

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	109 924	111 049	123 565	132 822	154 644	175 543	195 268	204 239
Land in farms..... acres.....	29 730 739	29 094 794	29 913 190	29 957 501	30 327 261	30 398 517	30 978 495	31 602 186
Average size of farm..... acres.....	270	262	242	226	196	173	159	155
Approximate land area..... acres.....	35 682 560	35 679 936	35 679 936	35 795 200	35 795 200	35 798 400	35 798 400	35 806 080
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	83.3	81.5	83.8	83.7	84.7	84.9	86.5	88.3
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	505 175	221 774	118 507	80 894	61 946	40 083	27 628	17 933
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 858	846	490	357	316	231	174	116
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 081	3 648	8 292	13 626	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 670	6 143	10 987	15 386	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	7 317	12 622	18 991	23 154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	10 564	15 332	20 862	25 469	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	7 897	10 977	14 924	18 054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	9 787	12 792	17 242	17 125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	7 430	9 992	11 296	9 107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	26 093	27 012	18 319	10 113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	36 081	12 531	2 652	788	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	103 822	106 639	117 871	127 091	145 950	163 606	182 542	190 971
..... acres.....	25 360 592	24 399 558	24 829 095	23 867 792	23 960 388	23 745 210	23 943 425	23 583 058
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	99 850	102 729	111 954	123 174	141 225	158 099	174 736	183 056
..... acres.....	22 822 821	21 517 665	19 351 709	20 058 321	20 967 738	20 549 929	20 364 489	20 301 602
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	24 202	23 272	26 247	25 426	28 516	35 100	47 156	51 627
1 to 9 acres.....	6 101	4 589	5 243	6 102	6 818	9 377	14 506	14 966
10 to 19 acres.....	6 072	5 664	6 434	5 807	6 577	7 470	10 028	10 947
20 to 29 acres.....	4 434	4 747	5 342	4 840	5 292	6 242	8 209	9 194
30 to 49 acres.....	7 595	8 272	9 228	8 677	9 829	12 011	14 413	16 520
50 to 99 acres.....	14 291	16 463	19 595	21 506	26 647	34 563	39 986	44 458
100 to 199 acres.....	20 561	23 316	29 112	38 860	49 481	58 139	60 342	61 397
200 to 499 acres.....	29 248	30 418	31 960	33 909	34 236	28 827	26 006	24 520
500 to 999 acres.....	9 736	8 109	4 636	3 245	2 199	1 364	1 155	972
1,000 acres or more.....	1 812	1 151	404	228	146	106	91	82
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 624	1 048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	188	103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	35 131	41 427	55 164	57 505	74 333	89 405	101 403	80 096
..... acres.....	1 516 614	1 855 810	2 178 906	1 669 106	2 076 075	2 492 841	2 591 475	2 150 490
Other cropland..... farms.....	31 901	24 618	63 582	58 213	30 621	28 497	37 402	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 021 157	1 026 083	3 298 480	2 140 365	916 575	702 440	987 461	1 130 966
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	12 859	(NA)	(NA)	47 232	16 092	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	349 549	(NA)	(NA)	1 661 031	494 216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 497	(NA)	(NA)	4 218	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11 107
..... acres.....	87 445	(NA)	(NA)	88 793	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	266 025
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	1 942	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	71 416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	17 718	(NA)	(NA)	14 930	(NA)	17 951	(NA)	32 673
..... acres.....	512 747	(NA)	(NA)	390 541	(NA)	402 079	(NA)	864 941
Total woodland..... farms.....	36 973	36 234	44 570	53 275	59 028	66 228	74 112	62 494
..... acres.....	2 015 291	1 969 796	2 296 456	2 695 701	2 743 344	2 916 255	3 050 247	2 473 900
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	18 525	(NA)	(NA)	33 023	37 115	46 402	52 089	41 044
..... acres.....	867 383	(NA)	(NA)	1 501 171	1 552 664	1 949 747	2 040 841	1 687 345
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	24 670	(NA)	(NA)	30 324	32 331	30 183	34 372	29 177
..... acres.....	1 147 908	(NA)	(NA)	1 194 530	1 190 680	966 508	1 009 406	786 555
Other land..... farms.....	81 137	83 562	97 276	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 354 856	2 725 440	2 787 639	3 394 008	3 623 529	3 737 052	3 984 823	5 545 228
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	17 818	(NA)	(NA)	46 474	56 776	64 301	73 145	111 872
..... acres.....	964 968	(NA)	(NA)	1 746 072	1 885 905	2 082 748	2 265 250	3 902 859
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	77 920	(NA)	(NA)	124 962	(NA)	167 703	185 585	197 971
..... acres.....	1 389 888	(NA)	(NA)	1 647 936	1 737 624	1 654 304	1 719 573	1 642 369
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 240	650	822	327	332	266	139	47
..... acres.....	130 131	53 777	50 906	14 375	10 127	6 789	1 510	368

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.....	96 516	97 703	100 486	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	29 225 438	28 313 444	28 462 634		Total cropland—Con.		
Average size of farm..... acres.....	303	290	283	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 874	8 477	5 819
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	79 095	368 764	260 727
Average per farm..... dollars.....	563 719	245 922	138 821	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	1 826	1 328	3 337
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 854	849	490	..... acres.....	69 119	60 293	203 091
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	16 378	9 481	22 577
Total cropland..... farms.....	92 876	95 132	98 245	..... acres.....	490 231	346 820	1 013 040
..... acres.....	25 094 871	23 964 763	23 948 462	Total woodland..... farms.....	32 307	31 144	35 807
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	90 780	93 732	96 433	..... acres.....	1 888 894	1 798 623	2 032 967
..... acres.....	22 690 864	21 368 709	18 998 828	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	16 264	16 851	21 461
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	820 441	838 311	1 054 136
1 to 49 acres.....	15 297	14 485	11 960	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	21 684	19 928	21 332
50 to 99 acres.....	14 156	16 272	18 441	..... acres.....	1 068 453	960 312	978 831
100 to 199 acres.....	20 549	23 313	29 049	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	15 954	19 678	22 107
200 to 499 acres.....	29 237	30 408	31 952	..... acres.....	925 684	1 168 289	1 117 040
500 to 999 acres.....	9 731	8 106	4 631	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	68 128	70 532	76 446
1,000 acres or more.....	1 810	1 148	400	..... acres.....	1 315 989	1 381 769	1 364 165
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 623	1 046	359	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	47 107	53 290	64 684
2,000 acres or more.....	187	102	41	..... acres.....	3 174 694	3 639 743	4 117 348
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	30 632	35 611	46 465	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 052	608	681
..... acres.....	1 428 569	1 633 143	1 946 172	..... acres.....	129 335	53 459	47 558
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	12 017	6 966	32 972				
..... acres.....	336 993	187 034	1 526 604				

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