

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	7 962	6 710	6 271	7 745	6 569	6 065
Proportion of farms	10.3	8.5	7.2	11.5	9.5	8.8
Irrigated land	2 685 758	2 010 385	1 522 317	2 680 247	2 007 801	1 516 724
Average per farm	337	300	2 427	346	306	2 500
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	371	293	192	265	218	110
10 to 49 acres	1 292	(NA)	(NA)	997	892	512
50 to 99 acres	1 044	1 155	1 073	963	1 095	983
100 to 199 acres	29 641	(NA)	(NA)	27 904	31 813	30 100
200 to 499 acres	1 143	1 033	1 183	1 123	1 031	1 152
500 to 999 acres	80 674	(NA)	(NA)	79 314	73 540	82 411
1,000 acres or more	1 768	1 362	1 491	1 762	1 361	1 490
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	7 828	(NA)	(NA)	7 637	6 519	6 021
Pastureland	2 546 895	(NA)	(NA)	2 543 154	1 948 650	1 430 356
Other land	326	(NA)	(NA)	298	(NA)	(NA)
Land in irrigated farms	37 859	(NA)	(NA)	37 158	19 430	39 174
Harvested cropland	909	(NA)	(NA)	889	307	393
Land in irrigated farms	101 004	(NA)	(NA)	99 935	39 721	47 194
Land in irrigated farms	10 793 177	9 080 333	8 117 141	10 766 139	9 061 398	8 086 507
Cropland	7 563 815	(NA)	(NA)	7 549 135	6 238 630	5 695 484
Harvested cropland	4 986 424	4 299 780	3 207 244	4 978 722	4 293 676	3 197 503

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

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	77 129	7 962	1 837	69 167
Land in farms	47 747 446	10 793 177	1 643 895	36 954 269
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	313 288	719 819	577 757	266 274
Average per acre	501	523	624	494
Irrigated land	2 685 758	2 685 758	939 498	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	70 456	7 951	1 837	62 505
Harvested cropland	30 019 593	7 563 815	1 212 418	22 455 778
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	66 577	7 918	1 837	58 659
Inventory of livestock:	19 092 053	4 986 424	886 889	14 105 629
Cattle and calves	55 782	5 300	767	50 482
Milk cows	18 718 108	3 351 476	427 086	15 366 632
Hogs and pigs	49 485	4 555	710	44 930
Sheep and lambs	5 950 800	1 362 710	284 767	4 588 090
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	5 859	505	67	5 354
Average per farm	120 943	15 718	785	105 225
Market value of agricultural products sold	14 026	1 187	181	12 839
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	2 040 714	284 595	36 415	1 756 119
Livestock and livestock products	1 930	181	32	1 749
Poultry and poultry products	224 662	63 317	13 785	161 345
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	76 920	7 995	1 867	68 925
Average per farm	3 175 075	806 950	171 761	2 368 125
Market value of agricultural products sold	41 278	100 932	91 998	34 358
Average per farm	5 012 183	1 455 644	416 617	3 556 540
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	64 984	182 824	226 792	51 420
Livestock and livestock products	60 283	7 720	1 719	52 563
Poultry and poultry products	1 450 209	562 326	155 799	887 883
Selected farm production expenses: ¹	55 730	5 046	831	50 684
Feed for livestock and poultry	3 535 585	892 339	260 800	2 643 246
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	3 113	212	46	2 901
Commercial fertilizer	26 389	979	19	25 411
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	51 728	4 645	786	47 083
Energy and petroleum products	805 448	189 411	67 482	616 037
Hired farm labor	50 725	7 451	1 607	43 274
Contract labor	73 417	27 849	7 684	45 568
Feed for livestock and poultry	54 979	7 304	1 588	47 675
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	253 327	81 851	20 440	171 475
Commercial fertilizer	43 661	6 734	1 510	36 927
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	68 962	27 294	7 729	41 668
Energy and petroleum products	76 748	7 995	1 867	68 753
Hired farm labor	249 392	87 868	22 490	161 524
Contract labor	28 927	4 880	977	24 047
Feed for livestock and poultry	131 607	53 357	15 914	78 250
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	4 253	853	295	3 400
Commercial fertilizer	7 932	2 841	1 010	5 090

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