

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	102 963	98 537	28 678 829	27 605 228	19 198 754	17 896 490	271 898	77 823
with harvested cropland	95 008	92 776	28 246 225	27 141 908	19 198 754	17 896 490	271 773	77 251
with irrigated land	2 128	853	942 087	335 567	645 967	208 501	271 898	77 823
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	4 567	2 652	15 023	7 048	3 177	1 901	180	148
with harvested cropland	1 104	633	5 828	2 868	3 177	1 901	170	148
with irrigated land	108	88	375	288	199	179	180	148
10 to 49 acres	11 090	6 846	319 994	204 402	151 781	103 817	1 750	634
with harvested cropland	8 723	5 407	259 660	168 671	151 781	103 817	1 635	562
with irrigated land	263	90	8 040	2 222	2 157	914	1 750	634
50 to 69 acres	3 048	2 558	177 776	150 106	94 231	77 246	629	186
with harvested cropland	2 696	2 229	157 358	130 921	94 231	77 246	629	186
with irrigated land	44	16	2 519	935	1 302	356	629	186
70 to 99 acres	8 373	8 464	682 006	687 922	384 706	384 477	1 626	862
with harvested cropland	7 855	7 971	638 751	647 558	384 706	384 477	1 626	862
with irrigated land	79	52	6 456	4 233	3 197	1 986	1 626	862
100 to 139 acres	8 361	8 716	982 270	1 024 739	570 369	581 984	2 922	1 991
with harvested cropland	8 032	8 347	943 883	982 498	570 369	581 984	2 922	1 991
with irrigated land	81	45	9 481	5 231	4 809	3 152	2 922	1 991
140 to 179 acres	12 948	14 705	2 048 952	2 329 359	1 291 322	1 449 895	7 431	2 761
with harvested cropland	12 576	14 311	1 991 240	2 267 344	1 291 322	1 449 895	7 431	2 761
with irrigated land	123	66	19 407	10 497	12 048	5 703	7 431	2 761
180 to 219 acres	7 945	8 374	1 572 638	1 653 976	982 870	1 003 695	8 006	2 919
with harvested cropland	7 820	8 189	1 548 260	1 617 614	982 870	1 003 695	8 006	2 919
with irrigated land	112	56	22 124	11 047	14 664	6 772	8 006	2 919
220 to 259 acres	8 072	8 702	1 919 648	2 070 253	1 264 994	1 318 869	12 441	2 590
with harvested cropland	7 999	8 542	1 902 251	2 032 307	1 264 994	1 318 869	12 441	2 590
with irrigated land	143	37	34 065	8 800	23 376	4 975	12 441	2 590
260 to 499 acres	24 863	25 280	8 856 625	8 989 388	5 971 549	5 893 017	66 689	19 530
with harvested cropland	24 573	24 997	8 756 911	8 892 788	5 971 549	5 893 017	66 689	19 530
with irrigated land	540	213	197 920	78 653	134 571	48 933	66 689	19 530
500 to 999 acres	10 593	9 637	7 083 468	6 387 001	4 931 011	4 306 190	86 205	20 225
with harvested cropland	10 540	9 563	7 049 077	6 340 752	4 931 011	4 306 190	86 205	20 225
with irrigated land	451	136	311 182	90 492	211 025	57 150	86 205	20 225
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2 529	2 160	3 294 576	2 786 334	2 387 622	1 928 008	47 030	10 108
with harvested cropland	2 521	2 150	3 282 865	2 771 807	2 387 622	1 928 008	47 030	9 608
with irrigated land	135	35	177 191	45 549	127 352	29 492	47 030	10 108
2,000 acres or more	574	443	1 725 853	1 314 700	1 165 122	847 391	36 989	15 869
with harvested cropland	569	437	1 710 141	1 286 780	1 165 122	847 391	36 989	15 869
with irrigated land	49	19	153 327	77 620	111 267	48 889	36 989	15 869
5,000 acres or more	39	(NA)	280 247	(NA)	147 411	(NA)	12 065	(NA)
with harvested cropland	38	(NA)	274 061	(NA)	147 411	(NA)	12 065	(NA)
with irrigated land	7	(NA)	41 570	(NA)	29 541	(NA)	12 065	(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	102 963	98 537	110 747	267	256	37
acres	28 678 829	27 605 228	28 785 240	69 575	74 021	9 897
Harvested cropland	95 008	92 776	102 876	247	229	33
acres	19 198 754	17 896 490	15 649 057	42 940	43 909	4 050
Full owners	57 669	59 423	67 602	154	164	18
acres	10 897 940	11 913 868	13 015 923	31 174	33 274	4 637
Harvested cropland	50 770	54 318	60 633	137	141	14
acres	6 305 774	6 782 650	6 196 730	17 592	14 947	1 582
Part owners	32 791	29 358	30 225	77	52	12
acres	14 766 122	13 157 535	12 436 002	30 272	31 895	3 628
Harvested cropland	32 531	29 066	29 882	76	52	12
acres	10 512 776	9 188 741	7 342 520	18 515	23 011	1 605
Tenants	12 503	9 756	12 920	36	40	7
acres	3 014 767	2 533 825	3 333 315	8 129	8 852	1 632
Harvested cropland	11 707	9 392	12 361	34	36	7
acres	2 380 204	1 925 099	2 109 807	6 833	5 951	863
Percent of tenancy	12.1	9.9	11.6	13.5	15.6	18.9
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	91 944	(NA)	(NA)	238	(NA)	(NA)
acres	23 762 462	(NA)	(NA)	59 805	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	9 458	(NA)	(NA)	23	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3 603 332	(NA)	(NA)	6 214	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	1 396	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 228 643	(NA)	(NA)	3 556	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	23	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	19 594	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 215	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 117 059	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	24	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	36 692	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	134	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres	55 298	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	165	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	84 392	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)

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	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	4 685	2 845	2 334	13	14	3
25 to 34 years	16 273	11 838	13 645	64	33	3
35 to 44 years	22 126	19 290	24 029	78	55	7
45 to 54 years	24 670	25 747	30 521	58	74	12
55 to 64 years	23 825	25 004	27 302	37	50	7
65 years and over	11 384	12 969	12 916	17	30	5
Average age	47.5	49.8	49.2	43.7	47.9	48.1
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	82 342	73 990	93 146	198	180	32
Not on farm operated	10 860	8 278	8 926	35	18	4
Not reported	9 761	16 269	8 675	34	58	1
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	50 147	43 722	(NA)	103	90	(NA)
Any	46 580	32 260	49 805	144	87	17
1 to 49 days	10 075	6 791	14 526	21	14	5
50 to 99 days	3 135	2 402	4 693	13	3	4
100 to 149 days	3 360	2 499	8 083	19	7	4
150 to 199 days	4 554	3 385		20	11	
200 days or more	25 456	17 183	22 503	71	52	4
Not reporting	6 236	21 711	(NA)	20	79	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	72 052	77 635	(NA)	174	189	(NA)
Other	30 911	20 058	(NA)	93	67	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	100 755	(NA)	(NA)	249	(NA)	(NA)
acres	28 272 498	(NA)	(NA)	63 977	(NA)	(NA)
Female	2 208	(NA)	(NA)	18	(NA)	(NA)
acres	406 331	(NA)	(NA)	5 598	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
farms	172	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
acres	53 210	(NA)	(NA)	2 201	(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, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	77 381	191	78 849	190	77 883	18
acres	22 623 239	54 036	23 039 439	59 907	22 133 459	5 153
Partnership	8 866	16	6 234	10	10 353	3
acres	3 547 370	5 231	2 628 827	8 459	3 845 300	1 677
Corporations	1 371	6	743	(NA)	460	2
acres	1 223 385	3 556	599 447	(NA)	301 870	705
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	23	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	19 594	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 195	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 112 854	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	23	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	130	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	54 305	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.						
farms	105	—	79	(NA)	329	—
acres	34 402	—	36 235	(NA)	80 002	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.