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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms — number	54 182	53 620	72 577	109 141	138 142	215 915	251 383	263 528
Land in farms — acres	13 864 787	14 300 498	16 039 665	17 751 607	18 630 263	20 702 412	20 710 770	19 616 533
Average size of farm — acres	256	267	221	163	135	96	82	74
Approximate land area — acres	30 272 640	30 269 440	30 269 440	30 222 720	30 222 720	30 238 720	30 238 720	30 348 800
Proportion in farms — percent	45.8	47.2	53.0	58.7	61.6	68.5	68.5	64.6
Value of land and buildings:[1]								
Average per farm — dollars	173 475	101 102	51 611	24 322	14 292	7 053	4 566	2 457
Average per acre — dollars	681	379	234	150	106	74	55	33
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
$1 to $9,999	2 086	4 955	18 919	56 775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$10,000 to $19,999	4 720	8 037	17 717	24 913	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$20,000 to $39,999	10 128	13 822	17 401	15 492	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$40,000 to $69,999	12 141	10 872	8 597	5 588	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$70,000 to $99,999	6 799	4 823	3 030	2 051	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$100,000 to $149,999	6 092	3 713	2 300	1 555	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$150,000 to $199,999	2 883	1 909	1 220	799	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$200,000 to $499,999	5 652	3 475	2 338	1 420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$500,000 or more	3 679	2 014	1 055	548	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland — farms	48 532	49 530	66 853	96 998	127 215	203 261	241 141	258 537
acres	8 445 855	8 039 574	8 189 006	6 565 301	7 092 678	7 792 351	8 971 727	8 284 744
Harvested cropland — farms	39 705	40 007	53 266	88 229	118 176	193 617	229 479	251 849
acres	5 962 184	4 793 365	4 751 591	4 400 143	4 564 307	5 529 981	6 136 206	6 472 820
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres	26 470	28 291	40 845	74 965	103 829	177 652	213 369	237 732
1 to 9 acres	9 661	9 696	16 058	27 204	32 449	50 347	45 318	38 745
10 to 19 acres	7 728	8 647	12 438	25 485	37 573	68 621	83 651	95 851
20 to 29 acres	4 633	5 028	6 404	12 368	19 260	35 074	51 276	64 747
30 to 49 acres	4 448	4 920	5 945	9 908	14 547	23 610	33 124	38 389
50 to 99 acres	4 224	4 185	4 841	6 461	8 022	9 949	11 008	9 793
100 to 199 acres	2 769	2 551	2 818	2 961	2 917	3 033	2 720	2 203
200 to 499 acres	3 024	2 518	2 487	2 204	2 057	2 003	1 615	1 472
500 to 999 acres	1 730	1 387	1 296	1 051	944	712	576	495
1,000 acres or more	1 488	1 075	979	587	407	268	191	154
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1 114	794	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more	374	281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing[2] — farms	27 309	31 878	39 089	24 608	35 566	40 979	50 959	27 827
acres	1 959 646	2 477 646	2 423 371	1 294 478	1 629 716	1 513 428	1 604 183	848 537
Other cropland — farms	10 449	9 922	24 447	27 860	31 891	42 531	60 766	(NA)
acres	524 025	768 563	1 014 044	870 680	898 655	748 942	1 231 338	963 387
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured — farms	1 598	(NA)	(NA)	10 583	4 985	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	59 723	(NA)	(NA)	285 118	233 045	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed — farms	2 467	(NA)	(NA)	3 505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 971
acres	86 283	(NA)	(NA)	66 703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	112 987
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow[3] — farms	1 953	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	101 319	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle — farms	6 117	(NA)	(NA)	18 006	(NA)	33 390	(NA)	39 413
acres	276 700	(NA)	(NA)	518 859	(NA)	561 708	(NA)	850 400
Total woodland — farms	33 526	33 148	48 133	73 202	83 804	109 767	117 608	108 236
acres	3 628 339	3 666 730	4 841 112	6 795 259	7 611 872	8 877 148	8 506 238	6 946 984
Woodland pastured — farms	22 647	(NA)	(NA)	57 276	64 384	87 533	87 880	73 623
acres	1 674 651	(NA)	(NA)	3 843 135	4 164 110	5 333 577	4 482 716	3 571 447
Woodland not pastured — farms	17 868	(NA)	(NA)	34 001	42 885	52 527	64 689	67 461
acres	1 953 688	(NA)	(NA)	2 952 124	3 447 762	3 543 571	4 023 522	3 375 537
Other land — farms	38 948	37 196	52 528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 790 593	2 594 194	3 009 547	4 391 047	3 925 713	4 032 913	3 232 805	4 384 805
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured — farms	10 611	(NA)	(NA)	57 829	58 365	76 701	68 174	93 843
acres	1 170 655	(NA)	(NA)	3 716 872	3 160 563	3 290 530	2 279 944	3 384 051
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. — farms	36 331	(NA)	(NA)	92 796	(NA)	157 697	170 379	200 164
acres	619 938	(NA)	(NA)	674 175	765 150	742 383	952 861	1 000 754
Irrigated land — farms	1 238	673	987	857	790	1 703	44	3
acres	309 519	161 611	149 920	123 398	99 686	132 490	5 086	3

[1]1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. [2]Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. [3]Varies 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
Farms — number	30 291	26 056	27 100
Land in farms — acres	11 851 523	11 533 375	11 819 890
Average size of farm — acres	391	443	436
Value of land and buildings:[1]			
Average per farm — dollars	263 848	167 289	104 891
Average per acre — dollars	677	378	240
Land in farms according to use:			
Total cropland — farms	28 108	24 522	25 695
acres	7 669 106	6 826 312	6 571 225
Harvested cropland — farms	25 040	22 496	23 452
acres	5 772 895	4 568 298	4 362 433
Farms by acres harvested:			
1 to 49 acres	12 167	11 000	11 423
50 to 99 acres	3 910	3 982	4 472
100 to 199 acres	2 735	2 547	2 809
200 to 499 acres	3 014	2 508	2 478
500 to 999 acres	1 728	1 385	1 293
1,000 acres or more	1 486	1 074	977
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1 112	794	733
2,000 acres or more	374	280	244
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing — farms	14 991	13 464	14 230
acres	1 468 082	1 596 231	1 514 716
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured — farms	1 031	1 143	2 650
acres	49 718	68 162	108 772
Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Total cropland—Con.			
Cropland on which all crops failed — farms	1 357	1 653	1 484
acres	71 697	159 058	72 444
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow — farms	1 459	1 321	2 429
acres	91 657	157 541	141 036
Cropland idle — farms	3 442	2 557	5 911
acres	215 057	277 022	371 824
Total woodland — farms	18 626	16 026	18 593
acres	2 704 034	2 641 039	3 159 742
Woodland pastured — farms	12 233	10 940	13 125
acres	1 184 710	1 280 952	1 571 407
Woodland not pastured — farms	10 558	8 799	10 363
acres	1 519 324	1 360 087	1 588 335
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured — farms	6 215	8 454	9 598
acres	990 294	1 540 915	1 587 233
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. — farms	18 947	16 715	17 734
acres	488 089	525 109	501 690
Pastureland, all types — farms	21 359	19 655	21 044
acres	3 643 086	4 418 098	4 673 356
Irrigated land — farms	1 050	554	753
acres	306 247	160 401	146 004

[1]1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.