

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

| | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1954 | 1950 | 1945 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| All farms..... number..... | 5 891 | 4 497 | 5 703 | 8 019 | 11 179 | 17 361 | 22 220 | 37 007 |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 678 714 | 601 734 | 700 578 | 901 789 | 1 142 341 | 1 439 080 | 1 660 389 | 2 078 349 |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 115 | 134 | 123 | 113 | 102 | 83 | 75 | 56 |
| Approximate land area..... acres..... | 5 008 640 | 5 008 768 | 5 008 768 | 5 034 880 | 5 034 880 | 5 034 880 | 5 034 880 | 5 060 480 |
| Proportion in farms..... percent..... | 13.6 | 12.0 | 14.0 | 17.9 | 22.7 | 28.6 | 33.0 | 41.1 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 168 952 | 128 535 | 69 362 | 43 492 | 31 692 | 18 552 | 14 163 | 7 167 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 1 443 | 961 | 565 | 386 | 310 | 224 | 190 | 128 |
| Forms by value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| \$1 to \$9,999..... | 115 | 257 | 620 | 856 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999..... | 302 | 303 | 880 | 1 984 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999..... | 640 | 772 | 1 528 | 2 626 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999..... | 1 117 | 907 | 1 187 | 1 378 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999..... | 947 | 564 | 485 | 482 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999..... | 867 | 569 | 458 | 397 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999..... | 502 | 325 | 183 | 114 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999..... | 1 042 | 606 | 291 | 132 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$500,000 or more..... | 359 | 194 | 71 | 50 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | | | | | |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 5 526 | 4 212 | 5 168 | 7 101 | 9 752 | 15 217 | 18 988 | 35 691 |
| acres..... | 311 030 | 257 033 | 280 455 | 347 833 | 445 153 | 550 613 | 624 376 | 702 539 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 5 107 | 4 032 | 4 669 | 6 498 | 8 779 | 13 005 | 16 706 | 35 002 |
| acres..... | 213 669 | 188 015 | 189 635 | 234 443 | 290 682 | 331 180 | 376 036 | 580 608 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 3 869 | 2 835 | 3 476 | 4 894 | 6 933 | 11 053 | 14 775 | 32 267 |
| 1 to 9 acres..... | 1 661 | 1 239 | 1 469 | 2 315 | 3 034 | 5 483 | 7 204 | 19 421 |
| 10 to 19 acres..... | 856 | 583 | 791 | 967 | 1 528 | 2 280 | 3 309 | 6 126 |
| 20 to 29 acres..... | 537 | 467 | 566 | 689 | 1 061 | 1 500 | 2 053 | 3 314 |
| 30 to 49 acres..... | 815 | 546 | 650 | 923 | 1 310 | 1 790 | 2 209 | 3 406 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 657 | 682 | 716 | 1 056 | 1 262 | 1 415 | 1 434 | 2 103 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 420 | 373 | 342 | 433 | 455 | 435 | 407 | 523 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 142 | 123 | 118 | 105 | 117 | 95 | 87 | 99 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 16 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 2 | 4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 1 | 1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms..... | 2 510 | 1 601 | 2 293 | 2 679 | 4 045 | 6 469 | 7 661 | 4 421 |
| acres..... | 77 443 | 55 467 | 71 515 | 79 943 | 102 748 | 142 930 | 151 049 | 77 123 |
| Other cropland..... farms..... | 1 555 | 704 | 994 | 1 941 | 2 658 | 4 757 | 5 841 | (NA) |
| acres..... | 19 918 | 13 551 | 19 305 | 33 447 | 51 723 | 76 503 | 97 291 | 44 808 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 338 | (NA) | (NA) | 403 | 671 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 4 289 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 550 | 8 141 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 130 | (NA) | (NA) | 499 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 1 214 |
| acres..... | 843 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 511 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 7 859 |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms..... | 106 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 1 308 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland idle..... farms..... | 744 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 328 | (NA) | 3 812 | (NA) | 3 063 |
| acres..... | 13 478 | (NA) | (NA) | 24 386 | (NA) | 59 347 | (NA) | 36 949 |
| Total woodland..... farms..... | 3 583 | 2 631 | 3 410 | 4 944 | 7 162 | 10 809 | 13 100 | 21 520 |
| acres..... | 272 563 | 240 463 | 309 842 | 404 765 | 512 024 | 670 606 | 740 136 | 940 080 |
| Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 995 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 540 | 2 150 | 3 609 | 4 593 | 7 397 |
| acres..... | 37 673 | (NA) | (NA) | 86 373 | 101 945 | 166 641 | 195 074 | 300 151 |
| Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 3 142 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 261 | 6 248 | 9 047 | 10 902 | 17 558 |
| acres..... | 234 890 | (NA) | (NA) | 318 392 | 410 079 | 503 965 | 545 062 | 639 929 |
| Other land..... farms..... | 4 201 | 3 228 | 3 782 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 95 121 | 104 238 | 110 281 | 149 191 | 185 164 | 217 861 | 295 877 | 435 730 |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 708 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 663 | 2 513 | 3 484 | 4 599 | 10 527 |
| acres..... | 31 268 | (NA) | (NA) | 73 025 | 90 483 | 113 329 | 145 105 | 247 090 |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms..... | 4 020 | (NA) | (NA) | 6 543 | (NA) | 14 214 | 16 798 | 25 830 |
| acres..... | 63 853 | (NA) | (NA) | 76 166 | 94 681 | 104 532 | 150 772 | 188 640 |
| Irrigated land..... farms..... | 1 027 | 879 | 925 | 1 229 | 1 093 | 1 366 | 1 053 | 874 |
| acres..... | 16 941 | 18 512 | 18 850 | 24 178 | 19 999 | 22 683 | 18 507 | 11 355 |

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..... | 3 859 | 3 185 | 3 665 | Land in farms according to use—Con. | | | |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 535 675 | 496 050 | 536 539 | Total cropland—Con. | | | |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 139 | 156 | 146 | Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 96 | 76 | 84 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | acres..... | 637 | 1 136 | 701 |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 195 905 | 150 448 | 84 347 | Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms..... | 86 | 61 | 94 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 1 399 | 966 | 576 | acres..... | 1 221 | 1 448 | 2 318 |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | Cropland idle..... farms..... | 500 | 258 | 402 |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 3 637 | 2 957 | 3 312 | acres..... | 8 686 | 4 503 | 7 446 |
| acres..... | 256 264 | 221 873 | 234 722 | Total woodland..... farms..... | 2 306 | 1 810 | 2 140 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 3 409 | 2 874 | 3 147 | acres..... | 204 687 | 188 792 | 216 848 |
| acres..... | 184 241 | 168 942 | 165 035 | Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 655 | 619 | 884 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | acres..... | 28 997 | 33 658 | 64 422 |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 2 254 | 1 742 | 2 020 | Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 2 016 | 1 513 | 1 702 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 589 | 626 | 674 | acres..... | 175 690 | 155 134 | 152 426 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 411 | 368 | 330 | Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 497 | 552 | 741 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 136 | 119 | 108 | acres..... | 23 916 | 33 240 | 36 502 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 16 | 14 | 13 | Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms..... | 2 608 | 2 168 | 2 250 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | acres..... | 50 808 | 52 145 | 48 467 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | Pastureland, all types..... farms..... | 1 907 | 1 547 | 2 017 |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | acres..... | 111 021 | 110 567 | 156 618 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms..... | 1 428 | 1 014 | 1 363 | Irrigated land..... farms..... | 889 | 750 | 774 |
| acres..... | 58 108 | 43 669 | 55 694 | acres..... | 16 510 | 17 887 | 18 081 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 229 | 148 | 159 | | | | |
| acres..... | 3 371 | 2 175 | 3 528 | | | | |

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