

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	297	176	115	198	132	98
Proportion of farms	3.6	2.7	1.4	4.0	2.9	1.9
Irrigated land	7 097	6 211	5 526	6 670	5 711	5 353
Average per farm	24	35	480	34	43	546
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	213	94	64	118	61	50
10 to 49 acres	461	(NA)	(NA)	271	177	154
50 to 99 acres	46	54	22	44	46	20
100 to 199 acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	504
200 to 499 acres	17	13	14	17	11	14
500 to 999 acres	1 251	(NA)	(NA)	1 251	822	895
1,000 acres or more	10	7	5	8	6	4
	1 195	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	857	525
	10	7	7	10	7	7
	2 489	(NA)	(NA)	2 489	1 730	1 605
	1	-	3	1	-	3
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	-	1 670
	-	1	-	-	1	-
	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	(D)	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	288	(NA)	(NA)	193	131	97
Pastureland	6 563	(NA)	(NA)	6 249	5 701	5 348
Other land	7	(NA)	(NA)	5	(NA)	(NA)
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	-	2
	9	(NA)	(NA)	6	3	3
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	10	3
Land in irrigated farms						
Cropland	63 859	47 873	60 909	55 142	42 808	58 731
Harvested cropland	32 225	(NA)	(NA)	30 316	19 043	37 645
	21 035	16 382	23 552	20 244	15 512	23 272

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	8 158	297	133	7 861
Land in farms	1 606 239	63 859	9 792	1 542 380
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	108 176	145 881	105 625	106 871
Average per acre	538	611	1 051	535
Irrigated land	7 097	7 097	1 794	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	7 719	297	133	7 422
Harvested cropland	689 298	32 225	3 110	657 073
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	7 269	297	133	6 972
	487 950	21 035	1 783	466 915
	4 237	101	25	4 136
	138 014	2 829	504	135 185
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	3 760	50	8	3 710
Milk cows	133 398	1 284	77	132 114
Hogs and pigs	2 060	18	1	2 042
Sheep and lambs	57 298	282	(D)	57 016
	1 062	27	8	1 035
	9 324	70	16	9 254
	564	9	2	555
	10 978	91	(D)	10 887
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :				
Average per farm	8 124	273	124	7 851
	218 615	10 041	2 630	208 574
	26 910	36 780	21 212	26 567
Market value of agricultural products sold:				
Average per farm	399 426	18 654	4 495	380 772
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	48 961	62 809	33 798	48 438
Livestock and livestock products	4 653	289	130	4 364
Poultry and poultry products	109 944	15 911	3 898	94 033
	3 976	61	13	3 915
	86 614	493	19	86 121
	1 125	29	14	1 096
	202 868	2 250	578	200 618
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	5 153	74	29	5 079
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	141 689	1 524	412	140 165
Commercial fertilizer	4 346	242	107	4 104
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	8 648	1 061	378	7 587
Energy and petroleum products	4 944	244	115	4 700
Hired farm labor	17 980	1 081	129	16 898
Contract labor	4 727	241	109	4 486
	8 921	911	86	8 010
	8 101	273	124	7 828
	19 537	1 101	336	18 436
	4 410	158	68	4 252
	39 942	3 314	712	36 628
	646	35	22	611
	2 499	682	52	1 817

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