

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	14 253	11 282	11 641	14 206	15 919	21 070	23 599	29 695
Land in farms..... acres.....	48 301 326	47 046 388	46 792 302	47 646 966	46 293 207	49 450 885	47 521 809	49 608 445
Average size of farm..... acres.....	3 389	4 170	4 020	3 354	2 908	2 347	2 014	1 671
Approximate land area..... acres.....	77 705 600	77 703 168	77 703 168	77 766 400	77 766 400	77 767 040	77 767 040	77 767 040
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	62.2	60.5	60.2	61.3	59.5	63.6	61.1	63.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	481 954	323 418	168 336	117 042	68 233	50 078	30 228	11 004
Average per acre..... dollars.....	143	78	42	35	23	21	15	7
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	287	530	1 235	2 243	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	620	753	1 383	2 143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	1 455	1 416	2 021	2 661	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	1 953	1 868	1 981	2 260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	1 561	1 312	1 137	1 187	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	1 795	1 286	1 176	1 157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	1 359	917	696	648	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	2 939	1 918	1 333	1 377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	2 283	1 282	679	530	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	10 011	8 041	8 308	10 742	12 176	17 198	20 197	25 595
..... acres.....	2 304 042	2 187 446	2 281 811	2 271 160	2 291 713	2 460 654	2 838 995	2 502 565
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	8 083	6 393	6 700	8 828	10 592	14 633	18 896	23 065
..... acres.....	1 221 323	975 507	1 007 527	905 867	1 076 947	1 135 073	1 897 813	1 956 827
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	4 914	3 383	3 074	5 354	6 424	9 821	11 878	15 187
1 to 9 acres.....	2 355	1 250	1 149	2 700	3 174	5 733	5 843	7 188
10 to 19 acres.....	1 232	935	803	1 243	1 506	1 892	2 898	3 752
20 to 29 acres.....	613	485	485	626	757	965	1 452	1 958
30 to 49 acres.....	714	713	637	785	987	1 231	1 685	2 289
50 to 99 acres.....	811	812	1 043	1 103	1 327	1 679	2 102	2 589
100 to 199 acres.....	799	825	1 064	1 092	1 262	1 521	2 043	2 330
200 to 499 acres.....	903	886	1 068	935	1 168	1 249	2 139	2 304
500 to 999 acres.....	432	344	343	267	332	293	571	533
1,000 acres or more.....	224	143	108	77	79	70	163	122
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	173	118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	51	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	4 074	3 476	3 857	3 769	3 953	4 927	4 828	2 479
..... acres.....	481 472	541 644	512 729	384 529	429 179	463 256	445 953	135 370
Other cropland..... farms.....	3 336	2 524	3 480	5 091	4 660	6 884	6 058	(NA)
..... acres.....	601 247	670 295	761 555	980 764	785 587	862 325	495 229	410 368
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	622	(NA)	(NA)	1 852	1 857	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	68 954	(NA)	(NA)	420 397	488 166	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 005	(NA)	(NA)	1 492	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4 602
..... acres.....	194 706	(NA)	(NA)	195 753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	170 389
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	777	(NA)	(NA)	1 460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	155 012	(NA)	(NA)	186 607	134 317	333 903	225 973	3 157
Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 792	(NA)	(NA)	2 166	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	182 575	(NA)	(NA)	178 007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	239 979
Total woodland..... farms.....	1 097	873	763	1 632	1 717	2 329	4 236	3 651
..... acres.....	2 738 991	2 547 576	2 941 877	3 456 364	3 821 064	5 299 531	7 711 887	4 730 810
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	841	(NA)	(NA)	1 431	1 468	2 015	3 661	2 969
..... acres.....	2 424 066	(NA)	(NA)	3 231 740	3 538 552	5 031 026	7 113 989	4 646 822
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	366	(NA)	(NA)	282	359	442	845	948
..... acres.....	314 925	(NA)	(NA)	224 624	282 512	268 505	597 898	83 988
Other land..... farms.....	11 166	8 694	9 294	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	43 258 293	42 311 366	41 568 614	41 919 442	40 180 430	41 690 700	36 970 927	42 375 070
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 789	(NA)	(NA)	7 429	8 732	10 392	10 669	18 078
..... acres.....	42 745 358	(NA)	(NA)	41 188 571	39 413 663	41 034 758	36 250 813	41 614 123
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	7 267	(NA)	(NA)	11 212	(NA)	(NA)	18 139	26 740
..... acres.....	512 935	(NA)	(NA)	730 871	766 767	655 942	720 114	760 947
Irrigated land..... farms.....	7 651	5 714	5 698	8 274	8 850	11 690	12 691	14 299
..... acres.....	904 235	867 325	822 637	812 723	731 835	649 615	655 287	534 640

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.....	9 179	7 736	7 710	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	38 824 352	38 017 791	37 793 719	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	4 230	4 914	4 902	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	698	920	490
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	167 013	296 242	51 023
Average per farm..... dollars.....	589 944	349 829	208 407	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	682	597	1 115
Average per acre..... dollars.....	138	71	43	..... acres.....	147 268	133 766	215 060
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	1 236	805	1 314
Total cropland..... farms.....	6 038	5 322	5 409	..... acres.....	139 762	125 805	218 914
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 010 772	1 900 964	1 929 121	Total woodland..... farms.....	504	421	380
..... acres.....	1 151 404	926 931	949 998	..... acres.....	1 040 478	929 946	1 050 512
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	394	325	310
1 to 49 acres.....	2 077	1 500	1 279	..... acres.....	912 022	795 069	963 836
50 to 99 acres.....	737	769	930	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	158	125	95
100 to 199 acres.....	768	817	1 029	..... acres.....	128 456	134 877	86 676
200 to 499 acres.....	890	879	1 060	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	5 165	4 464	4 825
500 to 999 acres.....	428	335	336	..... acres.....	35 384 351	34 832 119	34 239 660
1,000 acres or more.....	217	139	101	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	4 248	3 979	3 900
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	169	117	83	..... acres.....	388 751	354 762	574 426
2,000 acres or more.....	48	22	18	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	6 730	5 672	5 900
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	2 296	1 933	2 277	..... acres.....	36 638 992	35 997 995	35 524 670
..... acres.....	342 619	370 707	321 174	Irrigated land..... farms.....	4 630	3 975	3 904
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	489	286	779	..... acres.....	819 924	810 754	763 537
..... acres.....	62 706	47 513	172 952				

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