

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
..... acres.....	689 298	641 940	706 769	894 206	1 077 670	1 272 350	1 407 022	1 489 789
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	7 269	5 631	6 519	11 007	15 195	20 260	27 880	39 882
..... acres.....	487 950	449 901	457 935	594 434	698 188	795 710	932 028	1 315 562
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	2 090	2 809	4 223	6 226	9 778	14 444
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	1 664
200 to 499 acres.....	524	436	395	361	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
..... acres.....	98 075	100 580	118 514	142 560	171 405	235 948	221 330	73 983
Other cropland..... farms.....	2 719	1 952	2 765	4 651	6 081	10 381	9 803	(NA)
..... acres.....	103 273	91 459	130 320	157 212	208 077	240 692	253 664	100 244
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	946	(NA)	(NA)	1 466	1 967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 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
..... 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)
..... 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
..... 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
..... acres.....	773 452	713 897	875 784	1 458 448	1 714 552	1 992 496	2 232 116	2 450 444
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 405	(NA)	(NA)	2 537	3 639	6 207	9 322	14 059
..... acres.....	81 573	(NA)	(NA)	128 722	169 511	280 425	382 715	611 498
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	5 618	(NA)	(NA)	10 013	13 548	17 015	22 061	27 144
..... acres.....	691 879	(NA)	(NA)	1 329 726	1 545 041	1 712 071	1 849 401	1 838 946
Other land..... farms.....	5 443	4 399	5 048	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	143 489	167 859	177 147	237 368	289 765	349 396	542 475	672 942
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 136	(NA)	(NA)	3 122	4 437	6 461	9 030	16 274
..... acres.....	39 939	(NA)	(NA)	98 124	133 280	203 424	272 547	439 136
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	5 051	(NA)	(NA)	10 948	(NA)	18 938	22 902	30 925
..... acres.....	103 550	(NA)	(NA)	139 244	156 485	145 972	269 928	233 806
Irrigated land..... farms.....	297	176	115	206	138	87	123	3
..... acres.....	7 097	6 211	5 526	4 157	2 214	1 097	2 299	100

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

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