

**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 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 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 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- improvement grasses, not harvested and not 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.