

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	65 916	67 597	72 257	80 163	90 475	100 846	107 183	111 756
Land in farms..... acres.....	46 273 401	46 172 012	45 833 953	47 792 663	47 755 708	47 486 580	47 466 828	47 752 941
Average size of farm..... acres.....	702	683	634	596	528	471	443	427
Approximate land area..... acres.....	48 957 440	48 949 376	48 949 376	49 031 680	49 031 680	49 064 320	49 064 320	49 058 560
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	94.5	94.3	93.6	97.5	97.4	96.8	96.7	97.3
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	372 786	192 574	97 931	65 268	46 796	33 713	25 517	15 205
Average per acre..... dollars.....	525	282	154	109	89	72	58	36
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	780	2 437	4 799	6 105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	2 332	3 064	5 199	7 892	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	4 447	6 172	11 393	18 662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	5 911	9 424	15 826	22 535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	4 699	7 874	11 599	11 672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	6 393	10 073	10 970	7 634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	5 749	7 465	5 295	2 782	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	20 799	16 314	6 248	2 515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	14 805	4 774	928	366	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	60 178	63 040	67 197	75 386	85 744	95 570	102 525	107 746
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	22 399 384	22 212 756	22 222 858	22 099 510	22 827 985	22 867 514	23 776 470	23 428 519
Other cropland..... farms.....	57 833	60 660	64 669	73 758	84 105	94 580	100 984	106 013
..... acres.....	16 442 249	16 309 434	14 022 810	15 229 112	18 057 090	18 874 341	19 406 990	19 596 324
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	6 611	6 397	7 763	7 568	6 677	7 721	9 618	10 488
1 to 9 acres.....	1 525	1 019	1 162	1 472	1 535	2 372	3 302	3 579
10 to 19 acres.....	1 400	1 328	1 532	1 444	1 439	1 428	1 856	1 837
20 to 29 acres.....	1 172	1 287	1 539	1 419	1 171	1 251	1 457	1 553
30 to 49 acres.....	2 514	2 763	3 530	3 233	2 532	2 670	3 003	3 519
50 to 99 acres.....	6 803	7 601	10 839	12 268	10 737	12 912	14 777	16 820
100 to 199 acres.....	14 298	15 819	20 167	27 056	32 562	40 654	43 265	45 538
200 to 499 acres.....	22 158	23 606	21 638	22 919	29 892	29 370	29 308	29 163
500 to 999 acres.....	6 330	5 930	3 402	3 106	3 330	2 998	3 129	3 230
1,000 acres or more.....	1 633	1 307	860	841	907	925	887	774
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 370	1 095	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	263	212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	22 458	29 389	31 501	20 583	24 762	29 272	33 447	43 135
..... acres.....	2 363 037	3 274 383	2 461 216	1 031 016	1 309 492	1 116 793	1 399 626	942 301
Other cropland..... farms.....	34 530	21 164	47 624	58 511	38 378	36 639	39 396	(NA)
..... acres.....	3 594 098	2 628 939	5 738 832	5 839 382	3 461 403	2 876 380	2 969 854	2 889 894
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 288	(NA)	(NA)	32 202	12 435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	334 581	(NA)	(NA)	1 761 221	655 323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 428	(NA)	(NA)	7 404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	26 893
..... acres.....	150 711	(NA)	(NA)	299 604	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 250 547
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	15 576	(NA)	(NA)	30 413	23 896	23 030	19 620	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 266 081	(NA)	(NA)	3 128 230	2 312 900	2 128 822	1 948 942	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	17 338	(NA)	(NA)	13 856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	28 105
..... acres.....	842 725	(NA)	(NA)	650 327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 639 347
Total woodland..... farms.....	7 927	8 142	9 908	9 846	12 189	15 071	17 015	15 855
..... acres.....	436 577	531 534	489 712	496 075	521 394	622 505	819 605	510 947
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	3 727	(NA)	(NA)	5 404	8 297	9 514	7 430	7 430
..... acres.....	257 814	(NA)	(NA)	356 693	369 742	430 441	602 899	377 651
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	5 254	(NA)	(NA)	5 866	7 143	8 452	9 377	9 613
..... acres.....	178 763	(NA)	(NA)	139 382	151 652	192 064	216 706	133 296
Other land..... farms.....	54 412	56 495	63 467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	23 437 440	23 427 722	23 121 383	25 197 078	24 406 329	23 996 561	22 870 753	23 813 475
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	28 279	(NA)	(NA)	58 513	62 712	70 586	71 057	78 254
..... acres.....	22 132 676	(NA)	(NA)	23 730 795	22 846 585	22 542 465	21 415 000	22 184 950
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	46 168	(NA)	(NA)	75 603	(NA)	96 911	102 557	109 917
..... acres.....	1 304 764	(NA)	(NA)	1 466 283	1 559 744	1 454 096	1 455 753	1 628 525
Irrigated land..... farms.....	24 054	20 331	19 440	18 833	18 936	12 500	9 680	7 156
..... acres.....	5 697 779	3 966 930	2 857 247	2 169 317	2 077 926	1 171 369	876 259	631 762

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.....	61 461	62 570	63 385	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	45 603 702	45 413 370	44 658 535	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	742	726	705	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 307	4 318	2 161
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	144 166	266 546	157 868
Average per farm..... dollars.....	393 572	204 070	107 502	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	15 317	12 088	24 823
Average per acre..... dollars.....	525	281	153	..... acres.....	2 246 234	1 929 615	3 198 564
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	16 883	3 932	19 871
Total cropland..... farms.....	57 146	59 403	61 078	..... acres.....	828 482	204 727	1 401 338
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	22 209 366	21 920 733	21 710 759	Total woodland..... farms.....	7 471	7 593	9 076
..... acres.....	55 488	58 272	60 044	..... acres.....	426 020	515 552	465 490
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	3 468	3 857	4 878
1 to 49 acres.....	4 582	4 261	4 348	..... acres.....	252 659	283 496	303 764
50 to 99 acres.....	6 574	7 369	9 835	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	4 934	4 760	5 447
100 to 199 acres.....	14 235	15 808	19 974	..... acres.....	173 361	232 056	161 726
200 to 499 acres.....	22 140	23 601	21 631	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	27 285	29 309	33 294
500 to 999 acres.....	6 327	5 928	3 400	..... acres.....	21 707 007	21 529 928	21 114 717
1,000 acres or more.....	1 630	1 305	856	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	43 038	46 859	50 197
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 369	1 095	675	..... acres.....	1 261 309	1 447 157	1 367 569
2,000 acres or more.....	261	210	181	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	44 327	48 811	52 781
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	21 203	27 362	28 794	..... acres.....	24 256 764	24 914 937	23 742 751
..... acres.....	2 297 098	3 101 513	2 324 270	Irrigated land..... farms.....	23 812	20 075	19 053
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 098	4 423	14 100 acres.....	5 680 328	3 957 232	2 846 367
..... acres.....	328 065	179 193	783 214				

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