

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	109 980	102 053	125 069	133 038	150 986	193 487	218 476	238 501
Land in farms..... acres.....	15 040 398	14 431 713	15 968 243	16 265 180	17 030 675	18 034 380	19 441 774	19 724 834
Average size of farm..... acres.....	137	141	128	122	113	93	89	83
Approximate land area..... acres.....	25 379 200	25 376 768	25 376 768	25 509 120	25 512 320	25 512 960	25 512 960	25 699 760
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	59.3	56.9	62.9	63.8	66.8	70.7	76.2	76.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	118 905	60 344	32 309	22 235	15 269	8 900	7 196	4 259
Average per acre..... dollars.....	861	427	253	181	135	95	81	52
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	5 997	14 111	36 077	57 933	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	11 520	19 821	33 503	32 143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	22 424	27 135	29 931	25 595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	23 730	18 671	14 069	10 447	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	13 382	7 874	4 927	2 999	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	11 472	5 931	3 125	1 998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	6 149	2 877	1 388	812	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	11 231	4 460	1 643	897	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 081	1 173	406	214	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	106 712	99 168	119 145	130 723	146 709	188 596	212 356	232 994
..... acres.....	9 565 034	8 803 159	9 443 454	9 364 094	9 927 197	10 455 193	11 600 928	10 399 886
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	100 986	92 468	106 561	123 100	136 803	175 113	198 061	224 567
..... acres.....	4 607 184	3 700 920	3 128 222	3 473 047	4 012 962	4 541 381	5 053 682	5 322 477
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	79 776	74 669	90 819	105 341	115 447	151 610	173 025	198 579
1 to 9 acres.....	40 043	34 950	50 795	53 213	51 683	71 227	72 695	88 368
10 to 19 acres.....	15 528	16 499	17 480	23 260	27 889	36 725	45 239	50 124
20 to 29 acres.....	11 458	11 374	11 205	13 894	17 367	21 653	27 877	30 330
30 to 49 acres.....	12 747	11 846	11 339	14 974	18 508	22 005	27 214	29 757
50 to 99 acres.....	10 886	9 930	9 347	11 434	14 321	16 419	18 087	19 257
100 to 199 acres.....	5 868	4 684	4 100	4 380	5 180	5 369	5 321	5 365
200 to 499 acres.....	3 274	2 446	1 861	1 649	1 627	1 542	1 450	1 255
500 to 999 acres.....	888	577	357	252	193	142	159	96
1,000 acres or more.....	294	162	77	44	35	31	19	15
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	255	144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	39	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	61 055	67 325	80 775	84 529	102 812	122 037	149 537	133 086
..... acres.....	4 134 145	4 487 186	4 915 575	4 571 854	4 740 357	4 879 874	5 265 003	4 038 375
Other cropland..... farms.....	30 576	22 168	48 004	51 834	44 164	50 737	61 691	(NA)
..... acres.....	823 705	615 053	1 399 657	1 319 193	1 173 878	1 033 938	1 282 243	1 039 034
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	12 541	(NA)	(NA)	32 440	18 429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	229 542	(NA)	(NA)	642 255	429 595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 884	(NA)	(NA)	3 399	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5 907
..... acres.....	35 106	(NA)	(NA)	44 807	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56 414
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	3 740	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	63 837	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	17 812	(NA)	(NA)	26 899	(NA)	42 579	(NA)	48 668
..... acres.....	495 220	(NA)	(NA)	632 131	(NA)	834 469	(NA)	982 620
Total woodland..... farms.....	60 913	56 876	71 626	84 031	97 318	116 748	129 587	130 247
..... acres.....	3 476 073	3 206 278	3 822 882	4 246 536	4 495 817	4 850 232	4 903 297	4 525 228
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	32 554	(NA)	(NA)	46 865	49 332	63 376	66 307	50 896
..... acres.....	1 196 750	(NA)	(NA)	1 433 320	1 397 302	1 762 236	1 609 178	1 172 396
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	40 107	(NA)	(NA)	55 997	68 645	75 284	91 230	103 884
..... acres.....	2 279 323	(NA)	(NA)	2 813 216	3 098 515	3 087 996	3 294 119	3 352 832
Other land..... farms.....	78 851	76 319	94 543	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 999 291	2 422 276	2 701 907	2 654 550	2 607 661	2 728 955	2 937 549	4 799 720
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	16 343	(NA)	(NA)	38 977	38 328	45 678	52 645	107 484
..... acres.....	1 095 134	(NA)	(NA)	1 824 178	1 628 334	1 759 403	1 696 363	3 683 144
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	75 724	(NA)	(NA)	118 492	(NA)	169 407	194 403	212 868
..... acres.....	904 157	(NA)	(NA)	830 372	979 327	969 552	1 241 186	1 116 576
Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 584	1 910	4 467	2 708	1 130	1 226	67	34
..... acres.....	14 537	10 920	19 587	14 405	8 605	13 434	485	230

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.....	83 324	67 628	60 847	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	13 497 804	12 052 845	11 533 378	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	162	178	190	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 466	1 598	1 594
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	29 960	35 327	47 137
Average per farm..... dollars.....	140 968	77 202	49 789	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	3 088	2 586	5 052
Average per acre..... dollars.....	863	433	263	..... acres.....	57 714	50 635	96 074
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	12 454	5 786	11 730
Total cropland..... farms.....	81 555	66 573	59 669	..... acres.....	377 552	193 709	383 650
..... acres.....	8 874 342	7 641 355	7 445 314	Total woodland..... farms.....	47 418	38 894	37 402
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	78 834	65 227	58 292	..... acres.....	2 885 060	2 451 199	2 403 034
..... acres.....	4 455 654	3 488 146	2 787 384	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	26 573	23 845	24 361
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 026 200	985 668	977 924
1 to 49 acres.....	57 780	47 640	42 905	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	30 617	23 416	21 968
50 to 99 acres.....	10 751	9 731	9 018	..... acres.....	1 858 860	1 465 531	1 425 110
100 to 199 acres.....	5 857	4 680	4 084	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 044	15 319	14 489
200 to 499 acres.....	3 269	2 442	1 855	..... acres.....	988 132	1 200 054	961 487
500 to 999 acres.....	884	573	355	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	57 522	48 542	44 437
1,000 acres or more.....	293	161	75	..... acres.....	750 270	760 237	723 543
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	254	143	70	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	59 335	54 530	50 997
2,000 acres or more.....	39	18	5	..... acres.....	5 773 864	5 869 393	5 716 237
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	49 877	46 130	45 219	Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 129	1 679	3 878
..... acres.....	3 759 532	3 683 671	3 776 826	..... acres.....	13 323	9 635	18 370
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	9 994	8 171	15 023				
..... acres.....	193 930	189 867	354 243				

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