

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	24 469	23 324	62 269 824	62 158 351	8 802 485	8 426 881	2 085 759	1 759 040
with harvested cropland	20 921	20 376	54 334 703	53 405 933	8 802 485	8 426 881	2 027 323	1 726 706
with irrigated land	9 682	8 714	24 096 133	22 788 584	2 653 255	2 406 472	2 085 759	1 759 040
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1 359	1 177	3 112	2 544	617	648	746	710
with harvested cropland	207	239	930	1 054	617	648	497	499
with irrigated land	213	183	984	908	453	429	746	710
10 to 49 acres	2 148	1 550	55 858	42 601	23 176	16 288	22 466	16 594
with harvested cropland	1 426	1 044	39 116	29 912	23 176	16 288	18 204	13 045
with irrigated land	1 238	864	32 517	24 215	15 405	10 085	22 466	16 594
50 to 69 acres	526	394	30 547	22 813	12 107	9 609	10 308	8 575
with harvested cropland	383	311	22 211	18 070	12 107	9 609	9 330	7 747
with irrigated land	270	236	15 717	13 715	7 190	6 120	10 308	8 575
70 to 99 acres	896	731	72 872	58 633	30 157	23 290	25 848	21 926
with harvested cropland	744	576	60 741	46 059	30 157	23 290	23 392	19 873
with irrigated land	527	410	42 908	32 767	20 301	15 450	25 848	21 926
100 to 139 acres	711	694	82 694	80 934	33 033	32 803	30 355	26 380
with harvested cropland	574	570	67 008	66 822	33 033	32 803	27 754	23 690
with irrigated land	410	366	47 860	43 242	22 083	19 310	30 355	26 380
140 to 179 acres	1 041	888	163 667	139 891	63 492	59 458	51 950	46 590
with harvested cropland	901	801	141 603	126 214	63 492	59 458	49 779	44 665
with irrigated land	563	488	88 223	76 651	41 039	36 767	51 950	46 590
180 to 219 acres	497	496	98 451	98 286	40 392	40 287	36 633	33 135
with harvested cropland	438	443	86 909	87 923	40 392	40 287	35 517	32 551
with irrigated land	316	291	62 629	57 643	30 086	27 373	36 633	33 135
220 to 259 acres	623	507	146 108	120 188	51 019	49 263	40 550	42 291
with harvested cropland	566	458	132 550	108 629	51 019	49 263	39 460	40 720
with irrigated land	311	323	73 740	76 353	32 922	35 205	40 550	42 291
260 to 499 acres	2 437	2 433	892 504	883 528	325 927	320 159	208 214	188 504
with harvested cropland	2 201	2 195	805 501	798 004	325 927	320 159	203 707	184 308
with irrigated land	1 203	1 132	435 243	407 263	188 059	163 343	208 214	188 504
500 to 999 acres	2 950	2 990	2 163 696	2 204 589	659 910	689 544	267 643	223 008
with harvested cropland	2 725	2 798	2 005 189	2 068 091	659 910	689 544	262 047	221 319
with irrigated land	1 122	1 068	799 480	763 930	261 466	247 116	267 643	223 008
1,000 to 1,999 acres	4 139	4 053	6 014 333	5 887 521	1 673 766	1 688 696	294 272	231 308
with harvested cropland	3 953	3 907	5 750 526	5 689 321	1 673 766	1 688 696	289 110	229 445
with irrigated land	1 131	1 020	1 584 327	1 451 815	369 418	332 331	294 272	231 308
2,000 acres or more	7 142	7 411	52 545 982	52 616 823	5 888 889	5 496 836	1 096 774	920 019
with harvested cropland	6 803	7 034	45 222 419	44 365 834	5 888 889	5 496 836	1 068 526	908 844
with irrigated land	2 378	2 333	20 912 505	19 840 082	1 664 833	1 512 943	1 096 774	920 019
5,000 acres or more	2 843	(NA)	39 092 119	(NA)	2 892 627	(NA)	711 468	(NA)
with harvested cropland	2 643	(NA)	32 198 615	(NA)	2 892 627	(NA)	698 040	(NA)
with irrigated land	1 165	(NA)	16 944 302	(NA)	1 066 697	(NA)	711 468	(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	24 469	23 324	24 951	426	261	24
acres	62 269 824	62 158 351	62 918 247	3 105 606	549 455	58 737
Harvested cropland	20 921	20 376	21 404	339	222	10
acres	8 802 485	8 426 881	7 937 203	101 406	65 299	4 259
Full owners	11 476	10 677	10 745	187	73	16
acres	14 840 582	14 138 107	11 968 129	2 632 567	180 845	8 014
Harvested cropland	8 949	8 584	8 275	126	48	2
acres	2 058 416	2 035 023	1 646 207	16 363	9 862	90
Part owners	10 070	10 135	11 241	186	137	5
acres	42 911 478	43 760 198	46 306 983	420 280	302 301	48 042
Harvested cropland	9 573	9 685	10 684	169	129	5
acres	5 961 750	5 697 443	5 554 098	71 071	47 898	2 587
Tenants	2 923	2 512	2 965	53	51	3
acres	4 517 764	4 260 046	4 643 135	52 759	66 309	2 681
Harvested cropland	2 399	2 107	2 445	44	45	3
acres	782 319	694 415	736 898	13 972	7 539	1 582
Percent of tenancy	11.9	10.8	11.8	12.4	19.5	12.5
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	19 901	(NA)	(NA)	365	(NA)	(NA)
acres	33 249 901	(NA)	(NA)	498 544	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	2 350	(NA)	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7 602 798	(NA)	(NA)	48 617	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	2 012	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
acres	16 163 718	(NA)	(NA)	18 512	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	36	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	462 217	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 883	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
acres	14 814 191	(NA)	(NA)	18 512	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	18	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	276 673	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	75	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	610 637	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	206	(NA)	(NA)	21	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5 253 407	(NA)	(NA)	2 539 933	(NA)	(NA)

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	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	615	474	460	14	1	—
25 to 34 years	3 518	2 391	2 704	77	35	5
35 to 44 years	4 560	3 912	5 175	80	54	2
45 to 54 years	6 108	5 762	7 312	115	65	2
55 to 64 years	6 266	6 069	6 132	96	67	—
65 years and over	3 402	3 307	3 168	44	39	15
Average age	49.6	51.1	50.0	47.3	50.4	54.3
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	18 039	15 441	19 327	274	185	10
Not on farm operated	4 036	3 299	3 498	91	55	3
Not reported	2 394	4 584	2 126	61	21	11
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	12 268	9 952	(NA)	145	87	(NA)
Any	10 829	7 284	10 651	242	121	18
1 to 49 days	2 564	1 632	2 936	32	15	—
50 to 99 days	815	595	1 108	15	17	1
100 to 149 days	802	587	1 805	42	5	15
150 to 199 days	1 100	766	4 802	33	17	—
200 days or more	5 548	3 704	(NA)	120	67	2
Not reporting	1 372	4 679	(NA)	39	53	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	17 082	16 967	(NA)	235	168	(NA)
Other	7 387	4 948	(NA)	191	93	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	23 208 farms	(NA)	(NA)	390	(NA)	(NA)
59 561 581 acres	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 068 653	(NA)	(NA)
Female	1 261 farms	(NA)	(NA)	36	(NA)	(NA)
2 708 243 acres	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	36 953	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
94 farms	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
145 684 acres	(NA)	(NA)	2 547	(NA)	(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	16 664 farms	314	17 177	212	17 226	11
Partnership	32 619 147 farms	484 053	37 428 818	503 315	38 359 356	(D)
Corporations	2 219 farms	28	1 693	9	2 483	—
Family held:	7 553 899 acres	42 937	6 509 264	38 880	9 542 937	—
More than 10 stockholders	1 994 farms	9	1 229	(NA)	742	1
10 or less stockholders	16 112 698 acres	(D)	12 293 386	(NA)	9 439 189	(D)
Other than family held:	34 farms	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	(D) acres	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 869 farms	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	14 772 348 acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	18 farms	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	276 673 acres	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other	73 farms	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
79 farms	(D)	2	78	(NA)	152	—
203 406 acres	(D)	499 725	(NA)	392 231	—	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.