

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

		1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms	number	18 727	15 163	17 181	20 760	25 122	32 500	36 107	41 275
Land in farms	acres	2 713 578	2 634 395	2 803 442	3 180 696	3 456 769	3 896 608	4 055 529	4 199 859
Average size of farm	acres	145	174	163	153	138	120	112	102
Approximate land area	acres	6 330 880	6 330 624	6 330 624	6 319 360	6 319 360	6 323 840	6 323 840	6 327 680
Proportion in farms	percent	42.9	41.6	44.3	50.3	54.7	61.6	64.1	66.4
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>									
Average per farm	dollars	269 193	184 079	104 370	64 999	39 095	21 258	14 048	8 596
Average per acre	dollars	1 800	1 060	340	422	284	177	125	84
Farms by value of land and buildings:									
\$1 to \$9,999		303	694	1 632	3 160	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999		864	893	2 079	3 856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999		1 919	1 894	3 541	5 268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999		2 469	2 532	3 360	3 775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999		2 328	1 794	1 787	1 627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999		2 455	2 117	1 655	1 304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999		1 912	1 317	983	640	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999		4 099	2 781	1 668	832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more		2 377	1 141	476	298	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:									
Total cropland	farms	17 306	14 058	15 797	19 553	23 076	29 673	33 680	39 496
	acres	1 872 318	1 775 576	1 819 082	1 866 212	1 951 110	2 123 469	2 285 117	2 363 714
Harvested cropland	farms	16 189	13 183	14 454	18 685	21 881	27 744	31 048	38 088
	acres	1 512 163	1 438 842	1 301 450	1 420 692	1 455 921	1 571 744	1 531 421	1 745 261
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres		9 843	6 911	7 908	10 577	12 652	17 205	20 505	25 406
1 to 9 acres		4 129	2 496	2 695	4 144	4 527	6 477	7 640	10 363
10 to 19 acres		2 286	1 582	1 910	2 445	2 928	3 911	4 763	5 265
20 to 29 acres		1 534	1 177	1 374	1 685	2 100	2 775	3 366	3 863
30 to 49 acres		1 894	1 656	1 929	2 303	3 097	4 042	4 736	5 915
50 to 99 acres		2 295	2 302	2 667	3 653	4 715	5 840	6 301	7 939
100 to 199 acres		2 001	2 054	2 255	2 853	3 182	3 559	3 364	3 998
200 to 499 acres		1 565	1 441	1 304	1 344	1 169	1 027	818	691
500 to 999 acres		338	344	240	219	139	97	50	48
1,000 acres or more		147	131	80	39	24	16	10	6
1,000 to 1,999 acres		122	110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more		25	21	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing <sup>2</sup>	farms	7 174	6 307	7 509	7 008	9 772	13 026	17 264	13 833
	acres	245 746	257 864	295 650	225 657	287 198	363 264	447 503	393 615
Other cropland	farms	4 746	2 982	6 111	8 102	8 195	9 600	14 008	(NA)
	acres	114 409	78 870	221 982	219 863	207 991	188 461	306 193	224 838
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured	farms	1 770	(NA)	(NA)	3 717	2 471	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	31 666	(NA)	(NA)	95 141	59 241	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed	farms	522	(NA)	(NA)	1 390	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 285
	acres	5 867	(NA)	(NA)	18 385	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	12 509
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup>	farms	394	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	9 118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle	farms	2 969	(NA)	(NA)	4 874	(NA)	8 107	(NA)	10 147
	acres	67 758	(NA)	(NA)	106 337	(NA)	154 467	(NA)	212 329
Total woodland	farms	10 296	8 785	10 702	14 442	17 915	22 412	25 290	27 283
	acres	561 436	540 961	627 104	811 575	952 649	1 169 017	1 169 017	1 101 275
Woodland pastured	farms	3 193	(NA)	(NA)	3 744	6 414	6 462	6 537	5 060
	acres	97 763	(NA)	(NA)	111 383	137 937	194 100	163 397	127 338
Woodland not pastured	farms	8 439	(NA)	(NA)	12 671	15 641	19 073	22 326	25 004
	acres	463 673	(NA)	(NA)	700 192	814 712	938 659	1 005 620	973 937
Other land	farms	14 035	11 404	12 537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	279 824	317 858	357 256	502 909	553 010	640 380	601 395	734 870
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	farms	2 771	(NA)	(NA)	7 777	9 296	12 238	12 155	17 548
	acres	123 044	(NA)	(NA)	341 323	356 531	417 170	350 833	471 767
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.	farms	13 477	(NA)	(NA)	18 418	30 041	30 041	32 580	36 760
	acres	156 780	(NA)	(NA)	161 586	196 479	223 210	250 562	263 103
Irrigated land	farms	751	499	536	467	328	235	30	8
	acres	28 725	22 629	21 501	15 996	11 174	8 344	697	287

<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	13 675	11 586	11 590	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms	acres	2 483 051	2 403 432	2 402 823	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm	acres	182	207	207	Cropland on which all crops failed	farms	363	230
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>						acres	4 990	4 025
Average per farm	dollars	313 942	215 215	131 378	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow	farms	284	264
Average per acre	dollars	1 684	1 037	634		acres	8 453	8 144
Land in farms according to use:					Cropland idle	farms	2 291	1 192
Total cropland	farms	12 628	10 794	10 754		acres	57 522	29 093
	acres	1 757 729	1 670 887	1 638 914	Total woodland	farms	7 771	6 819
Harvested cropland	farms	12 106	10 488	10 370		acres	484 758	463 552
	acres	1 457 715	1 399 778	1 230 975	Woodland pastured	farms	2 288	2 052
Farms by acres harvested:						acres	80 887	86 558
1 to 49 acres		5 862	4 294	4 036	Woodland not pastured	farms	6 530	5 687
50 to 99 acres		2 208	2 236	2 464		acres	403 871	376 994
100 to 199 acres		1 989	2 048	2 249	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	farms	2 102	2 422
200 to 499 acres		1 563	1 437	1 302		acres	107 101	133 882
500 to 999 acres		338	342	239	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.	farms	9 664	8 386
1,000 acres or more		146	131	80		acres	133 463	135 111
1,000 to 1,999 acres		121	110	71	Pastureland, all types	farms	6 925	6 400
2,000 acres or more		25	21	9		acres	389 595	426 188
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	farms	4 960	4 439	4 957	Irrigated land	farms	603	450
	acres	201 607	205 748	233 064		acres	28 290	22 381
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured	farms	1 404	1 042	2 059				
	acres	27 442	24 099	67 045				

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