

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.