

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	89 367	91 280	119 386	148 202	190 567	267 906	288 508	287 412
Land in farms..... acres.....	11 352 783	11 243 933	12 733 751	14 381 724	15 887 724	18 260 346	19 317 937	18 617 932
Average size of farm..... acres.....	127	123	107	97	83	68	67	65
Approximate land area..... acres.....	31 235 840	31 230 912	31 230 912	31 402 880	31 402 880	31 422 080	31 422 080	31 450 880
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	36.3	36.0	40.8	45.8	50.6	58.1	61.5	59.2
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	135 072	72 672	35 551	24 442	15 475	8 758	6 605	3 490
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 051	590	333	252	186	128	99	54
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	4 090	11 160	31 462	52 688	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	9 026	14 436	28 657	36 813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	16 941	22 250	29 873	32 971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	17 937	18 191	16 007	16 115	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	10 563	8 216	5 646	4 924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	10 018	6 884	3 820	2 821	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	5 193	3 427	1 623	926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	11 386	5 335	1 928	834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 225	1 381	370	110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	84 068	87 862	113 506	143 134	182 762	256 157	277 730	285 178
..... acres.....	6 236 955	5 752 767	5 967 294	5 781 785	6 415 783	7 054 270	7 698 395	7 601 290
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	78 733	82 844	102 316	137 737	177 251	245 703	266 953	280 735
..... acres.....	4 567 559	4 075 221	3 472 307	3 985 904	4 746 364	5 504 204	5 782 407	6 126 001
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	58 055	63 476	85 427	118 837	155 858	226 348	249 698	262 781
1 to 9 acres.....	23 670	25 483	40 748	48 062	53 460	77 423	75 413	73 876
10 to 19 acres.....	15 208	17 305	21 470	32 382	44 716	67 558	80 427	85 115
20 to 29 acres.....	9 096	10 070	11 810	19 860	29 949	45 838	54 000	58 749
30 to 49 acres.....	10 081	10 618	11 399	18 533	27 733	35 529	39 858	45 041
50 to 99 acres.....	9 528	9 776	9 645	12 513	15 647	15 013	13 857	14 743
100 to 199 acres.....	6 036	5 576	4 616	4 485	4 356	3 360	2 625	2 543
200 to 499 acres.....	3 964	3 163	2 141	1 593	1 218	872	690	598
500 to 999 acres.....	876	654	405	265	152	82	68	62
1,000 acres or more.....	274	199	82	44	20	28	15	8
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	234	177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	40	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	30 652	37 136	50 642	39 108	55 481	68 703	83 130	57 775
..... acres.....	989 886	1 099 040	1 113 450	600 585	673 613	702 345	732 664	525 691
Other cropland..... farms.....	30 212	26 952	55 177	71 883	73 623	84 097	103 212	(NA)
..... acres.....	679 510	578 506	1 381 537	1 195 296	995 806	847 721	1 183 324	949 598
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	9 314	(NA)	(NA)	34 925	23 203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	152 801	(NA)	(NA)	518 135	233 843	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 675	(NA)	(NA)	6 364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7 088
..... acres.....	50 894	(NA)	(NA)	42 846	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	43 525
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	3 864	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	83 192	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	21 054	(NA)	(NA)	51 854	(NA)	69 170	(NA)	79 938
..... acres.....	392 623	(NA)	(NA)	634 315	(NA)	647 143	(NA)	906 073
Total woodland..... farms.....	54 690	56 403	78 863	107 638	135 287	179 435	200 176	209 562
..... acres.....	3 979 130	4 037 293	5 052 696	6 848 734	7 749 777	9 238 884	9 696 172	9 199 086
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	23 835	(NA)	(NA)	45 370	56 489	82 269	89 345	78 259
..... acres.....	782 991	(NA)	(NA)	951 001	1 024 441	1 506 096	1 422 819	1 092 886
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	43 258	(NA)	(NA)	93 937	120 617	154 452	176 162	194 059
..... acres.....	3 196 139	(NA)	(NA)	5 897 733	6 725 336	7 732 788	8 273 353	8 106 200
Other land..... farms.....	62 831	64 916	82 499	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 136 698	1 453 873	1 713 761	1 751 205	1 722 164	1 967 192	1 923 370	1 817 556
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	11 276	(NA)	(NA)	56 605	64 726	88 264	79 800	91 957
..... acres.....	478 559	(NA)	(NA)	1 165 088	1 040 167	1 283 583	1 057 154	1 099 454
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	60 255	(NA)	(NA)	130 427	(NA)	230 806	237 349	243 974
..... acres.....	658 139	(NA)	(NA)	586 117	681 997	683 609	866 216	718 102
Irrigated land..... farms.....	6 545	4 002	5 170	12 583	8 537	2 704	96	19
..... acres.....	93 387	51 340	59 153	96 874	65 743	25 423	2 083	229

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.....	64 809	62 473	65 714	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	10 041 661	9 501 089	9 537 892	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	155	152	145	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 673	2 116	2 473
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	42 793	30 905	35 325
Average per farm..... dollars.....	163 366	88 593	48 205	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	2 952	3 082	5 490
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 041	583	332	..... acres.....	74 615	76 870	136 300
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	16 227	12 003	25 404
Total cropland..... farms.....	62 074	60 523	63 872	..... acres.....	330 927	238 091	609 726
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	59 849	59 229	62 178	Total woodland..... farms.....	39 950	37 862	42 640
..... acres.....	4 356 622	3 835 847	3 087 858	..... acres.....	3 392 702	3 310 067	3 667 360
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	16 633	16 196	19 725
1 to 49 acres.....	39 446	40 032	45 646	..... acres.....	637 804	734 330	867 851
50 to 99 acres.....	9 283	9 632	9 326	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	32 175	29 962	33 606
100 to 199 acres.....	6 026	5 566	4 596	..... acres.....	2 754 898	2 575 737	2 799 509
200 to 499 acres.....	3 951	3 155	2 132	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	7 688	10 749	10 878
500 to 999 acres.....	872	651	401	..... acres.....	408 106	529 169	425 100
1,000 acres or more.....	271	193	77	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	42 779	42 385	42 281
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	232	172	71	..... acres.....	540 079	605 848	643 888
2,000 acres or more.....	39	21	6	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	30 608	32 259	36 426
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	20 762	21 773	25 461	..... acres.....	1 823 103	2 015 809	1 987 026
..... acres.....	777 193	752 310	694 075	Irrigated land..... farms.....	5 898	3 695	4 810
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	7 372	7 545	12 184	..... acres.....	90 355	49 241	57 417
..... acres.....	118 624	121 982	238 260				

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