

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	9 895	7 409	8 493	10 641	15 459	22 686	24 838	26 226
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 049 435	961 395	1 035 678	1 155 597	1 379 002	1 665 241	1 725 441	1 818 103
Average size of farm..... acres.....	106	130	122	109	89	73	70	69
Approximate land area..... acres.....	4 813 440	4 813 312	4 813 312	4 813 440	4 813 440	4 814 080	4 814 080	4 814 080
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	21.8	20.0	21.5	24.0	28.6	34.6	35.8	37.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	285 722	234 469	133 202	73 487	46 397	29 635	20 343	11 171
Average per acre..... dollars.....	2 701	1 807	1 092	662	520	404	293	161
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	214	249	569	774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	244	295	812	1 638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	633	846	1 690	2 941	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	1 545	1 132	1 559	2 206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	1 121	755	838	1 069	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	1 338	934	964	881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	1 158	676	560	347	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	2 273	1 678	1 067	590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	1 370	844	434	195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	9 096	7 001	7 748	9 690	12 680	19 300	20 729	23 111
..... acres.....	750 594	674 642	707 162	776 372	891 737	1 086 126	1 090 783	1 136 515
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	8 363	6 653	6 981	8 759	11 098	15 434	17 470	21 467
..... acres.....	615 321	540 828	496 241	560 266	657 877	788 398	781 820	915 729
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	5 455	3 990	4 218	5 161	6 581	9 881	11 821	14 687
1 to 9 acres.....	2 754	1 687	1 684	2 407	2 889	4 738	5 514	6 962
10 to 19 acres.....	1 120	861	994	1 354	1 354	1 948	2 449	2 865
20 to 29 acres.....	724	606	660	649	918	1 251	1 489	1 903
30 to 49 acres.....	857	836	934	1 111	1 420	1 944	2 369	2 957
50 to 99 acres.....	1 119	1 161	1 257	1 835	2 561	3 335	3 730	4 534
100 to 199 acres.....	999	807	952	1 236	1 492	1 715	1 560	1 872
200 to 499 acres.....	585	531	468	477	409	460	315	348
500 to 999 acres.....	174	139	69	40	46	36	36	20
1,000 acres or more.....	31	25	17	10	9	7	8	6
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	29	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	2	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	3 280	2 440	2 865	2 841	4 791	8 107	8 342	5 196
..... acres.....	82 941	83 058	96 343	88 260	125 038	184 230	160 688	116 481
Other cropland..... farms.....	2 524	1 765	3 404	4 860	5 065	7 700	8 926	(NA)
..... acres.....	52 332	50 756	114 579	127 846	108 822	113 498	148 275	104 305
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	755	(NA)	(NA)	1 770	1 399	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	14 505	(NA)	(NA)	45 735	25 479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	447	(NA)	(NA)	1 010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 429
..... acres.....	5 907	(NA)	(NA)	14 465	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15 273
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 472	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 536	(NA)	(NA)	3 180	(NA)	6 495	(NA)	4 913
..... acres.....	29 448	(NA)	(NA)	67 646	(NA)	91 542	(NA)	89 032
Total woodland..... farms.....	4 690	3 537	4 261	4 849	7 785	11 171	12 141	11 966
..... acres.....	179 363	162 712	186 345	189 598	251 010	321 901	320 147	297 938
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	940	(NA)	(NA)	825	1 164	1 920	2 238	1 530
..... acres.....	23 889	(NA)	(NA)	19 126	24 194	39 248	43 806	39 117
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	4 078	(NA)	(NA)	4 362	7 152	9 982	10 960	11 284
..... acres.....	155 474	(NA)	(NA)	170 472	226 816	282 653	276 341	258 821
Other land..... farms.....	7 476	5 562	6 222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	119 478	124 041	142 171	189 627	236 255	257 214	314 511	383 650
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 553	(NA)	(NA)	2 151	2 860	3 713	5 522	7 694
..... acres.....	43 385	(NA)	(NA)	83 718	81 641	94 405	124 812	175 448
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	7 173	(NA)	(NA)	9 260	(NA)	20 928	22 477	25 546
..... acres.....	76 093	(NA)	(NA)	105 909	154 614	162 809	189 699	208 202
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 813	1 581	1 509	2 009	1 902	1 775	1 033	675
..... acres.....	77 698	89 321	71 967	96 439	73 873	58 912	28 117	11 712

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.....	6 684	5 506	5 641	Land in farms according to use-- Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	932 066	860 223	877 038	Total cropland-- Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	139	156	155	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	335	139	291
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	4 996	2 109	5 914
Average per farm..... dollars.....	351 090	276 037	166 424	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	114	90	173
Average per acre..... dollars.....	2 511	1 767	1 070	..... acres.....	1 927	3 132	5 160
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 062	758	1 438
Total cropland..... farms.....	6 349	5 207	5 142	..... acres.....	23 915	18 994	45 503
..... acres.....	688 671	616 419	625 453	Total woodland..... farms.....	3 175	2 512	2 804
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	6 081	5 028	5 849	..... acres.....	148 473	136 756	145 515
..... acres.....	582 086	514 388	461 772	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	612	630	815
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	20 019	26 920	24 442
1 to 49 acres.....	3 275	2 450	2 168	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	2 781	2 045	2 224
1 to 9 acres.....	1 044	1 091	1 190	..... acres.....	128 454	109 836	121 073
10 to 19 acres.....	984	799	945	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	985	896	1 079
20 to 499 acres.....	577	527	461	..... acres.....	33 930	39 206	46 227
500 to 999 acres.....	170	136	68	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	4 672	3 965	3 916
1,000 acres or more.....	31	25	17	..... acres.....	60 992	67 842	59 843
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	29	22	13	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	2 852	2 381	2 746
2,000 acres or more.....	2	3	4	..... acres.....	118 201	133 036	147 303
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	1 958	1 632	1 840	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 604	1 401	1 294
..... acres.....	64 252	66 910	76 634	..... acres.....	76 896	88 368	70 660
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	536	484	868				
..... acres.....	11 495	10 886	30 470				

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