

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	24 469	23 324	24 951	27 020	28 959	33 061	35 085	37 747
Land in farms..... acres.....	62 269 824	62 158 351	62 918 247	65 833 760	64 081 391	61 468 903	59 247 434	58 787 318
Average size of farm..... acres.....	2 545	2 665	2 522	2 437	2 213	1 859	1 689	1 557
Approximate land area..... acres.....	93 176 320	93 157 952	93 157 952	93 271 040	93 271 040	93 361 920	93 361 920	93 642 240
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	66.8	66.7	67.5	70.6	68.7	65.8	63.5	62.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	501 192	298 070	150 222	103 271	76 761	44 653	28 475	13 720
Average per acre..... dollars.....	196	112	60	42	35	24	17	9
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	175	575	1 258	1 770	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	453	904	1 697	2 834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	1 485	2 042	3 686	5 147	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	1 917	2 756	4 408	5 328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	1 672	2 237	3 175	3 485	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	2 630	2 767	3 440	3 350	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	1 963	2 272	2 290	1 919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	7 364	6 414	3 979	2 645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	6 811	3 357	1 018	542	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	22 100	21 368	22 709	25 212	27 486	31 218	33 331	35 743
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	16 325 645	15 445 720	16 108 575	15 388 431	15 077 767	14 508 389	13 928 528	11 318 688
..... acres.....	20 921	20 376	21 404	24 308	26 726	30 575	32 090	34 853
..... acres.....	8 802 485	8 426 881	7 937 203	7 812 612	8 158 899	8 414 058	7 576 173	7 439 470
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	3 926	3 199	3 268	4 124	4 655	5 770	7 137	8 103
1 to 9 acres.....	765	689	657	986	1 122	1 680	1 945	2 358
10 to 19 acres.....	906	739	732	837	1 017	1 105	1 398	1 456
20 to 29 acres.....	880	612	620	769	866	1 017	1 296	1 445
30 to 49 acres.....	1 375	1 159	1 259	1 532	1 650	1 968	2 498	2 844
50 to 99 acres.....	2 494	2 346	2 598	3 369	3 776	4 728	5 534	6 420
100 to 199 acres.....	3 286	3 542	3 986	4 840	5 510	6 495	6 998	7 778
200 to 499 acres.....	5 343	5 607	6 247	7 059	7 718	8 694	8 389	9 084
500 to 999 acres.....	3 695	3 692	3 722	3 608	3 877	3 778	3 201	2 840
1,000 acres or more.....	2 177	1 990	1 583	1 308	1 190	1 110	831	628
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 685	1 589	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	492	401	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing? ² farms.....	6 840	7 017	8 741	6 680	6 539	6 630	8 918	4 531
..... acres.....	1 188 978	1 144 873	1 441 261	1 030 734	944 930	737 975	1 271 471	400 092
Other cropland..... farms.....	11 678	11 180	13 676	16 450	17 547	19 121	20 656	(NA)
..... acres.....	6 334 182	5 873 966	6 730 111	6 545 085	5 973 938	5 356 356	5 080 884	3 479 126
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 463	(NA)	(NA)	3 318	1 886	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	191 674	(NA)	(NA)	444 787	338 486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 120	(NA)	(NA)	1 519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 872
..... acres.....	200 627	(NA)	(NA)	145 089	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	317 306
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	10 135	(NA)	(NA)	14 840	16 087	17 803	17 850	(NA)
..... acres.....	5 557 162	(NA)	(NA)	5 695 266	5 374 988	4 966 526	4 224 669	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	2 433	(NA)	(NA)	2 551	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16 958
..... acres.....	384 719	(NA)	(NA)	259 943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 161 820
Total woodland..... farms.....	3 281	2 933	3 286	4 081	4 772	5 340	7 098	4 497
..... acres.....	1 943 023	2 049 728	1 752 055	2 125 306	2 437 862	2 163 660	3 159 878	1 084 970
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	2 366	(NA)	(NA)	3 406	3 934	4 586	6 021	3 842
..... acres.....	1 566 424	(NA)	(NA)	1 869 971	2 178 339	1 971 937	2 754 944	985 924
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 265	(NA)	(NA)	1 068	1 291	1 190	1 737	1 019
..... acres.....	376 599	(NA)	(NA)	255 335	259 523	191 723	404 934	99 046
Other land..... farms.....	20 578	19 808	21 294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	44 001 156	44 662 903	45 057 617	48 320 023	46 565 762	44 796 854	42 159 028	46 383 660
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	14 230	(NA)	(NA)	20 414	22 245	25 362	25 604	31 815
..... acres.....	42 795 178	(NA)	(NA)	47 376 901	45 471 269	43 922 843	41 226 673	45 556 351
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	14 696	(NA)	(NA)	24 502	(NA)	30 625	32 222	34 803
..... acres.....	1 205 978	(NA)	(NA)	943 122	1 094 493	874 011	932 355	827 309
Irrigated land..... farms.....	9 682	8 714	9 197	10 843	11 935	13 114	13 457	12 997
..... acres.....	2 085 759	1 759 040	1 841 421	1 893 360	1 874 520	1 890 671	1 716 792	1 555 480

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.....	20 956	20 177	20 603	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	56 489 150	56 731 193	57 733 713	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	2 696	2 812	2 802	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 004	876	582
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	190 360	188 132	120 648
Average per farm..... dollars.....	538 873	318 305	166 991	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	9 837	9 914	11 710
Average per acre..... dollars.....	200	113	60	..... acres.....	5 521 225	5 294 602	5 943 953
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	2 241	1 087	2 141
Total cropland..... farms.....	19 370	18 966	19 555	..... acres.....	361 087	264 327	370 720
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	16 056 893	15 257 374	15 741 492	Total woodland..... farms.....	2 480	2 333	2 462
..... farms.....	18 681	18 509	18 999	..... acres.....	1 412 941	1 511 931	1 486 931
..... acres.....	8 717 801	8 375 116	7 833 008	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 905	1 850	2 083
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 146 507	1 146 601	1 241 518
1 to 49 acres.....	2 193	1 539	1 497	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	841	777	630
50 to 99 acres.....	2 076	2 157	2 112	..... acres.....	266 434	365 330	245 413
100 to 199 acres.....	3 226	3 535	3 849	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 165	13 215	14 431
200 to 499 acres.....	5 321	5 600	6 244	..... acres.....	37 908 171	38 989 905	39 398 253
500 to 999 acres.....	3 693	3 691	3 720	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	12 509	13 345	13 165
1,000 acres or more.....	2 172	1 987	1 577	..... acres.....	1 111 145	971 983	1 107 037
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 683	1 587	1 307	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	16 672	16 397	17 698
2,000 acres or more.....	489	400	270	..... acres.....	40 134 918	41 177 450	41 959 941
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	5 552	5 597	7 103	Irrigated land..... farms.....	8 301	7 528	7 951
..... acres.....	1 080 240	1 040 944	1 320 170	..... acres.....	2 029 904	1 717 764	1 800 321
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 372	607	1 405				
..... acres.....	186 180	94 253	152 993				

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