

**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	1 101 275	1 011 275
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.