

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

		All forms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
		1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	farms	192	119	93	139	87	73
Proportion of farms	percent	5.8	4.9	3.2	7.9	6.0	4.4
Irrigated land	acres	1 802	2 130	1 510	1 687	2 056	1 458
Average per farm	acres	9	18	162	12	24	199
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:							
1 to 9 acres	farms	160	88	70	107	57	51
	acres	405	(NA)	(NA)	290	193	151
10 to 49 acres	farms	22	20	15	22	19	14
	acres	420	(NA)	(NA)	420	400	287
50 to 99 acres	farms	5	5	5	5	5	5
	acres	292	(NA)	(NA)	292	371	284
100 to 199 acres	farms	5	4	1	5	4	1
	acres	685	(NA)	(NA)	685	(D)	106
200 to 499 acres	farms	-	2	2	-	2	2
	acres	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	(D)	630
500 to 999 acres	farms	-	-	-	-	-	-
	acres	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	-	-
1,000 acres or more	farms	-	-	-	-	-	-
	acres	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	-	-
Irrigated land use:							
Harvested cropland	farms	189	(NA)	(NA)	137	87	73
	acres	1 776	(NA)	(NA)	1 666	2 043	1 451
Pastureland	farms	2	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	-	-
Other land	farms	3	(NA)	(NA)	2	3	2
	acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	13	7
Land in irrigated farms	acres	22 840	15 671	19 941	18 717	12 482	14 560
Cropland	acres	8 084	(NA)	(NA)	7 168	5 645	5 000
Harvested cropland	acres	6 373	5 453	4 428	5 738	5 120	3 979

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

		All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
			Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	number	3 288	192	99	3 096
Land in farms	acres	540 807	22 840	3 495	517 967
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>					
Average per farm	dollars	150 816	203 147	132 237	147 481
Average per acre	dollars	919	1 970	3 886	878
Irrigated land	acres	1 802	1 802	495	(X)
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	farms	3 062	192	99	2 870
	acres	198 225	8 084	755	190 141
Harvested cropland	farms	2 785	190	99	2 595
	acres	136 803	6 373	484	130 430
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	farms	1 920	58	26	1 862
	acres	68 386	1 217	339	67 169
Inventory of livestock:					
Cattle and calves	farms	1 860	36	12	1 824
	number	70 593	1 236	48	69 357
Milk cows	farms	1 020	23	10	997
	number	31 048	544	10	30 504
Hogs and pigs	farms	706	23	11	683
	number	9 853	156	38	9 697
Sheep and lambs	farms	337	17	2	320
	number	6 048	166	(D)	5 882
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup>	farms	3 264	190	101	3 074
	\$1,000	65 198	6 227	2 345	58 971
Average per farm	dollars	19 975	32 776	23 216	19 184
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000	89 273	14 079	4 954	75 195
Average per farm	dollars	27 151	73 326	50 043	24 288
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	farms	1 515	171	84	1 344
	\$1,000	22 838	11 929	3 794	10 909
Livestock and livestock products	farms	2 008	30	7	1 978
	\$1,000	48 227	893	7	47 333
Poultry and poultry products	farms	380	22	8	358
	\$1,000	18 208	1 257	1 153	16 952
Selected farm production expenses: <sup>1</sup>					
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms	2 437	55	23	2 382
	\$1,000	22 939	970	678	21 969
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms	1 478	166	94	1 312
	\$1,000	1 470	647	285	822
Commercial fertilizer	farms	1 812	167	90	1 645
	\$1,000	3 156	344	60	2 812
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	farms	1 614	157	84	1 457
	\$1,000	1 380	294	59	1 087
Energy and petroleum products	farms	3 259	197	108	3 062
	\$1,000	5 837	1 189	483	4 648
Hired farm labor	farms	1 153	107	57	1 046
	\$1,000	12 321	3 165	936	9 156
Contract labor	farms	169	19	6	150
	\$1,000	307	35	6	272

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