

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

|  | 1978         | 1974       | 1969       | 1964       | 1959       | 1954       | 1950       | 1945       |            |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All farms.....   | number.....  | 49 273     | 43 682     | 51 909     | 66 510     | 82 356     | 105 714    | 124 977    | 149 490    |
| Land in farms.....   | acres.....   | 9 906 906  | 9 410 706  | 10 148 359 | 12 275 308 | 13 489 516 | 15 070 832 | 16 016 721 | 17 568 471 |
| Average size of farm.....  | acres.....   | 201        | 215        | 196        | 185        | 164        | 143        | 128        | 118        |
| Approximate land area.....   | acres.....   | 30 611 840 | 30 612 352 | 30 612 352 | 30 680 960 | 30 680 960 | 30 684 160 | 30 684 160 | 30 674 560 |
| Proportion in farms.....   | percent..... | 32.4       | 30.7       | 33.2       | 40.0       | 44.0       | 49.1       | 52.5       | 57.3       |
| Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>  |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Average per farm.....  | dollars..... | 135 994    | 109 884    | 53 399     | 32 797     | 23 936     | 15 844     | 11 742     | 7 275      |
| Average per acre.....  | dollars..... | 670        | 510        | 273        | 177        | 146        | 111        | 92         | 62         |
| Farms by value of land and buildings:  |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| \$1 to \$9,999.....  |              | 649        | 1 169      | 5 420      | 12 286     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999.....  |              | 2 255      | 3 170      | 10 678     | 20 342     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999.....  |              | 6 726      | 8 617      | 16 235     | 19 540     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999.....  |              | 11 423     | 10 368     | 10 326     | 8 478      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999.....  |              | 7 155      | 5 884      | 3 625      | 2 563      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999.....  |              | 7 370      | 5 884      | 2 608      | 1 610      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999.....  |              | 4 734      | 3 084      | 1 089      | 601        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999.....  |              | 7 211      | 4 530      | 1 510      | 916        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| \$500,000 or more.....   |              | 1 751      | 976        | 418        | 174        | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Land in farms according to use:  |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Total cropland.....  | farms.....   | 47 442     | 42 675     | 49 768     | 64 266     | 78 867     | 100 778    | 119 061    | 144 576    |
|  | acres.....   | 6 181 117  | 5 788 149  | 6 081 847  | 6 469 989  | 7 120 645  | 7 856 367  | 8 484 763  | 8 365 944  |
| Harvested cropland.....  | farms.....   | 45 189     | 41 121     | 46 518     | 61 978     | 75 830     | 94 968     | 114 003    | 140 324    |
|  | acres.....   | 4 483 151  | 4 156 266  | 3 835 623  | 4 742 718  | 5 032 671  | 5 546 506  | 5 791 673  | 6 921 549  |
| Farms by acres harvested:  |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to 49 acres.....   |              | 20 892     | 17 090     | 21 232     | 27 815     | 37 152     | 51 331     | 67 877     | 84 533     |
| 1 to 9 acres.....  |              | 5 297      | 4 264      | 5 295      | 7 598      | 9 730      | 13 845     | 18 651     | 27 787     |
| 10 to 19 acres.....  |              | 4 548      | 3 569      | 4 938      | 5 638      | 7 783      | 10 384     | 13 787     | 15 965     |
| 20 to 29 acres.....  |              | 4 432      | 3 480      | 4 078      | 4 891      | 6 813      | 9 373      | 12 395     | 14 250     |
| 30 to 49 acres.....  |              | 6 615      | 5 777      | 6 921      | 9 688      | 12 826     | 17 729     | 23 044     | 26 531     |
| 50 to 99 acres.....  |              | 9 346      | 9 741      | 11 608     | 17 896     | 22 759     | 28 241     | 32 395     | 39 095     |
| 100 to 199 acres.....  |              | 8 920      | 8 914      | 9 675      | 12 353     | 12 869     | 12 728     | 11 798     | 14 496     |
| 200 to 499 acres.....  |              | 5 124      | 4 674      | 3 640      | 3 600      | 2 856      | 2 506      | 1 844      | 2 071      |
| 500 to 999 acres.....  |              | 766        | 593        | 323        | 280        | 174        | 145        | 73         | 111        |
| 1,000 acres or more.....   |              | 141        | 109        | 40         | 34         | 20         | 17         | 16         | 18         |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres.....  |              | 123        | 98         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| 2,000 acres or more.....   |              | 18         | 11         | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing <sup>2</sup> .....   | farms.....   | 24 956     | 23 381     | 28 473     | 26 586     | 35 704     | 42 709     | 51 603     | 27 511     |
|  | acres.....   | 1 195 245  | 1 227 553  | 1 492 247  | 990 781    | 1 281 330  | 1 409 174  | 1 578 698  | 704 651    |
| Other cropland.....  | farms.....   | 15 842     | 12 147     | 20 002     | 25 869     | 26 082     | 36 547     | 42 024     | (NA)       |
|  | acres.....   | 502 721    | 404 330    | 753 977    | 736 490    | 806 644    | 900 687    | 1 114 392  | 739 744    |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement<br>grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... | farms.....   | 3 654      | (NA)       | (NA)       | 10 345     | 5 573      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|  | acres.....   | 87 389     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 218 247    | 155 295    | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Cropland on which all crops failed.....  | farms.....   | 1 987      | (NA)       | (NA)       | 4 451      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | 12 376     |
|  | acres.....   | 31 427     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 60 806     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | 161 851    |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup> .....  | farms.....   | 2 183      | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|  | acres.....   | 55 890     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
| Cropland idle.....   | farms.....   | 11 455     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 17 099     | (NA)       | 28 925     | (NA)       | 23 680     |
|  | acres.....   | 328 015    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 457 437    | (NA)       | 700 091    | (NA)       | 577 893    |
| Total woodland.....  | farms.....   | 33 186     | 29 793     | 36 782     | 47 677     | 58 621     | 71 947     | 82 690     | 92 767     |
|  | acres.....   | 2 123 410  | 1 906 023  | 2 189 822  | 2 727 364  | 3 010 666  | 3 320 586  | 3 472 475  | 3 623 380  |
| Woodland pastured.....   | farms.....   | 10 883     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 19 403     | 25 341     | 33 530     | 39 865     | 42 765     |
|  | acres.....   | 493 482    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 815 531    | 975 645    | 1 211 627  | 1 361 541  | 1 523 268  |
| Woodland not pastured.....   | farms.....   | 28 005     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 37 550     | 44 867     | 51 590     | 59 428     | 65 002     |
|  | acres.....   | 1 629 928  | (NA)       | (NA)       | 1 911 833  | 2 035 021  | 2 108 959  | 2 110 934  | 2 100 112  |
| Other land.....  | farms.....   | 39 093     | 34 945     | 40 902     | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       | (NA)       |
|  | acres.....   | 1 602 379  | 1 716 534  | 1 876 690  | 3 077 955  | 3 358 205  | 3 893 879  | 4 059 483  | 5 579 147  |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and<br>woodland pastured.....                            | farms.....   | 13 534     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 35 501     | 42 469     | 54 855     | 62 821     | 95 609     |
|  | acres.....   | 841 764    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 2 301 851  | 2 465 925  | 3 071 814  | 3 125 881  | 4 550 128  |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....  | farms.....   | 36 951     | (NA)       | (NA)       | 61 991     | (NA)       | 97 342     | 113 029    | 140 371    |
|  | acres.....   | 760 615    | (NA)       | (NA)       | 776 104    | 892 280    | 822 065    | 933 602    | 1 029 019  |
| Irrigated land.....  | farms.....   | 1 862      | 1 447      | 1 393      | 1 917      | 1 741      | 1 675      | 888        | 646        |
|  | acres.....   | 56 451     | 54 580     | 55 491     | 79 193     | 57 997     | 59 024     | 19 248     | 10 316     |

<sup>1</sup>1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. <sup>3</sup>Varies 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.....  | 34 943    | 32 198    | 34 404    | Land in farms according to use—Con.   |            |           |
| Land in farms.....   | acres.....   | 8 691 234 | 8 285 052 | 8 372 844 | Total cropland—Con.   |            |           |
| Average size of farm.....  | acres.....   | 249       | 257       | 243       | Cropland on which all crops failed.....                                     | farms..... | 1 421     |
| Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>  |              |           |           |           |   | acres..... | 23 675    |
| Average per farm.....  | dollars..... | 164 260   | 130 465   | 66 675    | Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....                                   | farms..... | 1 823     |
| Average per acre.....  | dollars..... | 656       | 507       | 274       |   | acres..... | 50 955    |
| Land in farms according to use:  |              |           |           |           | Cropland idle.....  | farms..... | 8 136     |
| Total cropland.....  | farms.....   | 34 095    | 31 539    | 33 382    |   | acres..... | 249 667   |
|  | acres.....   | 5 599 837 | 5 227 466 | 5 211 999 | Total woodland.....   | farms..... | 24 478    |
| Harvested cropland.....  | farms.....   | 33 200    | 31 009    | 32 605    |   | acres..... | 1 735 688 |
|  | acres.....   | 4 185 328 | 3 899 820 | 3 496 595 | Woodland pastured.....  | farms..... | 8 830     |
| Farms by acres harvested:  |              |           |           |           |   | acres..... | 427 295   |
| 1 to 49 acres.....   |              | 10 240    | 8 238     | 9 025     | Woodland not pastured.....  | farms..... | 20 434    |
| 1 to 9 acres.....  |              | 8 204     | 8 542     | 10 000    |   | acres..... | 1 308 393 |
| 10 to 19 acres.....  |              | 8 748     | 8 846     | 9 600     | Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland<br>and woodland pastured..... | farms..... | 10 601    |
| 20 to 29 acres.....  |              | 5 107     | 4 664     | 3 622     |   | acres..... | 735 035   |
| 30 to 49 acres.....  |              | 763       | 591       | 319       | Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....                       | farms..... | 25 989    |
| 50 to 99 acres.....  |              | 138       | 108       | 39        |   | acres..... | 620 674   |
| 100 to 199 acres.....  |              | 120       | 97        | 34        | Pastureland, all types.....   | farms..... | 25 041    |
| 200 to 499 acres.....  |              | 18        | 11        | 5         |   | acres..... | 2 178 242 |
| 500 to 999 acres.....  |              |           |           |           | Irrigated land.....   | farms..... | 1 616     |
| 1,000 acres or more.....   |              |           |           |           |   | acres..... | 55 379    |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres.....  |              |           |           |           |   |            | 1 300     |
| 2,000 acres or more.....   |              |           |           |           |   |            | 53 546    |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....   | farms.....   | 17 960    | 16 780    | 19 547    |   |            | 1 171     |
|  | acres.....   | 1 015 912 | 1 011 283 | 1 215 940 |   |            | 52 832    |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-<br>improvement grasses, not harvested and not<br>pastured..... | farms.....   | 2 875     | 2 662     | 3 278     |   |            |           |
|  | acres.....   | 74 300    | 79 926    | 103 544   |   |            |           |

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