

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	2 877	2 076	2 112	2 156	2 354	2 857	3 110	3 429
Land in farms..... acres.....	10 474 965	10 813 610	10 708 346	10 482 772	10 942 936	8 231 270	7 063 525	6 178 004
Average size of farm..... acres.....	3 641	5 209	5 070	4 862	4 649	2 881	2 271	1 802
Approximate land area..... acres.....	70 328 320	70 328 320	70 328 320	70 264 320	70 264 320	70 264 960	70 264 960	70 273 280
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	14.9	15.4	15.2	14.9	15.6	11.7	10.1	8.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	696 777	440 806	270 507	182 436	141 974	78 162	43 700	20 985
Average per acre..... dollars.....	191	85	53	38	31	27	19	12
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	42	59	110	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	67	95	193	234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	211	170	334	470	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	275	288	342	347	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	262	224	211	178	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	382	237	227	213	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	252	182	144	143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	736	455	338	323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	650	366	213	162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	2 469	1 857	1 855	1 993	2 129	2 486	2 861	3 011
..... acres.....	863 797	753 294	748 528	774 419	786 532	674 869	619 442	546 145
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 080	1 665	1 648	1 854	1 920	2 264	2 627	2 839
..... acres.....	597 921	551 300	521 024	507 210	337 529	360 011	421 202	486 842
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	800	526	507	644	779	1 059	1 279	1 421
1 to 9 acres.....	269	134	95	167	218	306	331	448
10 to 19 acres.....	205	144	117	115	178	229	299	305
20 to 29 acres.....	129	88	105	134	147	183	260	278
30 to 49 acres.....	197	160	190	228	236	341	389	390
50 to 99 acres.....	285	241	265	340	387	435	521	565
100 to 199 acres.....	357	325	325	332	348	363	357	381
200 to 499 acres.....	357	332	333	327	281	255	319	288
500 to 999 acres.....	157	132	118	117	72	89	79	102
1,000 acres or more.....	124	109	100	94	53	63	72	82
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	77	70	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	47	39	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	1 120	969	999	927	1 083	1 254	1 290	935
..... acres.....	190 614	152 578	161 580	191 332	361 687	252 106	145 239	36 489
Other cropland..... farms.....	673	338	435	561	511	617	793	(NA)
..... acres.....	75 262	49 416	65 924	75 877	87 316	62 752	53 001	22 814
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	90	(NA)	(NA)	82	59	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	9 805	(NA)	(NA)	8 514	9 171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	118	(NA)	(NA)	101	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	98
..... acres.....	7 607	(NA)	(NA)	3 486	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 540
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	100	(NA)	(NA)	154	162	196	280	(NA)
..... acres.....	9 022	(NA)	(NA)	14 458	9 892	6 801	13 386	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	506	(NA)	(NA)	390	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	395
..... acres.....	48 828	(NA)	(NA)	49 419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	20 274
Total woodland..... farms.....	91	56	64	84	101	185	225	122
..... acres.....	32 856	33 974	33 967	50 701	43 553	63 015	88 069	82 944
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	36	(NA)	(NA)	56	66	134	161	84
..... acres.....	19 917	(NA)	(NA)	37 555	27 692	47 268	68 465	75 683
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	60	(NA)	(NA)	35	51	58	83	41
..... acres.....	12 939	(NA)	(NA)	13 146	15 861	15 747	19 604	7 261
Other land..... farms.....	2 261	1 673	1 805	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	9 578 312	10 026 342	9 925 851	9 657 652	10 112 851	7 493 386	6 356 014	5 548 915
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	962	(NA)	(NA)	1 305	1 351	1 605	1 547	2 080
..... acres.....	8 998 930	(NA)	(NA)	9 441 381	9 503 617	7 338 012	6 217 287	5 420 260
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 923	(NA)	(NA)	1 959	(NA)	2 615	2 897	2 984
..... acres.....	579 382	(NA)	(NA)	216 271	609 234	155 374	138 727	128 655
Irrigated land..... farms.....	2 373	1 794	1 768	2 018	2 110	2 509	2 819	3 072
..... acres.....	899 204	777 510	752 696	824 511	542 976	567 498	727 498	674 204

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.....	2 037	1 620	1 585	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	9 009 037	9 257 459	9 195 237	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	4 423	5 714	5 801	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	78	56	47
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	5 879	5 826	5 760
Average per farm..... dollars.....	795 251	487 863	315 235	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	67	38	74
Average per acre..... dollars.....	179	85	54	..... acres.....	7 473	5 247	10 993
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	335	193	228
Total cropland..... farms.....	1 795	1 463	1 455	..... acres.....	39 599	28 946	33 947
..... acres.....	797 480	693 474	694 446	Total woodland..... farms.....	58	43	51
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	1 631	1 380	1 371	..... acres.....	31 936	23 613	21 734
..... acres.....	578 342	523 136	497 099	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	29	26	25
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	19 691	5 603	14 041
1 to 49 acres.....	398	266	274	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	33	26	34
50 to 99 acres.....	265	238	243	..... acres.....	12 245	18 010	7 693
100 to 199 acres.....	347	318	320	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	811	786	833
200 to 499 acres.....	348	324	323	..... acres.....	7 993 653	8 425 153	8 302 629
500 to 999 acres.....	153	131	114	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 376	1 086	1 113
1,000 acres or more.....	120	103	97	..... acres.....	185 968	115 219	176 428
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	74	68	62	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	1 382	1 215	1 229
2,000 acres or more.....	46	35	35	..... acres.....	8 174 059	8 559 629	8 457 578
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	815	704	740	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 797	1 448	1 426
..... acres.....	160 715	128 873	140 908	..... acres.....	865 271	736 926	713 297
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	65	24	45				
..... acres.....	5 472	1 446	5 739				

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