

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	126 456	126 104	140 354	154 162	174 707	192 933	203 159	208 934
Land in farms..... acres.....	33 580 851	33 044 768	33 569 629	33 758 321	33 830 950	34 044 533	34 264 639	34 453 936
Average size of farm..... acres.....	266	262	239	219	194	177	169	165
Approximate land area..... acres.....	35 804 800	35 802 240	35 802 240	35 860 480	35 860 480	35 868 800	35 868 800	35 830 400
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	93.8	92.3	93.8	94.1	94.3	94.9	95.5	96.2
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	442 829	188 370	93 694	59 553	49 150	35 090	27 105	17 284
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1,550	719	392	272	254	199	161	105
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 091	3 442	7 509	11 933	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 441	4 668	9 898	16 217	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	7 255	11 353	21 126	33 086	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	10 581	16 276	29 920	43 962	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	7 725	14 157	24 162	25 062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	10 554	18 589	23 272	16 293	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	8 999	15 094	12 050	4 788	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	40 642	34 423	11 555	2 671	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	36 163	8 102	862	150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	117 971	120 559	134 143	148 055	166 224	183 269	194 030	199 649
..... acres.....	28 270 378	27 278 052	27 738 852	26 356 116	26 402 004	25 981 414	26 049 319	24 942 196
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	114 531	116 863	128 791	143 701	162 116	180 454	190 553	196 604
..... acres.....	23 799 192	23 085 329	19 286 658	19 951 672	22 873 407	22 444 290	22 547 337	21 562 039
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	19 818	17 885	23 931	22 507	21 441	26 675	31 635	37 106
1 to 9 acres.....	5 164	3 316	4 149	4 829	4 718	6 756	8 873	9 938
10 to 19 acres.....	4 556	3 980	5 281	4 448	4 472	5 554	5 554	5 996
20 to 29 acres.....	3 796	3 500	4 770	4 092	3 992	4 594	5 222	6 149
30 to 49 acres.....	6 302	7 089	9 731	9 138	8 259	10 491	11 986	15 023
50 to 99 acres.....	16 640	19 124	27 262	32 219	34 215	46 018	51 953	59 245
100 to 199 acres.....	32 054	35 116	44 385	59 080	72 839	82 419	82 970	80 155
200 to 499 acres.....	37 906	38 119	30 801	28 734	32 462	24 637	23 426	19 653
500 to 999 acres.....	7 136	5 931	2 239	1 095	1 092	661	521	407
1,000 acres or more.....	977	688	173	66	67	44	48	38
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	882	634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	95	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	53 906	63 626	81 412	80 232	92 727	105 187	109 575	91 744
..... acres.....	3 173 942	3 629 558	4 007 656	2 632 490	2 849 683	3 161 015	3 143 758	2 611 946
Other cropland..... farms.....	44 468	16 778	82 115	92 546	21 386	17 790	16 905	21 179
..... acres.....	1 297 244	563 165	4 444 538	3 771 954	678 914	376 109	358 224	768 211
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	17 640	(NA)	(NA)	83 302	10 087	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	451 020	(NA)	(NA)	3 300 279	416 554	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 664	(NA)	(NA)	4 108	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	26 649
..... acres.....	71 259	(NA)	(NA)	72 493	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	592 989
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	1 556	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	56 648	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	26 891	(NA)	(NA)	13 356	(NA)	8 566	(NA)	8 406
..... acres.....	718 317	(NA)	(NA)	399 182	(NA)	144 662	(NA)	175 222
Total woodland..... farms.....	27 602	27 412	32 419	39 623	42 552	47 084	53 226	38 073
..... acres.....	1 446 839	1 461 696	1 630 369	1 980 028	1 968 185	2 133 633	2 320 501	1 676 495
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	17 868	(NA)	(NA)	30 728	33 202	38 375	42 685	31 129
..... acres.....	964 912	(NA)	(NA)	1 550 549	1 561 133	1 783 898	1 902 371	1 451 738
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	13 992	(NA)	(NA)	15 112	15 736	14 484	17 604	9 709
..... acres.....	481 927	(NA)	(NA)	429 479	407 052	349 735	418 130	224 757
Other land..... farms.....	105 572	106 436	121 943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 863 634	4 305 020	4 200 408	5 422 177	5 460 761	5 929 486	5 894 819	7 835 245
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	25 868	(NA)	(NA)	71 517	81 918	93 985	98 092	134 693
..... acres.....	1 754 943	(NA)	(NA)	3 248 045	3 336 979	3 798 656	3 730 722	5 759 280
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	102 381	(NA)	(NA)	150 222	(NA)	188 543	197 922	206 181
..... acres.....	2 108 691	(NA)	(NA)	2 174 132	2 123 782	2 130 830	2 164 097	2 075 965
Irrigated land..... farms.....	824	348	269	291	313	132	76	54
..... acres.....	100 855	39 417	20 664	21 528	18 181	2 396	1 386	1 197

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.....	117 717	117 075	123 495	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	33 270 732	32 444 223	32 468 205	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	283	277	263	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 461	5 335	6 584
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	66 704	172 066	226 673
Average per farm..... dollars.....	439,338	199 393	102 774	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	1 407	877	3 850
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1,522	720	391	..... acres.....	55 517	44 548	237 018
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	26 366	5 727	38 086
Total cropland..... farms.....	111 544	113 239	120 422	..... acres.....	711 686	169 964	1 925 254
..... acres.....	28 107 822	26 923 771	27 043 657	Total woodland..... farms.....	25 598	25 131	28 078
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	109 009	111 562	118 381	..... acres.....	1 390 652	1 380 092	1 484 179
..... acres.....	23 712 286	22 986 785	19 045 992	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	16 736	17 505	20 788
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	934 200	946 222	1 107 349
1 to 49 acres.....	14 450	12 788	14 475	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	12 928	11 890	11 824
1 to 9 acres.....	16 539	18 959	26 401	..... acres.....	456 452	433 870	376 830
10 to 199 acres.....	32 026	35 100	44 313	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	24 380	30 160	33 117
200 to 499 acres.....	37 889	38 103	30 786	..... acres.....	1 714 336	2 070 098	1 921 248
500 to 999 acres.....	7 133	5 927	2 235	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	95 492	95 651	104 276
1,000 acres or more.....	972	685	171	..... acres.....	2 057 922	2 070 262	2 019 121
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	877	631	158	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	71 835	81 351	95 718
2,000 acres or more.....	95	54	13	..... acres.....	5 764 822	6 418 250	6 799 909
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	51 566	59 409	74 115	Irrigated land..... farms.....	790	333	212
..... acres.....	3 116 286	3 401 938	3 771 312	..... acres.....	100 589	39 239	19 212
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	17 263	5 784	37 780				
..... acres.....	445 343	148 470	1 837 408				

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