950	129 381	139 679	118 485
with irrigated land...	969	899	191 960	176 843	126 553	110 618	141 528	120 792
220 to 259 acres ----- number...	1 049	1 023	249 147	242 907	154 221	136 170	152 164	128 174
with harvested cropland...	1 015	967	240 811	229 621	154 221	136 170	150 680	125 013
with irrigated land...	871	800	206 441	189 785	138 471	116 625	152 164	128 174
260 to 499 acres ----- number...	3 470	3 111	1 235 606	1 114 084	683 298	591 719	610 185	482 145
with harvested cropland...	3 305	2 979	1 175 694	1 066 990	683 298	591 719	600 351	477 385
with irrigated land...	2 595	2 223	922 077	788 881	567 590	468 545	610 185	482 145
500 to 999 acres ----- number...	2 666	2 516	1 857 042	1 770 535	910 334	846 391	626 054	493 161
with harvested cropland...	2 507	2 419	1 746 865	1 701 838	910 334	846 391	615 438	485 951
with irrigated land...	1 702	1 502	1 174 650	1 049 060	622 295	519 754	626 054	493 161
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- number...	1 766	1 652	2 433 684	2 275 978	1 077 773	973 129	640 303	425 340
with harvested cropland...	1 681	1 594	2 314 529	2 195 317	1 077 773	973 129	627 414	419 120
with irrigated land...	1 096	895	1 496 762	1 220 838	681 342	506 769	640 303	425 340
2,000 acres or more ----- number...	1 324	1 246	7 934 810	7 713 658	1 398 779	1 322 526	782 465	667 011
with harvested cropland...	1 197	1 137	5 951 565	6 315 276	1 398 779	1 322 526	758 995	652 087
with irrigated land...	855	739	4 595 264	4 665 811	926 667	815 788	782 465	667 011
5,000 acres or more ----- number...	380	(NA)	5 156 061	(NA)	472 903	(NA)	285 502	(NA)
with harvested cropland...	312	(NA)	3 349 009	(NA)	472 903	(NA)	270 987	(NA)
with irrigated land...	249	(NA)	2 789 803	(NA)	322 770	(NA)	285 502	(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 ----- farms...	26 478	23 680	25 475	374	281	19
acres...	14 869 911	14 274 258	14 416 521	503 933	74 090	3 975
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	22 091	20 854	21 640	335	263	15
acres...	4 877 569	4 531 164	3 954 957	68 116	46 515	1 230
Full owners ----- farms...	15 742	14 609	15 396	141	140	11
acres...	4 931 196	4 856 727	4 589 333	55 704	23 814	1 688
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	12 219	12 350	12 238	120	122	9
acres...	1 671 591	1 709 593	1 350 976	16 138	11 905	413
Part owners ----- farms...	7 659	6 755	7 264	163	103	6
acres...	8 561 934	8 197 697	8 311 373	426 371	36 051	2 193
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	7 140	6 427	6 924	150	103	6
acres...	2 616 432	2 381 048	2 135 387	37 305	24 738	817
Tenants ----- farms...	3 077	2 316	2 815	70	38	2
acres...	1 376 781	1 219 834	1 515 815	21 858	14 225	94
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	2 732	2 077	2 478	65	38	-
acres...	589 546	440 523	468 594	14 673	9 872	-
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	11.6	9.8	11.0	18.7	13.5	10.5
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family ----- farms...	22 665	(NA)	(NA)	294	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	8 511 283	(NA)	(NA)	68 070	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership ----- farms...	2 456	(NA)	(NA)	47	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	2 181 539	(NA)	(NA)	16 851	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations ----- farms...	1 141	(NA)	(NA)	23	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	2 717 648	(NA)	(NA)	20 841	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	25	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	74 605	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	1 042	(NA)	(NA)	21	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	2 536 372	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	10	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	20 676	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	64	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	85 995	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	216	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
acres...	1 459 441	(NA)	(NA)	398 171	(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.....	750	472	403	13	6	1
25 to 34 years.....	3 676	2 443	2 489	48	25	2
35 to 44 years.....	5 560	4 215	5 220	53	28	—
45 to 54 years.....	6 315	6 149	7 390	80	115	13
55 to 64 years.....	6 503	6 279	6 849	145	83	2
65 years and over.....	3 674	3 243	3 124	35	24	1
Average age.....	49.3	50.8	50.3	50.8	50.9	47.0
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	20 525	16 112	19 949	280	194	12
Not on farm operated.....	3 829	2 952	3 275	67	43	2
Not reported.....	2 124	4 616	2 251	27	44	5
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	10 922	8 712	(NA)	169	111	(NA)
Any.....	14 400	9 820	13 952	191	101	10
1 to 49 days.....	2 564	1 692	2 995	28	34	4
50 to 99 days.....	988	708	1 353	17	8	—
100 to 149 days.....	1 038	680	2 356	12	1	—
150 to 199 days.....	1 352	1 103	7 248	20	11	—
200 days or more.....	8 458	5 637	(NA)	114	47	6
Not reporting.....	1 156	4 269	(NA)	14	69	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	16 241	15 961	(NA)	247	226	(NA)
Other.....	10 237	6 840	(NA)	127	55	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male..... farms.....	25 660	(NA)	(NA)	318	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	14 568 516	(NA)	(NA)	499 665	(NA)	(NA)
Female..... farms.....	818	(NA)	(NA)	56	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	301 395	(NA)	(NA)	4 268	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
farms.....	184	(NA)	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	151 195	(NA)	(NA)	2 118	(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, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family.....	farms..... 17 415	206	farms..... 17 222	206	farms..... 16 657	8
acres.....	8 208 194	63 293	8 489 372	60 538	8 386 268	3 391
Partnership.....	farms..... 2 248	45	farms..... 1 552	31	farms..... 2 251	1
acres.....	2 160 714	(D)	1 832 006	10 464	2 263 623	370
Corporations.....	farms..... 1 122	23	farms..... 722	(NA)	farms..... 517	—
acres.....	2 708 996	20 841	2 417 046	(NA)	1 966 330	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....	farms..... 24	—	farms..... (NA)	(NA)	farms..... (NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....	farms..... 1 026	21	farms..... (NA)	(NA)	farms..... (NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2 529 256	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....	farms..... 10	—	farms..... (NA)	(NA)	farms..... (NA)	(NA)
acres.....	20 676	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....	farms..... 62	2	farms..... (NA)	(NA)	farms..... (NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	farms..... 82	2	farms..... 34	(NA)	farms..... 80	—
acres.....	49 693	(D)	23 729	(NA)	55 024	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.