

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
Harvested cropland	73 046	(NA)	(NA)	73 046	17 475	11 919
Pastureland	341	89	30	341	89	30
Other land	98 660	(NA)	(NA)	98 660	25 468	8 726
Land in irrigated farms	48	15	3	48	15	2
Cropland	30 154	(NA)	(NA)	30 154	9 533	(D)
Harvested cropland	20	6	1	20	6	1
Land in irrigated farms	33 947	(NA)	(NA)	33 947	9 574	(D)
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)
Harvested cropland	1 156	(NA)	(NA)	1 034	804	507
Pastureland	85	(NA)	(NA)	74	21	12
Other land	2 143	(NA)	(NA)	2 026	1 539	209
Land in irrigated farms	942 087	335 567	196 249	926 051	325 371	173 434
Cropland	758 899	(NA)	(NA)	753 193	248 004	134 426
Harvested cropland	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: ¹				
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
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
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	26 765	471	43	26 294
Cattle and calves	4 130 975	115 320	10 836	4 015 655
Milk cows	4 869	53	6	4 816
Hogs and pigs	244 752	3 736	181	241 016
Sheep and lambs				
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	102 909	2 030	499	100 879
Average per farm	4 620 656	164 528	21 233	4 456 129
Average per acre	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
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	69 255	1 227	103	68 028
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	2 157 662	71 829	3 751	2 085 834
Commercial fertilizer	7 978	131	22	7 847
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	303 520	8 691	2 634	294 829
Energy and petroleum products	66 143	1 128	115	65 015
Hired farm labor	501 557	15 353	2 032	486 205
Contract labor	80 112	1 900	416	78 212
Commercial fertilizer	137 737	8 734	3 397	129 004
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	76 639	1 855	404	74 784
Energy and petroleum products	318 172	16 454	2 346	301 718
Hired farm labor	74 281	1 806	397	72 475
Contract labor	123 711	5 947	1 092	117 764
Commercial fertilizer	102 572	2 025	494	100 547
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	277 628	13 268	3 912	264 360
Energy and petroleum products	44 031	1 139	227	42 892
Hired farm labor	158 647	16 188	6 131	142 459
Contract labor	4 074	140	41	3 934
Commercial fertilizer	10 617	549	170	10 067

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