

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	88 427	87 915	101 479	108 082	128 160	153 593	166 627	175 970
Land in farms..... acres.....	17 037 075	16 785 208	17 572 865	17 933 226	18 613 046	19 232 774	19 658 677	20 027 015
Average size of farm..... acres.....	193	191	173	166	145	125	118	114
Approximate land area..... acres.....	23 103 360	23 102 400	23 102 400	23 158 400	23 158 400	23 171 200	23 171 200	23 171 200
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	73.7	72.7	76.1	77.4	80.4	83.0	84.8	86.4
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	307 189	137 385	70 316	51 645	38 489	24 303	16 151	10 197
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 589	720	406	310	265	194	137	90
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 261	3 198	9 497	14 753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 363	6 389	15 397	21 407	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	8 458	15 495	26 279	27 432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	13 757	18 515	19 441	18 991	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	9 873	10 432	9 651	10 027	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	10 817	10 084	9 046	8 174	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	6 717	6 211	4 858	3 726	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	18 480	13 362	6 634	3 362	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	15 697	4 229	676	210	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	82 523	84 277	96 360	102 137	118 673	138 641	152 158	160 991
..... acres.....	13 675 047	13 198 261	13 551 580	13 317 207	13 660 415	13 828 414	13 828 206	13 540 148
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	77 830	80 195	88 350	95 846	111 380	130 341	142 402	150 116
..... acres.....	11 910 343	11 234 214	9 670 494	10 298 855	11 147 102	11 333 161	11 000 662	10 912 368
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	31 757	31 923	39 173	39 057	43 692	54 160	64 737	70 764
1 to 9 acres.....	7 947	6 387	8 606	9 938	10 280	14 598	18 484	21 407
10 to 19 acres.....	8 335	8 385	9 858	9 322	10 192	11 639	13 978	14 501
20 to 29 acres.....	6 203	6 605	8 213	7 512	8 453	10 099	11 688	12 495
30 to 49 acres.....	9 272	10 546	12 496	12 285	14 767	17 824	20 587	22 361
50 to 99 acres.....	14 154	16 271	18 125	20 671	26 405	33 570	38 034	40 876
100 to 199 acres.....	12 917	14 127	15 975	20 244	26 285	30 660	30 073	30 088
200 to 499 acres.....	13 848	13 763	13 090	14 539	14 063	11 346	9 078	7 972
500 to 999 acres.....	4 254	3 536	1 834	1 238	866	558	432	372
1,000 acres or more.....	900	575	153	97	69	47	48	44
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	822	525	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	78	50	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	32 550	39 857	49 544	52 413	67 676	82 774	91 480	78 328
..... acres.....	1 103 573	1 422 761	1 571 945	1 334 520	1 686 779	1 966 805	2 050 995	1 816 551
Other cropland..... farms.....	24 042	18 495	53 268	50 724	33 487	28 170	38 180	(NA)
..... acres.....	661 131	541 286	2 309 141	1 683 832	826 534	528 448	776 549	811 229
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	9 769	(NA)	(NA)	37 859	15 315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	223 390	(NA)	(NA)	1 179 980	397 178	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 410	(NA)	(NA)	4 451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9 533
..... acres.....	40 856	(NA)	(NA)	65 139	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	131 156
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	2 245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	65 129	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	13 200	(NA)	(NA)	18 902	(NA)	19 913	(NA)	32 190
..... acres.....	331 756	(NA)	(NA)	438 713	(NA)	345 413	(NA)	680 073
Total woodland..... farms.....	46 217	47 506	60 106	68 470	80 206	91 683	99 676	96 833
..... acres.....	1 833 645	1 824 032	2 140 914	2 354 656	2 544 208	2 779 786	2 877 577	2 673 965
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	20 696	(NA)	(NA)	37 948	47 601	62 271	69 625	69 942
..... acres.....	601 909	(NA)	(NA)	1 018 493	1 201 292	1 568 200	1 659 960	1 710 087
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	33 094	(NA)	(NA)	43 536	47 417	44 519	48 201	39 297
..... acres.....	1 231 736	(NA)	(NA)	1 336 163	1 342 916	1 211 586	1 217 617	963 878
Other land..... farms.....	69 030	70 262	83 619	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 528 383	1 762 915	1 880 371	2 261 363	2 408 423	2 624 574	2 952 894	3 812 902
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	15 862	(NA)	(NA)	36 173	42 385	52 084	61 348	90 040
..... acres.....	552 995	(NA)	(NA)	1 101 690	1 135 767	1 314 257	1 467 491	2 475 022
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	66 510	(NA)	(NA)	102 263	(NA)	148 055	159 429	172 527
..... acres.....	975 388	(NA)	(NA)	1 158 965	1 272 656	1 310 317	1 485 403	1 337 880
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 039	633	682	558	480	443	164	123
..... acres.....	75 352	33 385	33 580	16 924	17 237	11 738	5 339	830

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.....	71 622	70 942	67 264	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	16 347 748	15 817 928	15 496 334	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	228	223	230	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 812	3 680	2 127
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	33 891	116 059	46 052
Average per farm..... dollars.....	362 033	160 654	93 474	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	2 062	1 431	4 804
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 587	721	406	..... acres.....	62 945	44 806	198 356
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	11 458	6 790	16 311
Total cropland..... farms.....	68 452	68 994	65 430	..... acres.....	307 414	179 729	677 335
..... acres.....	13 346 078	12 694 594	12 349 162	Total woodland..... farms.....	39 036	38 864	42 484
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	66 260	67 623	63 625	..... acres.....	1 629 536	1 572 567	1 694 775
..... acres.....	11 748 685	11 039 115	9 173 494	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	17 360	19 215	23 620
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	530 891	594 812	715 478
1 to 49 acres.....	20 403	19 575	15 639	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	28 371	26 618	27 483
50 to 99 acres.....	13 986	16 082	16 997	..... acres.....	1 098 645	977 755	979 297
100 to 199 acres.....	12 893	14 113	15 939	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	12 398	14 226	14 975
200 to 499 acres.....	13 833	13 751	13 070	..... acres.....	493 119	609 648	576 398
500 to 999 acres.....	4 248	3 531	1 832	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	53 514	54 754	53 806
1,000 acres or more.....	897	571	148	..... acres.....	879 015	941 119	875 999
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	819	521	134	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	38 774	43 576	47 295
2,000 acres or more.....	78	50	14	..... acres.....	2 010 829	2 380 180	2 558 105
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	26 627	31 165	34 952	Irrigated land..... farms.....	800	535	428
..... acres.....	986 819	1 175 720	1 266 229	..... acres.....	74 500	32 540	28 684
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 598	6 062	22 619				
..... acres.....	206 324	139 165	987 696				

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