

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	8 158	6 436	7 971	12 875	17 360	23 368	30 358	42 184
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 606 239	1 523 696	1 759 700	2 590 022	3 081 987	3 614 242	4 181 613	4 613 175
Average size of farm..... acres.....	197	237	221	201	178	155	138	109
Approximate land area..... acres.....	19 788 160	19 788 672	19 788 672	19 847 680	19 847 680	19 865 600	19 865 600	19 865 600
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	8.1	7.7	8.9	13.0	15.5	18.2	21.0	23.2
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	108 176	80 656	35 496	19 979	14 756	9 392	7 462	3 785
Average per acre..... dollars.....	538	341	161	100	83	61	54	35
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	119	249	1 292	4 468	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	359	619	1 925	3 964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	1 438	1 492	2 558	2 933	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	2 034	1 716	1 405	1 029	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	1 294	863	382	286	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	1 309	703	225	125	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	610	350	79	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	857	382	85	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	138	62	20	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	7 719	6 032	7 253	12 020	16 329	22 414	29 257	41 067
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	689 298	641 940	706 769	894 206	1 077 670	1 272 350	1 407 022	1 489 789
Other cropland..... acres.....	7 269	5 631	6 519	11 007	15 195	20 260	27 880	39 882
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	4 498	2 933	3 480	6 955	10 322	15 012	21 972	31 660
1 to 9 acres.....	1 449	788	958	2 090	2 809	4 223	6 226	9 778
10 to 19 acres.....	1 021	645	781	1 647	2 637	3 725	5 839	7 694
20 to 29 acres.....	817	629	734	1 381	2 085	3 059	4 494	6 416
30 to 49 acres.....	1 211	871	1 007	1 837	2 791	4 005	5 413	7 772
50 to 99 acres.....	1 273	1 251	1 526	2 275	3 139	3 654	4 498	6 239
100 to 199 acres.....	914	954	1 078	1 362	1 362	1 293	1 189	1 684
200 to 499 acres.....	524	436	395	381	352	276	206	287
500 to 999 acres.....	46	43	35	27	16	20	13	22
1,000 acres or more.....	14	14	5	7	4	5	2	10
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	12	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	2	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	3 526	2 964	3 583	5 341	7 665	10 931	12 310	4 493
Other cropland..... acres.....	98 075	100 580	118 514	142 560	171 405	235 948	221 330	73 983
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	2 719	1 952	2 765	4 651	6 081	10 381	9 803	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... acres.....	103 273	91 459	130 320	157 212	208 077	240 692	253 664	100 244
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	946	(NA)	1 466	1 967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... acres.....	32 307	(NA)	(NA)	47 458	55 107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	319	(NA)	(NA)	296	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 362
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ acres.....	3 001	(NA)	(NA)	3 818	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15 506
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	348	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ acres.....	10 104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 808	(NA)	(NA)	3 549	(NA)	7 275	(NA)	4 787
Cropland idle..... acres.....	57 861	(NA)	(NA)	105 936	(NA)	157 724	(NA)	84 738
Total woodland..... farms.....	6 163	4 898	6 132	10 810	14 568	19 176	25 071	33 568
Woodland pastured..... acres.....	773 452	713 897	875 784	1 458 448	1 714 552	1 992 496	2 232 116	2 450 444
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 405	(NA)	(NA)	2 537	3 639	6 207	9 322	14 059
Woodland not pastured..... acres.....	81 573	(NA)	(NA)	128 722	169 511	280 425	382 715	611 498
Other land..... farms.....	5 618	(NA)	(NA)	10 013	13 548	17 015	22 061	27 144
Other land..... acres.....	691 879	(NA)	(NA)	1 329 726	1 545 041	1 712 071	1 849 401	1 838 946
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	5 443	4 399	5 048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... acres.....	143 489	167 859	177 147	237 368	289 765	349 396	542 475	672 942
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 136	(NA)	(NA)	3 122	4 437	6 461	9 030	16 274
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... acres.....	39 939	(NA)	(NA)	98 124	133 280	203 424	272 547	439 136
Irrigated land..... farms.....	5 051	(NA)	(NA)	10 948	(NA)	18 938	22 902	30 925
Irrigated land..... acres.....	103 550	(NA)	(NA)	139 244	156 485	145 972	269 928	233 806

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.....	4 945	4 553	5 103	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 277 177	1 285 128	1 370 642	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	258	282	269	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	153	180	168
Value of land and buildings: ¹				Cropland on which all crops failed..... acres.....	2 126	4 617	3 959
Average per farm..... dollars.....	133 695	93 816	43 606	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	255	260	422
Average per acre..... dollars.....	506	332	162	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... acres.....	9 301	7 613	15 789
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 023	766	1 217
Total cropland..... farms.....	4 631	4 212	4 640	Cropland idle..... acres.....	45 922	38 416	54 150
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	588 917	570 731	603 187	Total woodland..... farms.....	3 837	3 436	3 974
Other cropland..... farms.....	4 410	4 000	4 326	Woodland pastured..... acres.....	576 181	576 161	651 866
Other cropland..... acres.....	430 116	416 790	413 264	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	887	1 025	1 370
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland not pastured..... acres.....	61 313	83 101	135 030
1 to 49 acres.....	1 862	1 440	1 472	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	3 506	2 940	3 250
1 to 9 acres.....	1 081	1 117	1 354	Woodland not pastured..... acres.....	514 868	493 060	516 836
10 to 199 acres.....	888	951	1 070	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	703	864	938
200 to 499 acres.....	519	435	390	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... acres.....	30 889	52 622	41 011
500 to 999 acres.....	46	43	35	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	3 045	2 958	3 017
1,000 acres or more.....	14	14	5	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... acres.....	81 190	85 614	74 578
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	12	11	1	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	2 647	2 715	3 067
2,000 acres or more.....	2	3	4	Pastureland, all types..... acres.....	164 348	212 607	261 649
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	1 997	1 897	2 157	Irrigated land..... farms.....	198	132	98
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... acres.....	72 146	76 884	85 608	Irrigated land..... acres.....	6 670	5 711	5 353
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	741	605	718				
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... acres.....	29 306	26 411	30 417				

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