

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	38 923	33 240	42 269	62 466	74 438	111 127	124 181	129 295
Land in farms..... acres.....	9 604 986	9 133 275	9 788 662	10 411 045	10 347 328	11 441 343	11 202 278	10 039 657
Average size of farm..... acres.....	247	275	232	167	139	103	90	78
Approximate land area..... acres.....	28 757 760	28 777 152	28 777 152	28 867 840	28 867 840	28 903 680	28 903 680	28 913 280
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	33.4	31.7	34.0	36.1	35.8	39.6	38.8	34.7
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	246 753	140 754	74 414	38 636	23 719	11 497	7 416	3 653
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 001	512	321	233	171	112	82	47
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 371	3 005	8 669	23 937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 065	4 147	8 483	14 806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	6 316	6 905	9 284	10 966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	7 195	6 032	6 036	5 421	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	4 428	3 047	2 783	2 347	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	4 221	3 039	2 375	1 973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	2 116	1 763	1 309	986	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	5 459	3 454	2 457	1 570	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 749	1 848	873	460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	34 034	30 067	37 921	50 000	62 428	97 770	112 349	124 582
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	6 518 028	5 590 488	5 842 350	4 864 431	4 907 080	5 467 502	5 657 467	5 135 416
..... farms.....	26 940	23 525	29 210	41 419	52 490	82 755	99 191	118 532
..... acres.....	4 915 221	3 628 199	3 443 108	2 672 631	2 425 936	3 010 580	3 148 881	3 490 159
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	15 587	13 706	18 205	31 118	42 747	71 934	89 147	108 654
1 to 9 acres.....	6 044	4 762	6 032	4 445	16 445	26 254	27 327	26 295
10 to 19 acres.....	4 278	3 981	5 141	8 600	12 240	22 280	29 671	38 143
20 to 29 acres.....	2 405	2 396	3 444	5 245	7 581	13 619	19 694	27 963
30 to 49 acres.....	2 860	2 567	3 588	4 878	6 481	9 781	12 455	16 253
50 to 99 acres.....	2 757	2 782	3 466	4 149	4 614	5 375	5 351	5 470
100 to 199 acres.....	2 354	2 259	2 834	2 907	2 761	2 841	2 562	2 435
200 to 499 acres.....	3 271	2 757	3 082	2 389	1 801	2 063	1 631	1 504
500 to 999 acres.....	1 941	1 385	1 191	649	421	396	358	347
1,000 acres or more.....	1 030	636	432	207	146	146	142	122
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	805	509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	225	127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	17 349	17 393	22 227	21 394	28 909	38 183	42 369	28 215
..... acres.....	1 174 837	1 426 704	1 647 747	1 739 197	2 032 724	1 959 126	1 803 849	1 032 409
Other cropland..... farms.....	5 985	4 656	9 642	11 007	12 133	18 938	26 345	(NA)
..... acres.....	427 970	535 585	751 495	452 603	448 420	497 796	704 737	612 848
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	739	(NA)	(NA)	3 415	2 201	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	32 092	(NA)	(NA)	127 614	117 611	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 270	(NA)	(NA)	1 841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7 801
..... acres.....	72 922	(NA)	(NA)	30 414	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	94 210
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	1 113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	119 658	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	3 618	(NA)	(NA)	7 028	(NA)	15 417	(NA)	18 555
..... acres.....	203 298	(NA)	(NA)	294 575	(NA)	398 331	(NA)	518 638
Total woodland..... farms.....	14 546	11 592	16 114	30 116	34 511	48 594	50 958	46 624
..... acres.....	1 490 038	1 531 661	1 916 311	2 966 160	3 212 859	3 949 247	3 768 763	2 879 832
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	8 448	(NA)	(NA)	20 863	22 560	32 686	30 986	25 352
..... acres.....	674 418	(NA)	(NA)	1 719 026	1 749 694	2 258 661	1 803 948	1 385 826
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	8 036	(NA)	(NA)	12 982	17 021	22 212	28 598	30 259
..... acres.....	815 620	(NA)	(NA)	1 247 134	1 463 165	1 690 586	1 964 815	1 494 006
Other land..... farms.....	25 870	20 672	26 553	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 596 920	2 011 126	2 030 001	2 580 454	2 227 389	2 024 594	1 776 048	2 024 409
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 141	(NA)	(NA)	26 752	25 541	30 061	28 918	40 845
..... acres.....	1 051 871	(NA)	(NA)	2 003 709	1 690 233	1 520 606	1 151 882	1 502 337
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	23 864	(NA)	(NA)	55 442	(NA)	95 191	98 213	113 711
..... acres.....	545 049	(NA)	(NA)	576 745	537 156	503 988	624 166	522 072
Irrigated land..... farms.....	4 131	3 777	4 611	4 844	4 817	6 897	7 438	7 185
..... acres.....	681 960	701 587	701 692	580 687	484 850	707 818	576 775	535 619

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.....	22 593	18 542	20 075	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	8 624 734	7 974 270	8 187 638	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	382	430	408	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	775	639	1 283
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	66 333	67 152	148 369
Average per farm..... dollars.....	371 788	214 361	127 278	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	907	837	1 548
Average per acre..... dollars.....	973	498	312	..... acres.....	116 520	127 525	173 218
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	2 279	1 789	3 098
Total cropland..... farms.....	21 117	17 400	18 935	..... acres.....	173 550	275 453	275 045
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	6 075 856	4 997 307	5 087 635	Total woodland..... farms.....	8 091	6 021	7 469
..... acres.....	4 799 039	3 527 544	3 271 310	..... acres.....	1 153 260	1 202 410	1 439 542
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	4 619	3 553	4 701
1 to 49 acres.....	7 498	6 209	6 477	..... acres.....	504 057	534 266	673 760
1 to 9 acres.....	2 592	2 649	3 249	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	4 676	3 380	3 946
10 to 199 acres.....	2 330	2 245	2 822	..... acres.....	649 203	668 144	765 782
200 to 499 acres.....	3 258	2 749	3 072	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	3 360	4 248	4 734
500 to 999 acres.....	1 938	1 382	1 189	..... acres.....	936 159	1 285 437	1 252 265
1,000 acres or more.....	1 026	635	431	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	12 767	10 520	11 023
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	802	509	341	..... acres.....	459 459	489 116	408 176
2,000 acres or more.....	224	126	90	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	12 852	11 384	13 400
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	9 190	7 940	9 577	..... acres.....	2 332 770	2 796 884	3 096 428
..... acres.....	892 554	977 181	1 170 403	Irrigated land..... farms.....	3 662	3 353	3 789
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	504	443	939	..... acres.....	677 383	694 984	689 321
..... acres.....	27 860	22 452	49 290				

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