

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
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	8 445 855	8 039 574	8 189 006	6 565 301	7 092 678	7 792 351	8 971 727	8 284 744
..... acres.....	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	53 276	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

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

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