

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	1 862	1 447	1 393	1 616	1 300	1 171
Proportion of farms	3.8	3.3	2.6	4.6	4.0	3.4
Irrigated land	56 451	54 580	55 491	55 379	53 546	52 832
Average per farm	30	38	398	34	41	451
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	1 086	696	585	861	580	426
10 to 49 acres	2 793	(NA)	(NA)	2 406	1 769	1 447
50 to 99 acres	469	418	449	454	391	408
100 to 199 acres	10 912	(NA)	(NA)	10 672	9 037	9 657
200 to 499 acres	156	172	204	151	168	183
500 to 999 acres	10 679	(NA)	(NA)	10 343	11 490	12 299
1,000 acres or more	92	105	102	91	105	101
Harvested cropland	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	13 959	13 240
Pastureland	50	51	47	50	51	47
Other land	13 785	(NA)	(NA)	13 785	14 122	12 406
Land in irrigated farms	8	5	6	8	5	6
Cropland	5 344	(NA)	(NA)	5 344	3 169	3 783
Harvested cropland	1	-	-	1	-	-
Irrigated land use:	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	-	-
Harvested cropland	1 824	(NA)	(NA)	1 594	1 290	1 161
Pastureland	55 005	(NA)	(NA)	54 063	52 650	52 242
Other land	30	(NA)	(NA)	16	(NA)	(NA)
Land in irrigated farms	420	(NA)	(NA)	340	323	103
Cropland	69	(NA)	(NA)	58	25	26
Harvested cropland	1 026	(NA)	(NA)	976	573	487
Land in irrigated farms	309 233	263 721	236 969	290 230	254 851	212 402
Cropland	220 252	(NA)	(NA)	212 418	176 766	161 022
Harvested cropland	182 795	151 701	135 939	177 514	148 340	131 151

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	49 273	1 862	926	47 411
Land in farms	9 906 906	309 233	42 845	9 597 673
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	135 994	265 034	202 803	131 034
Average per acre	670	1 534	3 762	641
Irrigated land	56 451	56 451	24 508	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	47 442	1 859	926	45 583
Harvested cropland	6 181 117	220 252	30 067	5 960 865
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	45 189	1 854	926	43 335
Land in farms according to use:	4 483 151	182 795	23 749	4 300 356
Harvested cropland	32 720	323	49	32 397
Pastureland	2 037 009	16 131	1 445	2 020 878
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	30 334	204	22	30 130
Milk cows	1 653 952	13 841	702	1 640 111
Hogs and pigs	19 674	91	4	19 583
Sheep and lambs	862 566	5 834	95	856 732
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	6 261	78	16	6 183
Average per farm	134 635	2 997	66	131 638
Average per acre	1 885	21	6	1 864
Irrigated land	56 866	531	26	56 335
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	49 172	1 791	877	47 381
Average per farm	1 621 174	102 226	35 664	1 518 948
Average per acre	32 969	57 078	40 666	32 058
Market value of agricultural products sold:				
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	1 890 533	195 683	79 275	1 694 850
Livestock and livestock products	38 369	105 093	85 611	35 748
Poultry and poultry products	26 164	1 807	914	24 357
Other agricultural products	546 364	184 151	78 801	362 213
Market value of agricultural products sold	32 145	230	26	31 915
Market value of agricultural products sold	1 240 477	10 309	412	1 230 168
Market value of agricultural products sold	3 368	99	57	3 269
Market value of agricultural products sold	103 692	1 223	63	102 469
Selected farm production expenses:¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	34 775	332	89	34 443
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	379 265	3 160	121	376 105
Commercial fertilizer	31 200	1 650	767	29 550
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	54 665	14 416	7 009	40 249
Energy and petroleum products	32 412	1 674	757	30 738
Hired farm labor	88 169	9 957	2 491	78 212
Contract labor	30 089	1 674	781	28 415
Contract labor	40 945	8 520	2 045	32 425
Contract labor	49 110	1 820	877	47 290
Contract labor	121 316	15 979	8 641	105 337
Contract labor	21 730	1 281	582	20 449
Contract labor	184 906	42 045	19 412	142 862
Contract labor	2 440	190	52	2 250
Contract labor	10 083	3 142	423	6 941

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