

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	3 288	2 412	2 902	4 648	6 542	10 411	13 391	18 786
Land in farms..... acres.....	540 807	506 464	612 750	903 197	1 124 312	1 457 293	1 713 731	2 017 049
Average size of farm..... acres.....	164	210	211	194	172	140	128	107
Approximate land area..... acres.....	5 777 920	5 777 344	5 777 344	5 768 960	5 768 960	5 770 880	5 770 880	5 775 367
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	9.4	8.8	10.6	15.7	19.5	25.3	29.7	34.9
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	150 816	118 421	50 418	25 402	18 046	11 989	9 323	4 280
Average per acre..... dollars.....	919	564	239	132	105	86	73	40
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	52	69	253	1 032	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	62	131	543	1 593	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	382	431	905	1 195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	673	542	690	537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	533	348	211	166	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	481	336	165	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	360	186	58	14	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	599	297	58	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	146	72	19	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	3 062	2 273	2 635	4 303	5 996	9 457	12 397	18 162
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	198 225	171 187	189 227	254 302	306 240	381 682	450 706	509 442
Other cropland..... farms.....	2 785	2 128	2 352	3 895	5 503	8 257	11 459	17 800
..... acres.....	136 803	118 186	116 321	168 044	205 767	246 583	290 199	435 748
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	1 945	1 308	1 516	2 686	4 034	6 668	9 849	15 295
1 to 9 acres.....	602	393	465	850	1 263	2 447	3 653	6 194
10 to 19 acres.....	436	310	387	649	1 030	1 567	2 492	3 664
20 to 29 acres.....	392	257	272	521	782	1 145	1 692	2 569
30 to 49 acres.....	515	348	392	666	959	1 509	2 012	2 868
50 to 99 acres.....	444	455	465	780	1 058	1 229	1 306	1 995
100 to 199 acres.....	283	269	298	361	355	304	263	438
200 to 499 acres.....	104	91	72	65	53	53	40	71
500 to 999 acres.....	9	5	-	2	3	3	-	1
1,000 acres or more.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	-	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	1 667	1 249	1 595	2 173	2 924	3 967	4 658	1 562
..... acres.....	46 528	43 367	56 188	62 235	71 543	87 719	101 428	48 412
Other cropland..... farms.....	562	380	575	1 069	1 364	2 643	2 840	(NA)
..... acres.....	14 894	9 634	16 718	24 023	28 930	47 380	59 079	25 282
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	143	(NA)	(NA)	178	273	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 586	(NA)	(NA)	1 851	2 759	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	76	(NA)	(NA)	239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	700
..... acres.....	720	(NA)	(NA)	3 357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6 949
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	58	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	681	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	362	(NA)	(NA)	766	(NA)	2 097	(NA)	1 173
..... acres.....	11 907	(NA)	(NA)	18 815	(NA)	36 960	(NA)	18 333
Total woodland..... farms.....	2 373	1 822	2 298	3 946	5 497	8 187	10 368	14 145
..... acres.....	291 064	279 689	360 402	578 375	724 760	908 784	1 039 460	1 201 152
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	729	(NA)	(NA)	1 436	2 038	3 136	4 410	6 383
..... acres.....	38 798	(NA)	(NA)	109 672	151 729	228 217	295 110	445 689
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	2 077	(NA)	(NA)	3 443	4 839	6 739	8 413	10 524
..... acres.....	252 266	(NA)	(NA)	468 703	573 031	680 567	744 350	755 463
Other land..... farms.....	2 242	1 654	1 811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	51 518	55 588	63 121	70 520	93 312	166 827	223 565	306 455
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	411	(NA)	(NA)	1 082	1 380	2 717	3 379	5 760
..... acres.....	21 858	(NA)	(NA)	46 928	56 401	116 992	148 702	231 170
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	2 099	(NA)	(NA)	3 922	8 594	8 594	9 620	14 399
..... acres.....	29 660	(NA)	(NA)	23 592	36 911	49 835	74 863	75 285
Irrigated land..... farms.....	192	119	93	159	76	61	51	10
..... acres.....	1 802	2 130	1 510	2 648	1 249	942	622	63

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.....	1 769	1 458	1 624	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	376 873	378 874	435 750	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	213	260	268	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	41	36	26
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	541	599	1 081
Average per farm..... dollars.....	192 020	145 599	61 932	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	30	47	62
Average per acre..... dollars.....	899	560	231	..... acres.....	493	739	1 648
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	181	102	181
Total cropland..... farms.....	1 671	1 359	1 478	..... acres.....	4 189	2 285	5 120
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	147 851	141 044	150 577	Total woodland..... farms.....	1 276	1 084	1 307
..... farms.....	1 583	1 288	1 373	..... acres.....	193 954	198 271	246 234
..... acres.....	109 640	100 960	97 958	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	397	458	573
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	27 069	45 967	56 216
1 to 49 acres.....	859	540	602	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	1 136	945	1 069
50 to 99 acres.....	342	391	410	..... acres.....	166 885	152 304	190 018
100 to 199 acres.....	271	263	290	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	251	315	338
200 to 499 acres.....	102	89	70	..... acres.....	14 655	16 808	22 548
500 to 999 acres.....	9	5	-	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	1 094	924	889
1,000 acres or more.....	-	-	-	..... acres.....	20 413	22 751	16 391
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	-	-	-	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	1 129	1 014	1 200
2,000 acres or more.....	-	-	-	..... acres.....	73 655	97 270	121 726
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	865	749	932	Irrigated land..... farms.....	139	87	73
..... acres.....	31 931	34 495	42 962	..... acres.....	1 687	2 056	1 458
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	76	54	75				
..... acres.....	1 057	1 966	1 808				

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