

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	1 039	633	682	800	535	428
Proportion of farms	1.2	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.6
Irrigated land	75 352	33 385	33 580	74 500	32 540	28 684
Average per farm	73	53	492	93	61	670
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	515	350	309	295	271	202
10 to 49 acres	1 216	(NA)	(NA)	847	845	580
50 to 99 acres	186	124	235	170	108	116
100 to 199 acres	4 205	(NA)	(NA)	3 889	2 445	2 687
200 to 499 acres	100	61	76	97	59	48
500 to 999 acres	6 596	(NA)	(NA)	6 429	4 038	3 330
1,000 acres or more	122	54	30	122	53	30
Harvested cropland	16 762	(NA)	(NA)	16 762	6 945	4 031
Pastureland	92	35	22	92	35	22
Other land	26 794	(NA)	(NA)	26 794	9 707	6 056
Land in irrigated farms	19	6	5	19	6	5
Cropland	11 174	(NA)	(NA)	11 174	4 465	3 155
Harvested cropland	5	3	5	5	3	5
Land in irrigated farms	8 605	(NA)	(NA)	8 605	4 095	8 845
Harvested cropland	994	(NA)	(NA)	769	527	417
Pastureland	74 008	(NA)	(NA)	73 457	31 972	27 961
Other land	34	(NA)	(NA)	25	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	548	(NA)	(NA)	399	239	125
Other land	27	(NA)	(NA)	19	7	15
Harvested cropland	796	(NA)	(NA)	644	329	598
Land in irrigated farms	320 630	208 894	169 884	311 814	201 790	150 903
Cropland	276 017	(NA)	(NA)	271 101	162 580	119 913
Harvested cropland	247 644	147 882	96 171	244 428	145 368	89 333

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	88 427	1 039	325	87 388
Land in farms	17 037 075	320 630	22 379	16 716 445
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	307 189	555 344	204 268	304 353
Average per acre	1 589	1 770	2 866	1 586
Irrigated land	75 352	75 352	15 300	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	82 523	1 037	325	81 486
Harvested cropland	13 675 047	276 017	17 398	13 399 030
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	77 830	1 029	325	76 801
Inventory of livestock:	11 910 343	247 644	14 741	11 662 699
Cattle and calves	43 101	309	76	42 792
Milk cows	1 656 568	15 360	1 257	1 641 208
Hogs and pigs				
Sheep and lambs				
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹				
Average per farm	88 238	993	310	87 245
Market value of agricultural products sold:	3 168 947	74 806	9 732	3 094 141
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	35 914	75 333	31 392	35 465
Livestock and livestock products	3 381 257	124 013	23 547	3 257 243
Poultry and poultry products	38 238	119 358	72 453	37 273
Selected farm production expenses: ¹	70 295	1 002	317	69 293
Feed for livestock and poultry	1 938 097	90 490	21 796	1 847 607
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	53 289	352	47	52 937
Commercial fertilizer	1 207 368	22 109	922	1 185 259
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	3 843	31	8	3 812
Energy and petroleum products	235 791	11 414	829	224 377
Hired farm labor	51 178	306	45	50 872
Contract labor	392 221	10 478	783	381 743
Commercial fertilizer	66 352	827	213	65 525
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	121 608	5 952	2 514	115 656
Energy and petroleum products	70 056	929	281	69 127
Hired farm labor	354 611	9 847	676	344 764
Contract labor	66 459	933	290	65 526
Commercial fertilizer	116 129	3 795	245	112 334
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	87 889	988	310	86 901
Energy and petroleum products	197 856	8 595	2 350	189 261
Hired farm labor	29 695	526	174	29 169
Contract labor	117 682	17 782	4 638	99 899
Commercial fertilizer	2 658	70	9	2 588
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	6 945	604	55	6 340

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