

**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	88 427	87 915	17 037 075	16 785 208	11 910 343	11 234 214	75 352	33 385
with harvested cropland	77 830	80 195	16 661 070	16 375 938	11 910 343	11 234 214	75 251	33 197
with irrigated land	1 039	633	320 630	208 894	247 644	147 882	75 352	33 385
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres ----- number	6 877	3 594	27 692	13 937	8 946	5 106	345	204
with harvested cropland	2 593	1 468	13 900	7 507	8 946	5 106	334	204
with irrigated land	228	92	1 217	401	771	239	345	204
10 to 49 acres ----- number	19 232	17 325	536 129	515 203	268 281	258 515	1 406	1 058
with harvested cropland	15 191	14 249	441 841	436 546	268 281	258 515	1 366	1 046
with irrigated land	216	152	4 754	3 713	2 070	1 711	1 406	1 058
50 to 69 acres ----- number	6 673	6 534	390 296	381 422	189 091	196 282	515	228
with harvested cropland	5 919	5 923	346 088	345 868	189 091	196 282	505	228
with irrigated land	36	28	2 091	1 666	1 022	678	515	228
70 to 99 acres ----- number	10 360	12 148	851 263	996 719	473 473	536 502	1 366	489
with harvested cropland	9 710	11 413	798 334	936 652	473 473	536 502	1 366	413
with irrigated land	62	37	5 137	3 048	2 847	1 393	1 366	489
100 to 139 acres ----- number	8 882	10 471	1 036 136	1 222 331	589 083	669 038	1 538	842
with harvested cropland	8 520	9 967	993 911	1 163 882	589 083	669 038	1 498	842
with irrigated land	50	35	5 765	4 011	3 822	2 204	1 538	842
140 to 179 acres ----- number	7 152	7 902	1 128 661	1 243 886	693 652	730 761	2 287	1 391
with harvested cropland	6 935	7 646	1 094 470	1 203 867	693 652	730 761	2 287	1 391
with irrigated land	46	36	7 270	5 464	4 988	2 988	2 287	1 391
180 to 219 acres ----- number	4 754	5 360	939 636	1 060 675	608 220	648 522	1 798	787
with harvested cropland	4 670	5 211	923 108	1 031 433	608 220	648 522	1 798	787
with irrigated land	33	27	6 469	5 381	4 051	2 950	1 798	787
220 to 259 acres ----- number	3 823	4 230	908 164	1 004 082	619 420	647 758	1 767	575
with harvested cropland	3 766	4 161	894 600	987 734	619 420	647 758	1 767	575
with irrigated land	23	23	5 453	5 507	4 018	3 383	1 767	575
260 to 499 acres ----- number	12 506	13 238	4 469 870	4 706 842	3 242 938	3 320 545	14 780	6 074
with harvested cropland	12 382	13 078	4 427 278	4 651 659	3 242 938	3 320 545	14 780	6 074
with irrigated land	133	86	48 186	32 257	36 167	22 202	14 780	6 074
500 to 999 acres ----- number	6 552	5 969	4 391 613	3 963 052	3 395 278	2 985 205	22 643	8 231
with harvested cropland	6 532	5 940	4 378 423	3 944 579	3 395 278	2 985 205	22 643	8 231
with irrigated land	135	71	93 827	48 363	73 695	36 377	22 643	8 231
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- number	1 452	1 019	1 852 233	1 274 659	1 456 201	970 459	15 614	6 706
with harvested cropland	1 450	1 016	1 850 033	1 270 998	1 456 201	970 459	15 614	6 606
with irrigated land	61	33	81 200	42 588	68 093	32 841	15 614	6 706
2,000 acres or more ----- number	164	125	505 382	402 400	365 760	265 521	11 293	6 800
with harvested cropland	162	123	499 084	395 211	365 760	265 521	11 293	6 800
with irrigated land	16	13	59 261	56 495	46 100	40 916	11 293	6 800
5,000 acres or more ----- number	14	(NA)	116 355	(NA)	80 342	(NA)	4 616	(NA)
with harvested cropland	14	(NA)	116 355	(NA)	80 342	(NA)	4 616	(NA)
with irrigated land	4	(NA)	28 374	(NA)	22 552	(NA)	4 616	(NA)

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

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races <sup>1</sup>		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators ----- farms	88 427	87 915	101 479	229	172	113
acres	17 037 075	16 785 208	17 572 865	35 710	25 264	13 787
Harvested cropland ----- farms	77 830	80 195	88 350	198	157	87
acres	11 910 343	11 234 214	9 670 494	22 786	16 928	6 109
Full owners ----- farms	51 273	53 881	64 393	137	114	84
acres	5 296 789	6 013 001	7 041 846	13 531	11 078	8 111
Harvested cropland ----- farms	42 035	46 942	52 254	110	101	61
acres	2 799 115	3 147 292	2 920 241	6 909	5 914	2 644
Part owners ----- farms	26 461	24 568	24 712	68	41	22
acres	9 573 632	8 534 739	7 711 330	20 002	11 438	4 769
Harvested cropland ----- farms	25 936	24 216	24 347	66	41	20
acres	7 358 360	6 374 081	4 880 768	13 930	9 222	3 140
Tenants ----- farms	10 693	9 466	12 374	24	17	7
acres	2 166 654	2 237 468	2 819 689	2 177	2 748	907
Harvested cropland ----- farms	9 859	9 037	11 749	22	15	6
acres	1 752 868	1 712 841	1 869 485	1 947	1 792	325
Percent of tenancy ----- percent	12.1	10.8	12.1	10.5	9.9	6.1
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family ----- farms	76 398	(NA)	(NA)	195	(NA)	(NA)
acres	13 092 057	(NA)	(NA)	28 113	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership ----- farms	9 952	(NA)	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2 827 641	(NA)	(NA)	6 493	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations ----- farms	1 828	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 048 118	(NA)	(NA)	1 104	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms	38	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	43 587	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms	1 592	(NA)	(NA)	5	(NA)	(NA)
acres	932 807	(NA)	(NA)	1 102	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms	23	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	11 240	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms	175	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres	60 484	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms	249	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	69 259	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)

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	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races <sup>1</sup>		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
<b>Operators by age group:<sup>1</sup></b>						
Under 25 years	3 484	2 638	2 459	9	1	3
25 to 34 years	12 720	11 413	12 732	20	24	5
35 to 44 years	18 631	16 617	20 833	55	38	16
45 to 54 years	20 947	21 269	26 835	49	37	36
55 to 64 years	20 074	20 694	23 661	54	43	25
65 years and over	12 571	14 267	14 959	42	29	28
Average age	48.8	50.2	49.8	51.2	51.0	53.6
<b>Operators by place of residence:<sup>1</sup></b>						
On farm operated	67 495	60 888	76 227	168	102	76
Not on farm operated	12 665	12 300	15 471	50	31	14
Not reported	8 267	14 727	9 781	11	39	23
<b>Operators reporting days of work off farm:<sup>1</sup></b>						
None	31 650	26 960	(NA)	79	49	(NA)
Any	52 994	44 590	63 315	132	93	69
1 to 49 days	6 110	4 783	9 886	13	8	7
50 to 99 days	2 261	2 176	4 025	7	4	2
100 to 149 days	2 333	2 012	7 992	7	7	9
150 to 199 days	4 196	4 060	41 412	14	3	—
200 days or more	38 094	31 559	(NA)	91	71	51
Not reporting	3 783	15 348	(NA)	18	30	(NA)
<b>Operators by principal occupation:<sup>1</sup></b>						
Farming	44 042	50 017	(NA)	112	87	(NA)
Other	44 385	36 881	(NA)	117	85	(NA)
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 85 611	(NA)	(NA)	208	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 16 716 181	(NA)	(NA)	33 575	(NA)	(NA)
Female	farms... 2 816	(NA)	(NA)	21	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 320 894	(NA)	(NA)	2 135	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Operators of Spanish origin</b>						
	farms... 193	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 36 228	(NA)	(NA)	775	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup>1969 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, <sup>1</sup> (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, <sup>1</sup> (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, <sup>1</sup> (see text)
Individual or family	farms... 60 620	151	62 354	119	55 832	51
	acres... 12 483 242	26 574	12 911 889	20 781	12 109 204	8 805
Partnership	farms... 9 038	26	7 615	10	10 486	7
	acres... 2 782 698	(D)	2 399 069	1 876	3 057 227	760
Corporations	farms... 1 791	6	859	(NA)	584	2
	acres... 1 045 390	1 104	478 612	(NA)	246 139	958
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 37	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... (D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 1 559	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 930 371	1 102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 23	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... (D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 172	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 60 214	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 173	—	114	(NA)	362	—
	acres... 36 418	—	28 358	(NA)	83 764	—

<sup>1</sup>1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.