

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	2 373	1 794	1 768	1 797	1 448	1 426
Proportion of farms	82.5	86.4	83.7	88.2	89.4	89.9
Irrigated land	899 204	777 510	752 696	865 271	736 926	713 297
Average per farm	379	433	4 257	482	509	5 002
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	303	125	87	79	28	21
	1 275	(NA)	(NA)	292	152	102
10 to 49 acres	608	399	397	334	197	190
	15 405	(NA)	(NA)	9 055	5 708	5 737
50 to 99 acres	308	249	279	275	227	234
	21 945	(NA)	(NA)	19 898	16 173	16 648
100 to 199 acres	345	300	330	328	293	328
	47 600	(NA)	(NA)	45 427	41 151	45 045
200 to 499 acres	412	371	353	398	364	345
	126 812	(NA)	(NA)	122 328	108 167	106 015
500 to 999 acres	197	184	160	189	181	152
	134 701	(NA)	(NA)	129 463	119 367	100 610
1,000 acres or more	200	166	162	194	158	156
	551 466	(NA)	(NA)	538 808	446 208	439 140
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	2 080	(NA)	(NA)	1 631	1 373	1 366
	597 921	(NA)	(NA)	578 342	517 141	495 069
Pastureland	1 027	(NA)	(NA)	796	(NA)	(NA)
	287 553	(NA)	(NA)	276 587	216 743	210 195
Other land	154	(NA)	(NA)	113	56	62
	13 730	(NA)	(NA)	10 342	3 042	8 033
Land in irrigated farms						
Cropland	8 272 136	8 490 402	8 419 516	7 237 023	7 181 550	6 980 427
	845 990	(NA)	(NA)	792 844	689 167	685 288
Harvested cropland	597 921	551 273	520 830	578 342	523 121	497 095

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	2 877	2 373	2 080	504
Land in farms	10 474 965	8 272 136	7 980 306	2 202 829
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				
Average per farm	696 777	775 717	850 534	321 495
Average per acre	191	223	219	73
Irrigated land	899 204	899 204	863 642	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	2 469	2 309	2 080	160
	863 797	845 990	823 587	17 807
Harvested cropland	2 080	2 080	2 080	-
	597 921	597 921	597 921	-
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	1 794	1 601	1 320	193
	9 189 544	7 135 513	6 855 409	2 054 031
Inventory of livestock: <sup>1</sup>				
Cattle and calves	1 801	1 602	1 417	199
	577 076	541 880	527 808	35 196
Milk cows	437	394	360	43
	13 590	12 572	11 831	1 018
Hogs and pigs	401	306	268	95
	11 104	5 222	4 699	5 882
Sheep and lambs	364	310	282	54
	131 682	125 011	116 379	6 671
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: <sup>1</sup>				
	2 870	2 370	2 051	500
	121 562	114 015	109 558	7 547
Average per farm	42 356	48 108	53 417	15 094
Market value of agricultural products sold				
	202 122	192 131	188 235	9 992
Average per farm	70 255	80 965	90 498	19 825
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	1 183	1 183	1 183	-
	60 127	60 127	60 127	-
Livestock and livestock products	2 167	1 716	1 458	451
	141 889	131 981	128 088	9 908
Poultry and poultry products	120	91	72	29
	106	23	20	84
Selected farm production expenses: <sup>1</sup>				
Feed for livestock and poultry	2 064	1 587	1 311	477
	25 829	23 230	22 183	2 599
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	948	908	862	40
	2 331	2 326	2 319	5
Commercial fertilizer	1 003	945	808	58
	4 936	4 909	4 892	27
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	1 012	884	839	128
	2 391	2 382	2 378	9
Energy and petroleum products	2 824	2 354	2 039	470
	14 762	14 124	13 724	638
Hired farm labor	1 308	1 148	1 082	160
	19 237	18 538	18 162	699
Contract labor	273	237	220	36
	1 032	957	936	76

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.