

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	2 128	853	575	1 888	755	447
Proportion of farms	2.1	0.9	0.5	2.2	0.9	0.5
Irrigated land	271 898	77 823	36 365	270 397	77 112	33 162
Average per farm	128	91	632	143	102	741
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	483	257	178	281	185	104
10 to 49 acres	1 210	(NA)	(NA)	739	575	393
50 to 99 acres	329	220	157	297	195	128
100 to 199 acres	8 921	(NA)	(NA)	8 302	5 004	3 349
200 to 499 acres	363	132	115	357	131	93
500 to 999 acres	25 960	(NA)	(NA)	25 549	9 483	6 415
1,000 acres or more	544	134	91	544	134	89
	73 046	(NA)	(NA)	73 046	17 475	11 919
	341	89	30	341	89	30
	98 660	(NA)	(NA)	98 660	25 468	8 726
	48	15	3	48	15	2
	30 154	(NA)	(NA)	30 154	9 533	(D)
	20	6	1	20	6	1
	33 947	(NA)	(NA)	33 947	9 574	(D)
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	2 088	(NA)	(NA)	1 863	746	439
Pastureland	268 599	(NA)	(NA)	267 337	74 769	32 446
Other land	52	(NA)	(NA)	40	(NA)	(NA)
	1 156	(NA)	(NA)	1 034	804	507
	85	(NA)	(NA)	74	21	12
	2 143	(NA)	(NA)	2 026	1 539	209
Land in irrigated farms						
Cropland	942 087	335 567	196 249	926 051	325 371	173 434
Harvested cropland	758 899	(NA)	(NA)	753 193	248 004	134 426
	645 967	208 501	105 500	643 043	206 477	98 597

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	102 963	2 128	526	100 835
Land in farms	28 678 829	942 087	99 916	27 736 742
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				
Average per farm	253 137	397 929	208 532	250 225
Average per acre	901	901	1 072	902
Irrigated land	271 898	271 898	54 709	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	97 393	2 125	526	95 268
Harvested cropland	22 681 459	758 899	70 418	21 922 560
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	19 198 754	645 967	53 585	18 552 787
	48 708	847	91	47 861
	2 853 281	76 645	8 738	2 776 636
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	56 183	999	71	55 184
Milk cows	3 301 704	102 348	3 616	3 199 356
Hogs and pigs	26 087	527	29	25 560
Sheep and lambs	767 070	22 259	904	744 811
	26 765	471	43	26 294
	4 130 975	115 320	10 836	4 015 655
	4 869	53	6	4 816
	244 752	3 736	181	241 016
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: <sup>1</sup>				
Average per farm	102 909	2 030	499	100 879
	4 620 656	164 528	21 233	4 456 129
	44 900	81 048	42 551	44 173
Market value of agricultural products sold:				
Average per farm	4 542 566	209 581	45 264	4 332 985
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	44 118	98 487	86 053	42 971
Livestock and livestock products	79 371	1 958	497	77 413
Poultry and poultry products	2 081 384	129 061	38 879	1 952 323
	69 255	1 227	103	68 028
	2 157 662	71 829	3 751	2 085 834
	7 978	131	22	7 847
	303 520	8 691	2 634	294 829
Selected farm production expenses: <sup>1</sup>				
Feed for livestock and poultry	66 143	1 128	115	65 015
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	501 557	15 353	2 032	486 205
Commercial fertilizer	80 112	1 900	416	78 212
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	137 737	8 734	3 397	129 004
Energy and petroleum products	76 639	1 855	404	74 784
Hired farm labor	318 172	16 454	2 346	301 718
Contract labor	74 281	1 806	397	72 475
	123 711	5 947	1 092	117 764
	102 572	2 025	494	100 547
	277 628	13 268	3 912	264 360
	44 031	1 139	227	42 892
	158 647	16 188	6 131	142 459
	4 074	140	41	3 934
	10 617	549	170	10 067

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.