

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)		
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	
All farms	number	68 237	64 094	11 448 182	10 832 234	6 953 675	6 317 638	226 208	96 839
	with harvested cropland	62 951	60 836	11 203 150	10 591 248	6 953 675	6 317 638	226 105	96 816
	with irrigated land	3 192	2 036	901 476	452 953	589 533	273 736	226 208	96 839
Farms by size:									
1 to 9 acres	number	3 581	1 788	14 686	7 201	5 879	3 668	539	371
	with harvested cropland	1 770	1 133	9 065	5 565	5 879	3 668	539	371
	with irrigated land	263	180	1 228	839	648	431	539	371
10 to 49 acres	number	16 614	12 233	478 017	379 631	248 026	201 633	4 652	3 322
	with harvested cropland	14 529	11 140	432 975	349 196	248 026	201 633	4 611	3 302
	with irrigated land	632	456	17 206	12 370	7 509	5 584	4 652	3 322
50 to 69 acres	number	4 935	5 001	287 713	293 069	154 151	149 995	2 989	2 220
	with harvested cropland	4 725	4 699	275 555	275 659	154 151	149 995	2 959	2 217
	with irrigated land	198	150	11 575	8 817	5 611	3 910	2 989	2 220
70 to 99 acres	number	9 737	10 577	794 364	859 815	400 684	441 995	5 843	4 078
	with harvested cropland	9 185	10 133	749 928	824 315	400 684	441 995	5 823	4 078
	with irrigated land	284	225	23 274	18 449	12 188	10 066	5 843	4 078
100 to 139 acres	number	7 890	8 524	918 772	992 826	482 618	516 378	7 821	4 247
	with harvested cropland	7 661	8 218	891 808	957 590	482 618	516 378	7 821	4 247
	with irrigated land	283	191	32 607	22 185	15 557	11 268	7 821	4 247
140 to 179 acres	number	5 617	6 465	884 215	1 015 368	477 991	537 135	5 951	4 152
	with harvested cropland	5 501	6 315	866 166	991 916	477 991	537 135	5 940	4 152
	with irrigated land	189	132	29 786	20 938	16 047	11 049	5 951	4 152
180 to 219 acres	number	3 975	4 398	782 849	867 284	452 519	481 509	8 670	4 004
	with harvested cropland	3 927	4 300	773 463	848 049	452 519	481 509	8 670	4 004
	with irrigated land	170	103	33 337	20 333	19 744	11 123	8 670	4 004
220 to 259 acres	number	3 127	3 358	743 691	796 177	453 778	457 019	8 704	4 530
	with harvested cropland	3 072	3 304	730 655	783 368	453 778	457 019	8 703	4 530
	with irrigated land	140	87	33 286	20 594	21 471	12 263	8 704	4 530
260 to 499 acres	number	8 388	8 322	2 943 161	2 908 312	1 854 597	1 783 699	43 625	18 290
	with harvested cropland	8 227	8 197	2 888 815	2 866 131	1 854 597	1 783 699	43 625	18 290
	with irrigated land	473	278	169 327	98 689	111 403	58 745	43 625	18 290
500 to 999 acres	number	3 511	2 880	2 311 521	1 889 369	1 546 746	1 234 942	68 526	25 405
	with harvested cropland	3 495	2 855	2 301 067	1 873 697	1 546 746	1 234 942	68 526	25 405
	with irrigated land	385	175	263 987	121 429	181 756	81 716	68 526	25 405
1,000 to 1,999 acres	number	747	486	949 779	620 288	666 749	404 938	41 547	14 460
	with harvested cropland	745	480	947 239	612 868	666 749	404 938	41 547	14 460
	with irrigated land	137	44	174 818	58 137	121 008	39 740	41 547	14 460
2,000 acres or more	number	115	62	339 414	202 894	209 937	104 727	27 341	11 760
	with harvested cropland	114	62	336 414	202 894	209 937	104 727	27 341	11 760
	with irrigated land	38	15	110 945	50 173	76 591	27 841	27 341	11 760
5,000 acres or more	number	8	(NA)	63 971	(NA)	29 255	(NA)	6 157	(NA)
	with harvested cropland	8	(NA)	63 971	(NA)	29 255	(NA)	6 157	(NA)
	with irrigated land	3	(NA)	23 066	(NA)	16 723	(NA)	6 157	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators	farms	68 237	64 094	77 946		198
	acres	11 448 182	10 832 234	11 900 689	39 552	31 356
Harvested cropland	farms	62 951	60 836	70 605	346	242
	acres	6 953 675	6 317 638	5 501 729	21 355	15 143
Full owners	farms	43 167	42 867	56 258	284	204
	acres	4 513 287	4 976 754	6 687 455	17 688	17 449
Harvested cropland	farms	38 534	39 931	49 509	196	179
	acres	2 143 841	2 342 421	2 508 086	7 202	6 846
Part owners	farms	20 626	17 973	17 440	134	58
	acres	6 304 014	5 343 554	4 596 736	19 650	12 621
Harvested cropland	farms	20 352	17 778	17 150	133	56
	acres	4 351 831	3 617 903	2 630 139	12 504	7 195
Tenants	farms	4 444	3 254	4 248	21	8
	acres	630 881	511 926	616 498	2 214	1 286
Harvested cropland	farms	4 065	3 127	3 946	17	7
	acres	458 003	357 314	363 504	1 649	1 102
Percent of tenancy	percent	6.5	5.1	5.4	4.8	3.0
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	farms	61 399	(NA)	(NA)	413	(NA)
	acres	9 180 975	(NA)	(NA)	33 118	(NA)
Partnership	farms	5 890	(NA)	(NA)	23	(NA)
	acres	1 813 363	(NA)	(NA)	3 206	(NA)
Corporations	farms	787	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)
	acres	403 992	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms	14	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
	acres	16 049	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	680	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)
	acres	338 921	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms	11	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
	acres	16 191	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	82	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
	acres	32 831	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms	161	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)
	acres	49 852	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group: ¹						
Under 25 years	2 317	1 421	1 642	6	5	3
25 to 34 years	9 140	7 148	8 702	93	45	11
35 to 44 years	14 307	12 237	15 715	66	53	32
45 to 54 years	16 743	16 203	21 023	83	66	55
55 to 64 years	15 648	16 141	18 935	135	50	49
65 years and over	10 082	10 452	11 929	56	51	48
Average age	49.3	50.9	50.4	48.5	49.1	53.9
Operators by place of residence: ¹						
On farm operated	56 145	48 874	63 350	382	199	149
Not on farm operated	6 850	6 342	8 085	38	40	27
Not reported	5 242	8 878	6 511	19	31	22
Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹						
None	24 111	19 760	(NA)	102	56	(NA)
Any	41 877	34 349	49 652	321	181	134
1 to 49 days	3 832	3 309	5 927	16	9	12
50 to 99 days	1 692	1 622	2 824	7	16	11
100 to 149 days	1 885	1 863	6 094	17	11	16
150 to 199 days	3 511	3 006	34 807	25	17	95
200 days or more	30 957	24 549	(NA)	256	128	(NA)
Not reporting	2 249	9 493	(NA)	16	33	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation: ¹						
Farming	30 923	34 438	(NA)	131	112	(NA)
Other	37 314	29 164	(NA)	308	158	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	65 601	(NA)	(NA)	411	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	11 186 926	(NA)	(NA)	36 028	(NA)	(NA)
Female	2 636	(NA)	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	261 256	(NA)	(NA)	3 524	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin	301	(NA)	(NA)	19	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	34 136	(NA)	(NA)	1 788	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	41 946	190	42 627	143	38 519	73
farms						
acres	8 076 505	24 878	8 049 388	23 805	7 497 635	9 710
Partnership	5 075	13	3 552	8	5 227	8
farms						
acres	1 754 094	2 442	1 245 008	851	1 462 469	1 994
Corporations	681	2	420	(NA)	277	—
farms						
acres	371 383	(D)	243 817	(NA)	150 122	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	14	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	575	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	306 686	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	11	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	16 191	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	81	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	94	1	48	(NA)	152	—
farms						
acres	22 224	(D)	11 479	(NA)	32 534	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.