

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.....	109 924	111 049	29 730 739	29 094 794	22 822 821	21 517 665	130 131	53 777
with harvested cropland.....	99 850	102 729	29 364 830	28 585 739	22 822 821	21 517 665	129 936	53 580
with irrigated land.....	1 240	650	500 442	236 509	397 753	175 857	130 131	53 777
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	6 977	4 181	24 707	13 454	8 113	4 860	328	359
with harvested cropland.....	2 450	1 407	12 945	6 814	8 113	4 860	328	174
with irrigated land.....	172	123	669	450	424	195	328	359
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	15 815	13 420	435 902	391 469	225 820	204 795	1 689	441
with harvested cropland.....	12 355	10 755	352 099	321 896	225 820	204 795	1 573	429
with irrigated land.....	270	83	5 000	1 824	2 712	766	1 659	441
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	4 869	4 910	283 499	286 976	157 057	151 478	684	372
with harvested cropland.....	4 247	4 269	246 780	250 164	157 057	151 478	673	372
with irrigated land.....	34	17	1 959	998	1 027	684	684	372
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	9 236	10 145	758 729	830 269	485 108	510 584	1 053	702
with harvested cropland.....	8 695	9 454	714 469	773 595	485 108	510 584	1 052	702
with irrigated land.....	47	37	3 879	2 966	2 188	1 853	1 053	702
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	8 661	10 117	1 014 237	1 182 390	662 958	735 654	1 611	1 159
with harvested cropland.....	8 288	9 597	971 436	1 122 198	662 958	735 654	1 514	1 159
with irrigated land.....	38	31	4 522	3 649	3 080	2 350	1 611	1 159
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	9 538	11 327	1 506 476	1 787 673	1 076 520	1 238 959	3 298	2 121
with harvested cropland.....	9 340	10 979	1 475 313	1 733 486	1 076 520	1 238 959	3 298	2 121
with irrigated land.....	65	36	10 450	5 675	7 386	4 122	3 298	2 121
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	6 859	7 911	1 354 939	1 563 542	977 526	1 087 666	3 886	761
with harvested cropland.....	6 739	7 718	1 331 534	1 525 565	977 526	1 087 666	3 886	761
with irrigated land.....	48	18	9 511	3 470	7 365	2 523	3 886	761
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	6 707	7 717	1 595 659	1 833 118	1 205 060	1 352 899	3 309	1 452
with harvested cropland.....	6 639	7 580	1 579 468	1 800 638	1 205 060	1 352 899	3 309	1 452
with irrigated land.....	41	26	9 719	6 224	7 550	4 647	3 309	1 452
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	24 003	26 128	8 702 829	9 394 832	6 862 503	7 190 020	19 123	8 755
with harvested cropland.....	23 879	25 852	8 661 185	9 300 361	6 862 503	7 190 020	19 123	8 755
with irrigated land.....	169	108	61 234	38 788	49 433	30 344	19 123	8 755
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	14 020	12 842	9 363 505	8 448 215	7 516 328	6 565 829	44 198	20 216
with harvested cropland.....	13 987	12 775	9 340 788	8 402 947	7 516 328	6 565 829	44 198	20 216
with irrigated land.....	234	120	163 259	80 604	133 946	60 025	44 198	20 216
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	2 895	2 122	3 687 235	2 683 073	2 905 751	2 000 391	28 653	8 854
with harvested cropland.....	2 889	2 118	3 679 791	2 678 415	2 905 751	2 000 391	28 653	8 854
with irrigated land.....	92	36	121 991	47 386	96 831	35 346	28 653	8 854
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	344	229	1 003 022	679 783	740 077	474 530	22 329	8 585
with harvested cropland.....	342	225	999 022	669 660	740 077	474 530	22 329	8 585
with irrigated land.....	30	15	108 249	44 475	85 811	33 003	22 329	8 585
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	23	(NA)	168 793	(NA)	104 167	(NA)	6 509	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	23	(NA)	168 793	(NA)	104 167	(NA)	6 509	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	6	(NA)	43 309	(NA)	32 184	(NA)	6 509	(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.....	109 924	111 049	123 565	326	338	165
acres.....	29 730 739	29 094 794	29 913 190	54 622	60 681	21 444
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	99 850	102 729	111 954	280	301	132
acres.....	22 822 821	21 517 665	19 351 709	39 028	40 524	12 957
Full owners..... farms.....	48 064	52 502	56 164	175	171	92
acres.....	6 406 314	7 567 179	8 119 596	17 691	18 087	6 345
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	39 607	45 418	46 180	137	148	67
acres.....	4 004 952	4 593 140	4 133 123	11 032	9 829	3 138
Part owners..... farms.....	38 247	35 369	36 416	81	110	39
acres.....	16 705 218	14 715 597	13 284 023	22 109	33 130	9 859
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	37 832	34 950	35 927	78	106	38
acres.....	13 263 479	11 377 176	8 992 456	15 863	23 563	6 216
Tenants..... farms.....	23 613	23 178	30 985	70	57	34
acres.....	6 619 207	6 812 018	8 509 571	14 822	9 464	5 240
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	22 411	22 361	29 847	65	47	27
acres.....	5 554 390	5 547 349	6 226 130	12 133	7 132	3 603
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	21.5	20.9	25.0	21.5	16.9	20.6
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	94 797	(NA)	(NA)	283	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	23 663 677	(NA)	(NA)	46 904	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... farms.....	13 273	(NA)	(NA)	40	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4 952 545	(NA)	(NA)	7 657	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	1 348	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	967 994	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	38	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	44 575	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 107	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	764 813	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	44	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	68 464	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	159	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	90 142	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	506	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	146 523	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)

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

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years.....	4 808	3 207	3 018	15	10	2
25 to 34 years.....	15 667	12 377	14 498	46	34	12
35 to 44 years.....	21 237	19 161	25 137	73	67	30
45 to 54 years.....	25 806	28 619	34 054	64	69	27
55 to 64 years.....	27 035	28 773	30 744	69	57	53
65 years and over.....	15 371	18 045	16 114	59	101	41
Average age.....	49.0	50.9	49.7	49.0	53.3	54.5
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	80 847	74 357	94 580	206	199	101
Not on farm operated.....	19 416	18 093	18 416	90	69	39
Not reported.....	9 661	18 599	10 569	30	70	25
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	49 525	43 148	(NA)	114	134	(NA)
Any.....	55 095	43 135	64 059	192	151	93
1 to 49 days.....	11 356	7 877	16 361	29	16	15
50 to 99 days.....	3 538	3 205	6 145	15	14	5
100 to 149 days.....	3 222	2 947	9 629	14	12	19
150 to 199 days.....	4 446	3 816	31 924	14	17	54
200 days or more.....	32 533	25 290	(NA)	120	92	(NA)
Not reporting.....	5 304	23 899	(NA)	20	53	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	70 467	79 830	(NA)	163	205	(NA)
Other.....	39 457	30 352	(NA)	163	133	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male..... farms.....	106 638	(NA)	(NA)	302	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	29 303 546	(NA)	(NA)	51 141	(NA)	(NA)
Female..... farms.....	3 286	(NA)	(NA)	24	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	427 193	(NA)	(NA)	3 481	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
farms.....	175	(NA)	(NA)	17	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	46 674	(NA)	(NA)	2 273	(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.....	82 191	220	86 875	234	84 192	83
..... acres.....	23 223 584	44 323	23 857 306	53 073	22 755 711	16 039
Partnership..... farms.....	12 603	31	9 996	11	14 953	9
..... acres.....	4 921 062	7 336	3 938 646	3 332	5 137 507	1 834
Corporations..... farms.....	1 314	2	540	(NA)	598	—
..... acres.....	964 693	(D)	420 300	(NA)	372 408	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	34	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	43 876	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 079	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	762 233	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	44	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	157	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms.....	408	—	292	(NA)	743	1
..... acres.....	116 099	—	97 192	(NA)	197 008	560

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.