

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974
All farms	49 273	43 682	9 906 906	9 410 706	4 483 151	4 156 266	56 451	54 580
with harvested cropland	45 189	41 121	9 684 668	9 166 517	4 483 151	4 156 266	56 242	54 548
with irrigated land	1 862	1 447	309 233	263 721	182 795	151 701	56 451	54 580
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	3 958	2 257	13 513	7 859	5 790	4 053	910	673
with harvested cropland	2 115	1 687	9 014	6 252	5 790	4 053	891	673
with irrigated land	502	326	1 757	1 251	982	727	910	673
10 to 49 acres	7 246	5 093	210 527	147 134	94 822	65 723	3 745	3 566
with harvested cropland	6 314	4 480	185 670	131 497	94 822	65 723	3 745	3 556
with irrigated land	438	326	11 330	8 552	5 800	4 859	3 745	3 566
50 to 69 acres	3 342	2 903	194 601	168 730	80 713	69 303	2 629	2 648
with harvested cropland	3 042	2 663	177 488	154 725	80 713	69 303	2 629	2 648
with irrigated land	157	104	8 806	5 998	5 898	3 675	2 629	2 648
70 to 99 acres	4 521	3 894	376 659	325 870	153 569	130 053	4 319	4 800
with harvested cropland	4 286	3 627	357 660	303 450	153 569	130 053	4 319	4 788
with irrigated land	136	134	11 344	10 991	6 504	6 760	4 319	4 800
100 to 139 acres	5 625	5 378	652 996	628 786	255 452	252 692	5 106	5 428
with harvested cropland	5 422	5 085	629 561	594 545	255 452	252 692	5 106	5 428
with irrigated land	145	123	16 788	14 322	8 747	8 368	5 106	5 428
140 to 179 acres	4 542	4 360	716 753	688 635	272 559	282 076	3 701	3 911
with harvested cropland	4 241	4 176	670 074	659 903	272 559	282 076	3 701	3 911
with irrigated land	87	73	13 596	11 325	7 712	7 219	3 701	3 911
180 to 219 acres	3 747	3 828	743 000	757 900	319 714	326 614	3 586	3 667
with harvested cropland	3 666	3 719	727 021	736 443	319 714	326 614	3 576	3 667
with irrigated land	68	59	13 520	11 596	8 037	7 752	3 586	3 667
220 to 259 acres	3 164	3 231	752 168	770 384	321 226	332 753	2 877	3 144
with harvested cropland	3 104	3 156	737 862	752 545	321 226	332 753	2 877	3 144
with irrigated land	41	41	9 750	9 672	5 482	6 017	2 877	3 144
260 to 499 acres	9 261	9 234	3 255 433	3 233 906	1 488 129	1 453 557	10 576	12 271
with harvested cropland	9 164	9 071	3 223 498	3 177 953	1 488 129	1 453 557	10 576	12 261
with irrigated land	141	144	50 740	51 418	30 130	30 833	10 576	12 271
500 to 999 acres	3 295	2 987	2 135 753	1 900 568	1 044 033	888 405	11 298	8 997
with harvested cropland	3 267	2 946	2 116 992	1 875 137	1 044 033	888 405	11 298	8 997
with irrigated land	95	78	66 251	50 582	42 409	32 588	11 298	8 997
1,000 to 1,999 acres	495	450	631 503	562 534	339 543	270 893	4 845	2 389
with harvested cropland	492	444	628 428	555 667	339 543	270 893	4 845	2 389
with irrigated land	37	25	49 632	31 768	33 327	17 970	4 845	2 389
2,000 acres or more	77	67	224 000	218 400	107 601	80 144	2 859	3 086
with harvested cropland	76	67	221 400	218 400	107 601	80 144	2 859	3 086
with irrigated land	15	14	55 719	56 246	27 767	24 933	2 859	3 086
5,000 acres or more	6	(NA)	37 276	(NA)	12 305	(NA)	868	(NA)
with harvested cropland	6	(NA)	37 276	(NA)	12 305	(NA)	868	(NA)
with irrigated land	3	(NA)	21 936	(NA)	5 753	(NA)	868	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators	49 273	43 682	51 909	188	146	82
Harvested cropland	9 906 906	9 410 706	10 148 359	26 381	25 368	10 225
Full owners	45 189	41 121	46 518	174	134	62
Harvested cropland	4 483 151	4 156 266	3 835 623	11 949	10 195	3 434
Part owners	30 060	27 765	35 699	131	93	58
Harvested cropland	4 177 293	4 457 387	5 656 626	13 728	12 294	5 286
Tenants	26 803	25 489	30 885	119	84	40
Harvested cropland	1 476 076	1 599 541	1 791 000	4 627	4 138	1 222
Percent of tenancy	7.0	4.7	4.7	5.3	6.2	9.7
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	43 539	(NA)	(NA)	163	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	7 901 905	(NA)	(NA)	23 576	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	4 324	(NA)	(NA)	16	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:	1 412 681	(NA)	(NA)	2 316	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	1 234	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	522 648	(NA)	(NA)	489	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:	13	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	3 294	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 114	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	461 483	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	21	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	22 576	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	86	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	35 295	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	176	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	69 672	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group: ¹						
Under 25 years	930	627	941	4	6	—
25 to 34 years	6 146	4 631	5 113	20	14	4
35 to 44 years	11 025	8 582	10 401	39	30	27
45 to 54 years	12 451	11 396	14 093	47	39	22
55 to 64 years	11 423	10 452	12 567	47	38	15
65 years and over	7 298	6 984	8 794	31	19	14
Average age	49.9	51.0	51.2	50.8	50.1	51.5
Operators by place of residence: ¹						
On farm operated	41 587	34 794	44 209	140	111	63
Not on farm operated	4 822	3 217	4 150	26	16	9
Not reported	2 864	5 671	3 550	22	19	10
Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹						
None	22 333	18 420	(NA)	70	38	(NA)
Any	25 258	18 143	24 954	105	82	51
1 to 49 days	3 130	2 127	3 850	10	8	10
50 to 99 days	1 285	945	1 453	7	2	5
100 to 149 days	1 671	1 024	3 227	16	6	10
150 to 199 days	2 428	1 924	—	12	23	—
200 days or more	16 744	12 123	16 424	60	43	26
Not reporting	1 682	6 109	(NA)	13	26	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation: ¹						
Farming	27 480	27 833	(NA)	95	73	(NA)
Other	21 793	14 839	(NA)	93	73	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms... 46 356	(NA)	(NA)	180	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 9 545 710	(NA)	(NA)	25 573	(NA)	(NA)
Female	farms... 2 917	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 361 196	(NA)	(NA)	808	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin	farms... 158	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 23 798	(NA)	(NA)	414	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races. (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races. (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races. ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	farms... 29 932	95	28 404	93	30 042	41
	acres... 6 792 516	17 431	6 828 227	20 196	6 930 297	6 867
Partnership	farms... 3 753	12	2 822	5	—	—
	acres... 1 352 283	1 761	1 063 898	1 232	1 184 901	3
Corporations	farms... 1 181	9	927	(NA)	538	2
	acres... 516 329	489	369 223	(NA)	223 877	1 090
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 11	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... (D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 1 064	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 455 613	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 20	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... (D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 86	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres... 35 295	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 77	—	45	(NA)	148	—
	acres... 30 106	—	23 704	(NA)	33 769	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.