

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

		1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms.....	number.....	77 129	79 188	86 057	92 440	104 347	120 167	131 394	141 192
Land in farms.....	acres.....	47 747 446	47 945 722	49 390 369	50 271 117	50 152 870	50 023 538	48 611 366	48 589 418
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	619	605	574	544	481	416	370	344
Approximate land area.....	acres.....	52 348 800	52 345 024	52 345 024	52 510 720	52 510 720	52 549 120	52 549 120	52 552 320
Proportion in farms.....	percent.....	91.2	91.6	94.4	95.7	95.5	95.2	92.5	92.5
Value of land and buildings: ¹									
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	313 288	179 454	91 131	66 397	48 084	33 117	24 344	13 962
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	501	296	159	122	100	80	66	41
Farms by value of land and buildings:									
\$1 to \$9,999.....		853	2 798	6 521	10 762	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....		2 642	4 738	9 253	12 950	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....		6 078	10 194	16 521	19 918	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....		9 933	13 045	17 276	19 509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....		7 360	8 905	11 421	11 480	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....		8 537	10 108	10 959	9 083	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....		7 001	7 420	5 755	4 036	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....		20 723	16 427	7 257	4 172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....		14 002	5 553	1 094	530	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:									
Total cropland.....	farms.....	70 456	74 306	80 455	86 535	97 420	110 350	121 081	132 090
	acres.....	30 019 593	29 984 268	31 767 739	29 421 414	29 623 874	29 577 170	29 439 625	28 436 340
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	66 577	70 573	76 110	84 171	94 918	107 602	117 481	128 949
	acres.....	19 092 053	19 870 535	17 649 231	18 160 353	20 528 357	21 440 232	21 493 734	22 816 924
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres.....		13 014	12 897	14 450	15 102	15 729	18 344	23 246	24 920
1 to 9 acres.....		2 047	1 781	2 097	2 811	2 887	3 983	6 220	7 531
10 to 19 acres.....		3 046	2 811	3 327	3 407	3 577	3 557	4 295	4 128
20 to 29 acres.....		2 700	2 885	3 124	3 020	3 060	3 495	3 943	4 075
30 to 49 acres.....		5 221	5 420	5 902	5 864	6 205	7 309	8 788	9 186
50 to 99 acres.....		9 858	10 835	12 499	13 606	15 036	18 917	22 503	25 667
100 to 199 acres.....		13 317	14 291	17 496	21 245	26 034	31 890	34 770	39 482
200 to 499 acres.....		19 228	21 199	23 467	27 274	30 723	31 429	30 567	32 167
500 to 999 acres.....		8 327	8 607	6 758	5 964	6 152	5 882	5 265	5 697
1,000 acres or more.....		2 833	2 744	1 440	980	1 244	1 140	1 130	1 016
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		2 414	2 370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....		419	374	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ²	farms.....	24 876	31 862	36 588	23 337	25 191	29 252	30 131	23 668
	acres.....	3 149 492	3 894 620	3 924 686	1 345 652	1 446 013	1 359 419	1 521 040	887 002
Other cropland.....	farms.....	44 192	32 627	59 490	66 107	56 227	61 815	63 920	(NA)
	acres.....	7 778 048	6 219 113	10 193 822	9 915 409	7 649 504	6 777 519	6 424 851	4 732 414
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	9 836	(NA)	(NA)	31 207	16 729	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	467 166	(NA)	(NA)	1 774 158	1 037 842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	5 325	(NA)	(NA)	9 532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	24 623
	acres.....	368 550	(NA)	(NA)	658 640	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 345 812
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³	farms.....	27 107	(NA)	(NA)	41 376	35 769	35 015	33 759	(NA)
	acres.....	5 683 840	(NA)	(NA)	6 672 337	5 494 571	4 527 097	3 995 639	(NA)
Cropland idle.....	farms.....	18 264	(NA)	(NA)	16 981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	38 376
	acres.....	1 258 492	(NA)	(NA)	810 274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 386 602
Total woodland.....	farms.....	13 029	13 999	16 393	16 783	18 625	22 827	26 694	19 580
	acres.....	679 793	769 836	776 837	772 881	796 906	980 159	1 160 061	686 857
Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	6 817	(NA)	(NA)	9 474	10 136	13 764	15 227	10 342
	acres.....	355 807	(NA)	(NA)	469 608	464 908	634 506	743 501	449 749
Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	7 862	(NA)	(NA)	9 822	11 186	12 234	15 266	10 906
	acres.....	323 986	(NA)	(NA)	303 273	331 998	345 653	416 560	237 108
Other land.....	farms.....	63 405	64 628	72 663	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	17 048 060	17 191 618	16 845 793	20 076 822	19 732 090	19 466 209	18 011 680	19 466 221
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	38 748	(NA)	(NA)	72 439	81 392	93 237	99 123	116 846
	acres.....	15 568 616	(NA)	(NA)	18 524 169	17 913 340	17 796 255	16 262 982	17 684 354
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	53 014	(NA)	(NA)	83 633	(NA)	112 037	122 171	131 341
	acres.....	1 479 444	(NA)	(NA)	1 552 653	1 818 750	1 669 954	1 748 698	1 781 867
Irrigated land.....	farms.....	7 962	6 710	6 271	5 102	4 592	2 736	1 166	636
	acres.....	2 685 758	2 010 385	1 522 317	1 004 210	762 101	331 551	138 686	96 248

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.....	67 401	69 088	68 394			
Land in farms.....	acres.....	46 835 366	46 985 958	47 295 948	Land in farms according to use—Con.		
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	695	680	692	Total cropland—Con.		
Value of land and buildings: ¹					Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	4 818
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	347 045	199 725	108 166		acres.....	342 481
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	496	294	156	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms.....	26 127
Land in farms according to use:						acres.....	5 623 671
Total cropland.....	farms.....	62 960	66 164	66 036	Cropland idle.....	farms.....	17 074
	acres.....	29 575 018	29 443 921	30 551 061		acres.....	1 229 507
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	60 561	64 600	64 553	Total woodland.....	farms.....	11 533
	acres.....	18 921 455	19 721 348	17 193 458		acres.....	634 631
Farms by acres harvested:					Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	6 057
1 to 49 acres.....		7 860	7 454	6 292		acres.....	334 231
50 to 99 acres.....		9 127	10 331	9 700	Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	6 996
100 to 199 acres.....		13 202	14 284	16 906		acres.....	300 400
200 to 499 acres.....		19 217	21 184	23 462	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	35 604
500 to 999 acres.....		8 324	8 606	6 756		acres.....	15 211 150
1,000 acres or more.....		2 831	2 741	1 437	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	46 132
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		2 413	2 368	1 286		acres.....	1 414 567
2,000 acres or more.....		418	373	151	Pastureland, all types.....	farms.....	50 771
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms.....	21 895	27 285	30 341		acres.....	18 549 345
	acres.....	3 003 964	3 589 699	3 624 771	Irrigated land.....	farms.....	7 745
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	9 200	5 537	15 834		acres.....	2 680 247
	acres.....	453 940	234 334	894 466			6 569
							2 007 801
							1 516 724

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