

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 | 54 182 | 53 620 | 13 864 787 | 14 300 498 | 5 962 184 | 4 793 365 | 309 519 | 161 611 |
| with harvested cropland | 39 705 | 40 007 | 12 328 998 | 12 447 997 | 5 962 184 | 4 793 365 | 308 843 | 161 480 |
| with irrigated land | 1 238 | 673 | 1 480 093 | 973 487 | 1 135 300 | 654 052 | 309 519 | 161 611 |
| Farms by size: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 9 acres | 3 578 | 1 699 | 13 097 | 5 988 | 4 851 | 3 106 | 86 | 35 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 440 | 735 | 7 134 | 3 896 | 4 851 | 3 106 | 86 | 33 |
| with irrigated land | 64 | 21 | 133 | 64 | 95 | 33 | 86 | 35 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 11 561 | 10 351 | 340 401 | 317 407 | 91 219 | 81 173 | 1 002 | 760 |
| with harvested cropland | 7 535 | 6 982 | 224 479 | 214 784 | 91 219 | 81 173 | 712 | 723 |
| with irrigated land | 141 | 92 | 3 445 | 2 598 | 994 | 1 052 | 1 002 | 760 |
| 50 to 69 acres | 4 863 | 5 053 | 286 575 | 296 396 | 62 001 | 57 220 | 760 | 261 |
| with harvested cropland | 3 166 | 3 386 | 187 012 | 199 037 | 62 001 | 57 220 | 704 | 177 |
| with irrigated land | 48 | 14 | 2 799 | 820 | 1 035 | 175 | 760 | 261 |
| 70 to 99 acres | 6 781 | 7 521 | 557 309 | 618 925 | 128 133 | 112 086 | 978 | 790 |
| with harvested cropland | 4 993 | 5 389 | 410 622 | 444 337 | 128 133 | 112 086 | 978 | 788 |
| with irrigated land | 56 | 47 | 4 689 | 3 957 | 1 477 | 979 | 978 | 790 |
| 100 to 139 acres | 6 209 | 6 717 | 720 101 | 782 292 | 139 047 | 135 580 | 1 221 | 182 |
| with harvested cropland | 4 442 | 4 986 | 515 514 | 581 827 | 139 047 | 135 580 | 1 220 | 182 |
| with irrigated land | 45 | 12 | 5 222 | 1 464 | 1 781 | 164 | 1 221 | 182 |
| 140 to 179 acres | 4 345 | 4 825 | 684 573 | 756 606 | 135 585 | 130 554 | 959 | 310 |
| with harvested cropland | 3 342 | 3 658 | 524 824 | 573 750 | 135 585 | 130 554 | 740 | 304 |
| with irrigated land | 30 | 13 | 4 725 | 2 116 | 1 377 | 569 | 959 | 310 |
| 180 to 219 acres | 2 970 | 3 004 | 588 008 | 594 016 | 152 679 | 105 834 | 1 315 | 471 |
| with harvested cropland | 2 425 | 2 337 | 480 419 | 462 975 | 152 679 | 105 834 | 1 315 | 471 |
| with irrigated land | 53 | 10 | 10 347 | 1 877 | 6 451 | 851 | 1 315 | 471 |
| 220 to 259 acres | 1 955 | 2 281 | 463 464 | 542 722 | 119 961 | 110 311 | 1 395 | 315 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 585 | 1 870 | 375 949 | 445 258 | 119 961 | 110 311 | 1 365 | 315 |
| with irrigated land | 26 | 9 | 6 260 | 2 105 | 3 268 | 1 177 | 1 395 | 315 |
| 260 to 499 acres | 5 717 | 5 968 | 2 040 354 | 2 100 782 | 683 208 | 539 459 | 8 516 | 4 880 |
| with harvested cropland | 4 954 | 4 964 | 1 772 969 | 1 753 623 | 683 208 | 539 459 | 8 516 | 4 880 |
| with irrigated land | 98 | 57 | 36 127 | 20 530 | 23 919 | 11 920 | 8 516 | 4 880 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 3 453 | 3 393 | 2 360 279 | 2 329 851 | 1 087 228 | 828 065 | 40 654 | 15 972 |
| with harvested cropland | 3 152 | 3 025 | 2 164 599 | 2 086 392 | 1 087 228 | 828 065 | 40 654 | 15 972 |
| with irrigated land | 190 | 86 | 138 143 | 63 417 | 109 809 | 48 739 | 40 654 | 15 972 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 1 785 | 1 870 | 2 437 282 | 2 546 716 | 1 465 567 | 1 208 136 | 86 710 | 49 948 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 727 | 1 767 | 2 360 215 | 2 408 449 | 1 465 567 | 1 208 136 | 86 710 | 49 948 |
| with irrigated land | 251 | 171 | 361 004 | 249 774 | 302 385 | 182 173 | 86 710 | 49 948 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 965 | 938 | 3 373 344 | 3 408 797 | 1 892 705 | 1 481 841 | 165 923 | 87 687 |
| with harvested cropland | 944 | 908 | 3 305 262 | 3 273 669 | 1 892 705 | 1 481 841 | 165 903 | 87 687 |
| with irrigated land | 236 | 141 | 907 199 | 624 765 | 682 709 | 406 220 | 165 923 | 87 687 |
| 5,000 acres or more | 118 | (NA) | 991 941 | (NA) | 478 630 | (NA) | 49 350 | (NA) |
| with harvested cropland | 116 | (NA) | 979 296 | (NA) | 478 630 | (NA) | 49 350 | (NA) |
| with irrigated land | 35 | (NA) | 331 595 | (NA) | 226 488 | (NA) | 49 350 | (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 | 54 182 | 53 620 | 72 577 | 8 887 | 8 173 | 17 184 |
| acres | 13 864 787 | 14 300 498 | 16 039 665 | 707 941 | 822 647 | 1 398 508 |
| Harvested cropland | 39 705 | 40 007 | 53 266 | 5 790 | 6 204 | 13 551 |
| acres | 5 962 184 | 4 793 365 | 4 751 591 | 160 456 | 156 205 | 292 644 |
| Full owners | 35 195 | 38 683 | 52 489 | 6 094 | 6 387 | 12 222 |
| acres | 5 494 273 | 6 833 219 | 8 279 682 | 447 126 | 581 865 | 949 310 |
| Harvested cropland | 23 278 | 26 986 | 35 585 | 3 699 | 4 645 | 9 052 |
| acres | 1 216 525 | 1 360 895 | 1 396 376 | 52 432 | 91 844 | 149 196 |
| Part owners | 13 803 | 11 113 | 13 508 | 1 704 | 1 100 | 2 305 |
| acres | 6 852 457 | 6 106 941 | 6 374 340 | 215 004 | 176 534 | 313 042 |
| Harvested cropland | 12 475 | 9 881 | 12 040 | 1 531 | 984 | 2 043 |
| acres | 3 676 541 | 2 687 046 | 2 588 438 | 89 479 | 46 720 | 89 855 |
| Tenants | 5 184 | 3 824 | 6 580 | 1 089 | 686 | 2 657 |
| acres | 1 518 057 | 1 360 338 | 1 385 643 | 45 811 | 64 248 | 136 156 |
| Harvested cropland | 3 952 | 3 140 | 5 641 | 560 | 575 | 2 456 |
| acres | 1 069 118 | 745 424 | 766 777 | 18 545 | 17 641 | 53 593 |
| Percent of tenancy | 9.6 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 12.3 | 8.4 | 15.4 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | | | | |
| Individual or family | 49 171 | (NA) | (NA) | 8 390 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 10 087 343 | (NA) | (NA) | 635 554 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Partnership | 3 896 | (NA) | (NA) | 443 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 2 240 669 | (NA) | (NA) | 42 689 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corporations | 922 | (NA) | (NA) | 29 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 1 385 630 | (NA) | (NA) | 8 692 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 19 | (NA) | (NA) | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 64 839 | (NA) | (NA) | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 811 | (NA) | (NA) | 25 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 1 142 755 | (NA) | (NA) | 8 366 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other than family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 18 | (NA) | (NA) | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 39 234 | (NA) | (NA) | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 74 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 138 802 | (NA) | (NA) | 326 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 193 | (NA) | (NA) | 25 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 151 145 | (NA) | (NA) | 21 006 | (NA) | (NA) |

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.

| | All farms | | | Farms operated by Black and other races ¹ | | |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|--|-------|--------|
| | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 |
| Operators by age group:¹ | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 1 147 | 798 | 806 | 141 | 97 | 104 |
| 25 to 34 years | 5 939 | 4 590 | 5 086 | 526 | 296 | 558 |
| 35 to 44 years | 10 324 | 8 465 | 11 321 | 1 200 | 757 | 1 818 |
| 45 to 54 years | 13 055 | 12 397 | 17 837 | 1 818 | 1 410 | 3 706 |
| 55 to 64 years | 12 598 | 14 141 | 21 465 | 2 303 | 2 451 | 5 493 |
| 65 years and over | 11 119 | 12 637 | 16 062 | 2 899 | 3 162 | 5 505 |
| Average age | 51.7 | 53.6 | 54.1 | 56.7 | 59.3 | 58.1 |
| Operators by place of residence:¹ | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 37 378 | 31 130 | 50 064 | 6 828 | 4 838 | 12 058 |
| Not on farm operated | 9 769 | 8 794 | 12 030 | 891 | 839 | 2 048 |
| Not reported | 7 035 | 13 696 | 10 483 | 1 168 | 2 496 | 3 078 |
| Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹ | | | | | | |
| None | 18 392 | 17 272 | (NA) | 3 295 | 3 272 | (NA) |
| Any | 33 364 | 26 923 | 41 342 | 5 178 | 3 533 | 9 039 |
| 1 to 49 days | 2 867 | 2 519 | 6 044 | 570 | 658 | 1 977 |
| 50 to 99 days | 1 588 | 1 712 | 3 339 | 367 | 408 | 1 059 |
| 100 to 149 days | 1 740 | 1 525 | 7 827 | 388 | 292 | 2 585 |
| 150 to 199 days | 3 520 | 2 904 | (NA) | 729 | 510 | (NA) |
| 200 days or more | 23 649 | 18 263 | 24 132 | 3 124 | 1 665 | 3 418 |
| Not reporting | 2 426 | 8 833 | (NA) | 414 | 1 368 | (NA) |
| Operators by principal occupation:¹ | | | | | | |
| Farming | 21 384 | 26 681 | (NA) | 3 472 | 5 009 | (NA) |
| Other | 32 798 | 26 347 | (NA) | 5 415 | 3 164 | (NA) |
| Operators by sex: | | | | | | |
| Male | farms... 50 501 | (NA) | (NA) | 7 767 | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 13 285 111 | (NA) | (NA) | 638 978 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Female | farms... 3 681 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 120 | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 579 676 | (NA) | (NA) | 68 963 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators of Spanish origin | farms... 179 | (NA) | (NA) | 27 | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 39 187 | (NA) | (NA) | 3 611 | (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, (see text) | Farms | Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text) | Farms | Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text) |
| Individual or family | farms... 26 389 | 2 089 | 23 755 | 2 009 | 23 359 | 2 537 |
| | acres... 8 236 937 | 301 633 | 8 735 464 | 364 987 | 8 748 511 | 434 366 |
| Partnership | farms... 2 923 | 115 | 1 741 | 56 | 3 180 | 271 |
| | acres... 2 143 958 | 20 503 | 1 795 470 | 15 906 | 2 244 549 | 61 024 |
| Corporations | farms... 908 | 27 | 515 | (NA) | 420 | 45 |
| | acres... 1 380 531 | (D) | 927 835 | (NA) | 754 313 | 26 233 |
| Family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | farms... 19 | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 64 839 | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | farms... 800 | 23 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 1 138 186 | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other than family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | farms... 18 | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 39 234 | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | farms... 71 | 4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | acres... 138 272 | 326 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | farms... 71 | 10 | 45 | (NA) | 141 | 239 |
| | acres... 90 097 | (D) | 74 606 | (NA) | 72 517 | 5 664 |

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.