

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	102 963	98 537	110 747	131 163	145 662	165 225	179 101	188 952
Land in farms..... acres.....	28 678 829	27 605 228	28 785 240	30 804 980	30 796 097	32 284 539	32 883 163	33 139 997
Average size of farm..... acres.....	279	280	260	235	211	195	184	175
Approximate land area..... acres.....	50 745 600	50 744 768	50 744 768	51 205 760	51 205 760	51 205 760	51 205 760	51 205 760
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	56.5	54.4	56.7	60.2	60.1	63.0	64.2	64.7
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	253 137	120 311	58 714	39 075	32 605	21 051	15 507	9 705
Average per acre..... dollars.....	901	429	226	166	154	108	84	55
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 241	2 889	9 695	19 654	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 352	8 008	16 935	24 977	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	9 531	17 931	28 408	37 105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	14 769	20 107	25 714	30 878	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	11 524	12 661	13 318	11 062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	12 479	12 794	9 490	5 121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	10 001	7 868	3 590	1 274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	26 814	13 524	3 183	1 016	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	13 251	2 755	414	76	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	97 393	95 160	106 665	127 259	140 444	158 378	172 596	183 632
..... acres.....	22 681 459	21 320 870	22 260 500	22 243 431	21 930 152	22 192 962	22 460 733	22 292 266
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	95 008	92 776	102 876	124 424	137 204	156 315	170 463	181 403
..... acres.....	19 198 754	17 896 490	15 649 057	17 514 799	18 917 911	19 492 565	19 709 121	18 558 711
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	21 027	17 726	22 708	25 444	27 020	34 483	43 589	52 627
1 to 9 acres.....	3 755	2 327	2 905	4 084	4 579	6 641	9 046	12 902
10 to 19 acres.....	4 753	3 427	4 623	4 886	5 308	6 220	8 076	9 379
20 to 29 acres.....	4 678	4 019	4 982	5 154	5 414	6 805	8 470	9 657
30 to 49 acres.....	7 841	7 953	10 198	11 320	11 719	14 817	17 997	20 689
50 to 99 acres.....	16 590	18 503	23 585	29 236	32 254	39 672	44 203	51 333
100 to 199 acres.....	24 806	26 419	31 893	43 234	49 622	56 267	58 302	58 080
200 to 499 acres.....	25 191	23 918	21 257	24 061	26 145	24 167	22 781	18 400
500 to 999 acres.....	5 800	4 971	2 854	2 141	1 917	1 527	1 423	854
1,000 acres or more.....	1 594	1 239	579	308	246	199	165	109
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 327	1 056	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	267	183	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	34 322	41 529	49 149	47 223	52 491	63 543	66 749	58 426
..... acres.....	1 647 329	1 993 368	2 100 812	1 307 409	1 272 102	1 536 166	1 559 927	1 315 865
Other cropland..... farms.....	39 143	21 752	68 390	75 404	30 344	35 826	34 566	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 835 376	1 431 012	4 510 631	3 421 223	1 740 139	1 164 231	1 191 685	2 417 690
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	11 116	(NA)	(NA)	51 189	15 112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	360 220	(NA)	(NA)	2 015 902	1 087 507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	5 379	(NA)	(NA)	9 549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	51 984
..... acres.....	150 764	(NA)	(NA)	260 547	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 339 169
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	8 046	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	535 941	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	22 011	(NA)	(NA)	29 429	(NA)	23 450	(NA)	37 898
..... acres.....	788 451	(NA)	(NA)	1 144 774	(NA)	695 095	(NA)	1 078 521
Total woodland..... farms.....	40 158	37 618	45 833	60 435	67 578	78 213	90 442	80 222
..... acres.....	2 687 821	2 454 218	2 844 213	3 863 732	4 019 160	4 520 419	5 092 369	4 265 353
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	23 026	(NA)	(NA)	45 074	50 878	61 553	71 347	63 397
..... acres.....	1 283 204	(NA)	(NA)	2 410 099	2 480 889	2 982 961	3 349 278	3 056 332
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	26 610	(NA)	(NA)	32 114	35 520	37 022	43 971	33 410
..... acres.....	1 404 617	(NA)	(NA)	1 453 633	1 538 271	1 537 458	1 743 091	1 209 021
Other land..... farms.....	83 093	82 510	94 794	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 309 549	3 830 140	3 680 527	4 697 817	4 846 785	5 571 158	5 330 061	6 582 378
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	20 134	(NA)	(NA)	53 276	62 253	74 628	78 863	103 673
..... acres.....	1 205 952	(NA)	(NA)	2 117 862	2 169 898	2 599 458	2 617 777	3 825 300
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	79 787	(NA)	(NA)	127 368	(NA)	161 534	174 108	185 678
..... acres.....	2 103 597	(NA)	(NA)	2 579 955	2 676 887	2 971 700	2 712 284	2 757 078
Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 128	853	575	470	387	347	274	27
..... acres.....	271 898	77 823	36 365	17 510	14 991	9 207	4 235	210

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.....	87 723	85 905	89 025	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	27 428 394	26 303 948	26 360 631	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	313	306	296	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	4 493	4 791	3 871
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	131 950	184 130	135 570
Average per farm..... dollars.....	285 965	132 901	67 835	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	7 377	7 702	18 423
Average per acre..... dollars.....	908	434	229	..... acres.....	521 026	752 285	1 434 675
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	20 238	6 292	31 588
Total cropland..... farms.....	84 163	83 743	87 132	..... acres.....	747 162	269 163	1 744 683
..... acres.....	22 131 458	20 699 416	20 975 860	Total woodland..... farms.....	32 850	30 901	34 849
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	83 038	82 824	85 928	..... acres.....	2 259 279	2 081 612	2 243 806
..... acres.....	18 873 409	17 606 001	15 060 401	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	19 468	19 718	23 919
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 137 649	1 109 468	1 316 160
1 to 49 acres.....	10 624	9 444	9 612	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	21 482	19 220	20 280
50 to 99 acres.....	15 348	16 921	20 241	..... acres.....	1 121 630	972 144	927 646
100 to 199 acres.....	24 504	26 337	31 399	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	17 909	22 346	24 535
200 to 499 acres.....	25 177	23 915	21 251	..... acres.....	1 141 966	1 445 596	1 273 213
500 to 999 acres.....	5 794	4 969	2 848	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	68 038	69 521	73 906
1,000 acres or more.....	1 591	1 238	577	..... acres.....	1 895 693	2 077 324	1 867 752
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 325	1 055	496	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	49 500	56 210	63 278
2,000 acres or more.....	266	183	81	..... acres.....	3 793 502	4 315 620	4 446 468
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	29 681	35 762	41 362	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 888	755	447
..... acres.....	1 513 887	1 760 556	1 857 095	..... acres.....	270 397	77 112	33 162
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	10 238	3 979	15 941				
..... acres.....	344 024	127 281	743 436				

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