

**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: <sup>1</sup>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 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 <sup>2</sup> ..... 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<br>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 <sup>3</sup> ..... 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<br>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        |

<sup>1</sup>1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. <sup>3</sup>Varies 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: <sup>1</sup>   |            |            |            | ..... 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<br>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-<br>improvement grasses, not harvested and not<br>pastured..... farms..... | 9 994      | 8 171      | 15 023     |  |           |           |           |
| ..... acres.....  | 193 930    | 189 867    | 354 243    |  |           |           |           |

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.