

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.....	77 129	79 188	47 747 446	47 945 722	19 092 053	19 870 535	2 685 758	2 010 385
with harvested cropland.....	66 577	70 573	45 828 928	46 116 236	19 092 053	19 870 535	2 682 690	2 008 434
with irrigated land.....	7 962	6 710	10 793 177	9 080 333	4 986 424	4 299 780	2 685 758	2 010 385
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	3 913	2 797	9 872	6 121	1 249	1 207	278	192
with harvested cropland.....	456	401	2 239	1 694	1 249	1 207	264	184
with irrigated land.....	115	91	7 487	331	293	196	278	192
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	6 397	5 127	178 207	150 427	74 651	63 883	3 283	2 128
with harvested cropland.....	4 108	3 426	120 002	103 564	74 651	63 883	3 044	2 022
with irrigated land.....	243	160	6 361	4 141	3 760	2 723	3 283	2 128
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	1 934	1 986	111 603	115 276	45 187	48 931	1 154	750
with harvested cropland.....	1 312	1 448	76 241	84 290	45 187	48 931	1 129	735
with irrigated land.....	38	29	2 166	1 623	1 218	1 024	1 154	750
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	5 349	5 657	431 852	458 034	179 295	191 377	5 182	3 576
with harvested cropland.....	4 344	4 640	350 965	376 321	179 295	191 377	4 966	3 434
with irrigated land.....	115	96	9 255	7 818	5 952	5 331	5 182	3 576
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	3 606	3 579	418 974	416 983	182 290	186 495	6 323	3 681
with harvested cropland.....	2 965	3 026	344 934	353 149	182 290	186 495	6 201	3 681
with irrigated land.....	107	82	12 470	9 649	8 092	5 832	6 323	3 681
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	6 787	7 752	1 074 707	1 229 285	472 541	561 556	26 371	18 093
with harvested cropland.....	5 997	6 955	949 974	1 103 529	472 541	561 556	26 131	17 869
with irrigated land.....	303	210	48 187	33 457	32 577	24 589	26 371	18 093
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	2 641	2 841	519 820	560 691	236 878	252 575	9 304	4 997
with harvested cropland.....	2 378	2 579	468 209	508 888	236 878	252 575	9 095	4 997
with irrigated land.....	123	90	24 288	17 779	15 658	11 589	9 304	4 997
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	3 382	3 822	805 356	910 430	370 900	429 493	14 371	10 409
with harvested cropland.....	3 141	3 583	748 006	853 634	370 900	429 493	14 371	10 409
with irrigated land.....	149	124	35 445	29 529	23 283	20 280	14 371	10 409
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	14 529	16 568	5 388 458	6 168 707	2 556 532	3 078 493	197 276	151 323
with harvested cropland.....	13 897	15 940	5 165 375	5 946 493	2 556 532	3 078 493	196 662	150 448
with irrigated land.....	1 160	1 029	444 973	399 944	286 212	267 267	197 276	151 323
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	14 871	16 047	10 667 382	11 451 026	4 972 693	5 549 161	448 659	349 335
with harvested cropland.....	14 525	15 774	10 428 790	11 261 942	4 972 693	5 549 161	447 708	349 004
with irrigated land.....	1 899	1 664	1 414 825	1 234 672	806 847	724 968	448 659	349 335
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	9 501	9 193	13 020 334	12 488 534	5 473 528	5 402 461	807 700	660 732
with harvested cropland.....	9 353	9 069	12 821 409	12 327 032	5 473 528	5 402 461	807 490	660 482
with irrigated land.....	2 126	1 844	3 024 441	2 606 551	1 549 117	1 381 181	807 700	660 732
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	4 219	3 819	15 120 881	13 990 208	4 526 309	4 104 903	1 165 857	805 169
with harvested cropland.....	4 101	3 732	14 352 784	13 195 700	4 526 309	4 104 903	1 165 629	805 169
with irrigated land.....	1 584	1 291	5 770 279	4 734 839	2 253 415	1 854 800	1 165 857	805 169
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	533	(NA)	4 623 729	(NA)	839 551	(NA)	281 077	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	491	(NA)	4 083 033	(NA)	839 551	(NA)	281 077	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	215	(NA)	1 814 782	(NA)	526 559	(NA)	281 077	(NA)

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

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators..... farms.....	77 129	79 188	86 057	457	266	134
acres.....	47 747 446	47 945 722	49 390 369	162 979	108 848	58 564
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	66 577	70 573	76 110	325	222	101
acres.....	19 092 053	19 870 535	17 649 231	70 206	43 192	17 465
Full owners..... farms.....	31 784	34 699	34 370	156	124	70
acres.....	9 223 100	10 568 449	9 467 038	36 564	20 869	11 264
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	24 086	27 898	26 568	107	94	42
acres.....	3 232 581	3 779 760	2 905 503	11 956	5 847	2 210
Part owners..... farms.....	32 354	32 462	35 782	241	96	44
acres.....	31 935 602	31 129 652	31 831 640	103 955	71 068	32 439
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	31 260	31 795	35 036	167	92	42
acres.....	13 019 870	13 262 891	11 581 176	44 987	27 039	8 924
Tenants..... farms.....	12 991	12 027	15 905	60	46	20
acres.....	6 588 744	6 247 621	8 091 691	22 460	16 911	14 861
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	11 231	10 880	14 506	51	36	17
acres.....	2 839 602	2 827 884	3 162 552	13 263	10 306	6 331
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	16.8	15.2	18.4	13.1	17.3	14.9
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	68 140	(NA)	(NA)	405	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	38 208 390	(NA)	(NA)	134 734	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... farms.....	7 290	(NA)	(NA)	44	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6 457 229	(NA)	(NA)	19 360	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	1 478	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2 783 293	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	22	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	36 662	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 294	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2 497 313	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	20	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	11 650	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	142	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	237 668	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	221	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	298 534	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)

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

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	3 479	2 639	2 519	11	4	—
25 to 34 years	10 104	7 952	8 820	111	19	10
35 to 44 years	12 813	12 403	15 691	68	48	21
45 to 54 years	17 450	18 851	21 893	73	68	28
55 to 64 years	18 767	20 250	22 374	78	50	35
65 years and over	14 516	16 260	14 760	116	77	40
Average age	50.5	52.2	51.1	50.2	53.7	56.1
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	51 727	48 243	60 484	311	145	73
Not on farm operated	16 889	16 629	17 644	93	68	40
Not reported	8 513	14 316	7 929	53	53	21
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	34 989	31 086	(NA)	257	71	(NA)
Any	38 480	29 601	43 708	181	127	72
1 to 49 days	7 972	5 853	11 810	33	7	16
50 to 99 days	2 492	2 106	4 128	7	2	4
100 to 149 days	2 584	2 026	6 623	13	11	15
150 to 199 days	3 394	2 646	21 147	20	18	37
200 days or more	22 038	16 970	(NA)	108	89	(NA)
Not reporting	3 660	17 668	(NA)	19	68	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	50 140	57 633	(NA)	305	143	(NA)
Other	26 989	20 722	(NA)	152	123	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms. 74 326	(NA)	(NA)	436	(NA)	(NA)
	acres. 46 662 367	(NA)	(NA)	153 302	(NA)	(NA)
Female	farms. 2 803	(NA)	(NA)	21	(NA)	(NA)
	acres. 1 085 079	(NA)	(NA)	9 677	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin	farms. 118	(NA)	(NA)	15	(NA)	(NA)
	acres. 83 634	(NA)	(NA)	7 817	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 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, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	farms.	59 136	345	63 328	197	59 955	72
	acres.	37 540 044	130 930	39 907 085	92 880	39 118 612	41 838
Partnership	farms.	6 663	40	4 960	14	7 814	12
	acres.	6 391 707	19 050	5 393 837	11 678	7 323 955	11 873
Corporations	farms.	1 458	6	678	(NA)	328	—
	acres.	2 780 522	(D)	1 493 676	(NA)	611 233	—
Family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms.	22	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.	36 662	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms.	1 277	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.	2 495 782	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms.	19	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms.	140	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms.	144	1	122	(NA)	297	—
	acres.	123 093	(D)	191 360	(NA)	242 148	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.