

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

		1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms.....	number.....	68 237	64 094	77 946	93 504	111 817	138 922	155 589	175 268
Land in farms.....	acres.....	11 448 182	10 832 234	11 900 689	13 598 992	14 782 507	16 466 750	17 269 992	18 392 227
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	168	169	153	145	132	119	111	105
Approximate land area.....	acres.....	36 366 720	36 362 688	36 362 688	36 492 160	36 492 160	36 494 080	36 494 080	36 494 080
Proportion in farms.....	percent.....	31.5	29.8	32.7	37.3	40.5	45.1	47.3	50.4
Value of land and buildings: ¹									
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	163 311	93 435	49 821	34 027	25 535	15 800	10 935	6 843
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	975	553	326	233	193	133	99	65
Farms by value of land and buildings:									
\$1 to \$9,999.....		1 347	2 201	7 829	14 933	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....		3 219	5 924	15 442	25 829	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....		9 540	15 239	24 748	28 135	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....		15 256	15 667	15 325	14 528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....		9 471	7 648	6 121	5 003	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....		8 835	6 905	4 292	3 010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....		5 068	3 608	1 845	1 054	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....		11 104	5 717	2 012	923	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....		4 396	1 185	332	89	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:									
Total cropland.....	farms.....	66 105	62 914	75 656	91 560	108 922	134 118	150 573	171 344
	acres.....	8 664 886	8 005 478	8 580 391	9 454 589	9 956 811	10 788 098	11 043 142	11 209 638
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	62 951	60 836	70 605	87 947	104 712	126 757	144 239	165 709
	acres.....	6 953 675	6 317 638	5 501 729	6 738 032	7 154 811	7 658 801	7 797 346	8 520 587
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres.....		30 683	28 007	37 108	42 816	52 636	67 536	81 831	96 601
1 to 9 acres.....		6 888	4 989	7 654	9 458	11 387	16 960	21 132	27 362
10 to 19 acres.....		7 710	6 837	9 546	9 974	12 187	14 033	16 950	18 882
20 to 29 acres.....		6 595	6 112	7 926	8 757	10 495	13 043	15 593	17 879
30 to 49 acres.....		9 490	10 069	11 982	14 627	18 567	23 500	28 156	32 704
50 to 99 acres.....		12 558	13 944	15 893	22 213	28 786	36 431	42 037	48 368
100 to 199 acres.....		9 822	10 310	11 332	16 273	18 157	18 970	17 735	18 280
200 to 499 acres.....		7 780	7 074	5 730	6 311	4 923	3 691	2 550	2 368
500 to 999 acres.....		1 726	1 283	493	307	196	123	77	84
1,000 acres or more.....		382	218	49	27	14	6	9	8
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		342	195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....		40	23	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing? ²	farms.....	22 895	25 323	32 241	40 577	53 174	75 259	85 404	78 013
	acres.....	759 707	909 389	1 090 891	1 147 426	1 398 495	1 912 374	1 982 565	1 785 748
Other cropland.....	farms.....	30 535	24 513	50 388	52 728	52 656	57 478	58 736	(NA)
	acres.....	951 504	778 451	1 987 771	1 569 131	1 403 505	1 216 923	1 263 231	903 303
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	9 371	(NA)	(NA)	25 379	18 207	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	215 480	(NA)	(NA)	639 219	392 317	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	3 868	(NA)	(NA)	6 187	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11 764
	acres.....	75 541	(NA)	(NA)	85 964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	112 468
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow? ³	farms.....	7 685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	174 602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle.....	farms.....	18 621	(NA)	(NA)	34 447	(NA)	42 773	(NA)	41 685
	acres.....	485 881	(NA)	(NA)	843 948	(NA)	867 715	(NA)	790 835
Total woodland.....	farms.....	36 331	35 034	45 809	59 084	71 005	85 667	95 838	96 895
	acres.....	1 580 310	1 535 092	1 843 581	2 479 395	2 843 685	3 416 323	3 720 868	3 501 442
Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	8 996	(NA)	(NA)	22 527	30 595	47 437	60 812	66 955
	acres.....	340 659	(NA)	(NA)	908 090	1 136 701	1 741 731	2 144 821	2 275 143
Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	30 646	(NA)	(NA)	45 177	51 397	51 470	51 827	42 767
	acres.....	1 239 651	(NA)	(NA)	1 571 305	1 706 915	1 674 592	1 576 047	1 226 299
Other land.....	farms.....	53 260	51 016	62 391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres.....	1 202 986	1 291 664	1 476 717	1 665 008	1 982 011	2 262 329	2 505 982	3 681 147
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	7 352	(NA)	(NA)	17 651	23 437	31 990	39 350	74 524
	acres.....	325 232	(NA)	(NA)	576 808	692 618	937 395	1 101 459	2 287 259
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	52 054	(NA)	(NA)	89 572	(NA)	134 356	148 922	170 765
	acres.....	877 754	(NA)	(NA)	1 088 200	1 289 393	1 324 934	1 404 523	1 393 888
Irrigated land.....	farms.....	3 192	2 036	2 150	2 041	1 909	1 408	995	347
	acres.....	226 208	96 839	77 097	48 991	40 178	23 473	13 901	2 850

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.....	47 796	46 647	44 175	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms.....	acres.....	10 224 206	9 549 692	9 142 760	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm.....	acres.....	214	205	207				
Value of land and buildings: ¹					Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms.....	2 556	2 594
Average per farm.....	dollars.....	204 613	112 958	67 982		acres.....	57 965	60 116
Average per acre.....	dollars.....	964	552	328	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms.....	6 056	6 948
Land in farms according to use:						acres.....	152 611	171 010
Total cropland.....	farms.....	46 951	46 008	43 491	Cropland idle.....	farms.....	13 406	8 473
	acres.....	7 992 385	7 289 394	6 905 342		acres.....	384 986	254 012
Harvested cropland.....	farms.....	45 888	45 438	42 586	Total woodland.....	farms.....	26 290	25 841
	acres.....	6 609 166	5 993 074	4 839 384		acres.....	1 245 440	1 234 342
Farms by acres harvested:					Woodland pastured.....	farms.....	6 680	7 884
1 to 49 acres.....		14 608	13 503	11 597		acres.....	281 456	343 808
50 to 99 acres.....		11 666	13 081	13 503	Woodland not pastured.....	farms.....	22 210	21 097
100 to 199 acres.....		9 741	10 287	11 222		acres.....	963 984	890 534
200 to 499 acres.....		7 770	7 072	5 728	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms.....	5 563	6 363
500 to 999 acres.....		1 722	1 279	488		acres.....	279 954	282 110
1,000 acres or more.....		381	216	48	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms.....	35 688	36 300
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....		341	193	45		acres.....	706 427	743 846
2,000 acres or more.....		40	23	3	Pastureland, all types.....	farms.....	20 594	22 867
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms.....	15 148	17 137	19 266		acres.....	1 168 428	1 303 420
	acres.....	607 018	677 502	779 488	Irrigated land.....	farms.....	2 901	1 774
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms.....	7 065	5 087	9 916		acres.....	224 658	94 950
	acres.....	180 639	133 680	339 097				

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