

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..... number.....	89 367	91 280	11 352 783	11 243 933	4 567 559	4 075 221	93 387	51 340
with harvested cropland.....	78 733	82 844	10 746 375	10 583 898	4 567 559	4 075 221	93 024	50 917
with irrigated land.....	6 545	4 002	1 129 132	722 582	434 468	252 572	93 387	51 340
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	11 017	7 467	46 338	33 181	23 189	20 615	2 304	1 214
with harvested cropland.....	6 903	5 770	34 253	28 075	23 189	20 615	2 289	1 042
with irrigated land.....	880	362	4 147	1 572	2 538	1 217	2 304	1 214
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	27 845	30 195	772 438	855 477	326 559	344 237	9 058	5 211
with harvested cropland.....	24 648	27 181	693 118	773 551	326 559	344 237	9 020	5 189
with irrigated land.....	1 338	777	36 562	21 586	17 197	10 620	9 058	5 211
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	10 013	11 422	584 645	664 647	218 531	228 857	5 682	3 118
with harvested cropland.....	9 172	10 425	535 154	606 816	218 531	228 857	5 554	3 110
with irrigated land.....	652	382	38 258	22 308	15 807	9 497	5 682	3 118
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	9 891	11 391	817 638	943 219	289 509	309 568	7 577	4 073
with harvested cropland.....	9 160	10 511	757 430	870 717	289 509	309 568	7 532	3 995
with irrigated land.....	713	468	59 636	39 349	23 061	13 959	7 577	4 073
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	8 962	9 722	1 043 862	1 130 050	368 658	380 099	8 564	5 282
with harvested cropland.....	8 123	9 021	946 657	1 048 826	368 658	380 099	8 478	5 260
with irrigated land.....	679	491	79 502	57 161	31 037	21 960	8 564	5 282
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	5 458	5 686	854 269	892 143	317 347	308 765	7 020	3 908
with harvested cropland.....	5 194	5 322	812 611	835 298	317 347	308 765	7 010	3 902
with irrigated land.....	466	331	73 129	52 312	27 145	17 515	7 020	3 908
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	3 731	3 787	737 220	748 376	274 487	264 578	5 699	4 097
with harvested cropland.....	3 563	3 553	704 103	702 368	274 487	264 578	5 699	4 097
with irrigated land.....	338	236	66 656	46 930	26 098	16 754	5 699	4 097
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	2 572	2 540	612 287	604 746	243 544	226 849	5 032	3 535
with harvested cropland.....	2 402	2 401	570 978	571 963	243 544	226 849	5 018	3 460
with irrigated land.....	285	210	67 954	50 148	24 329	18 544	5 032	3 535
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	6 130	5 776	2 138 876	2 017 337	943 592	792 606	19 974	10 702
with harvested cropland.....	5 922	5 512	2 067 129	1 926 294	943 592	792 606	19 947	10 662
with irrigated land.....	753	473	265 122	168 769	102 224	60 097	19 974	10 702
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	2 667	2 323	1 775 648	1 541 067	806 411	615 899	10 791	5 942
with harvested cropland.....	2 595	2 211	1 728 316	1 468 536	806 411	615 899	10 791	5 942
with irrigated land.....	323	194	212 023	128 875	83 779	39 279	10 791	5 942
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	839	734	1 111 912	974 104	495 393	380 092	4 826	2 953
with harvested cropland.....	821	711	1 089 187	943 218	495 393	380 092	4 826	2 953
with irrigated land.....	85	55	113 403	72 142	39 434	24 371	4 826	2 953
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	242	237	857 650	839 586	260 339	203 056	6 860	1 305
with harvested cropland.....	230	226	807 439	808 236	260 339	203 056	6 860	1 305
with irrigated land.....	33	23	112 740	61 430	41 819	18 759	6 860	1 305
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	29	(NA)	262 685	(NA)	44 466	(NA)	2 003	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	27	(NA)	238 844	(NA)	44 466	(NA)	2 003	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	4	(NA)	25 959	(NA)	9 475	(NA)	2 003	(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..... farms.....	89 367	91 280	119 386	9 289	8 605	13 111
acres.....	11 352 783	11 243 933	12 733 751	523 722	555 982	700 608
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	78 733	82 844	102 316	7 485	8 142	11 728
acres.....	4 567 559	4 075 221	3 472 307	231 818	216 520	217 070
Full owners..... farms.....	48 653	57 004	75 625	4 800	5 107	7 107
acres.....	4 636 407	5 526 452	7 037 982	200 269	282 547	373 929
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	39 595	49 550	60 118	3 352	4 732	5 927
acres.....	1 061 925	1 287 274	1 171 612	52 189	81 082	69 464
Part owners..... farms.....	27 748	22 972	25 889	2 808	1 981	2 580
acres.....	5 588 118	4 598 817	4 421 616	243 791	186 154	184 932
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	27 017	22 455	25 020	2 746	1 936	2 483
acres.....	2 783 001	2 142 114	1 639 100	126 228	85 049	69 593
Tenants..... farms.....	12 966	11 304	17 872	1 681	1 517	3 424
acres.....	1 128 258	1 118 664	1 274 153	79 662	87 281	141 747
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	12 121	10 839	17 178	1 387	1 474	3 318
acres.....	722 633	645 833	661 595	53 401	50 389	78 013
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	14.5	12.4	14.9	18.1	17.6	26.1
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	78 581	(NA)	(NA)	8 513	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	8 858 998	(NA)	(NA)	459 035	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... farms.....	8 921	(NA)	(NA)	569	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 645 095	(NA)	(NA)	49 853	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	1 559	(NA)	(NA)	114	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	757 627	(NA)	(NA)	12 515	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	37	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	58 774	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 336	(NA)	(NA)	104	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	554 398	(NA)	(NA)	9 081	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	34	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	31 863	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	152	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	112 592	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	306	(NA)	(NA)	93	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	91 063	(NA)	(NA)	2 319	(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	2 617	1 654	1 635	210	128	113
25 to 34 years	10 645	8 058	9 650	726	453	561
35 to 44 years	15 602	14 511	21 567	1 179	1 037	1 781
45 to 54 years	21 737	23 055	32 916	2 348	2 086	3 858
55 to 64 years	22 492	24 616	32 160	2 676	2 657	4 021
65 years and over	16 274	18 598	21 458	2 150	2 244	2 777
Average age	51.1	52.9	52.4	54.1	55.6	54.9
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	59 513	53 171	82 392	6 227	4 592	8 845
Not on farm operated	16 394	15 691	21 813	1 540	1 662	2 428
Not reported	13 460	22 418	15 181	1 522	2 351	1 838
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	36 843	33 330	(NA)	3 572	3 335	(NA)
Any	47 273	37 945	63 808	5 020	3 080	6 517
1 to 49 days	6 242	4 829	10 867	761	547	1 462
50 to 99 days	3 372	2 897	6 708	461	355	993
100 to 149 days	3 054	2 605	10 492	360	336	1 357
150 to 199 days	3 610	3 372	35 741	516	383	2 705
200 days or more	30 995	24 242	(NA)	2 922	1 459	(NA)
Not reporting	5 251	19 217	(NA)	697	2 190	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	49 036	57 583	(NA)	5 182	6 283	(NA)
Other	40 331	32 909	(NA)	4 107	2 322	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	83 787	(NA)	(NA)	8 475	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	10 873 139	(NA)	(NA)	485 868	(NA)	(NA)
Female	5 580	(NA)	(NA)	814	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	479 644	(NA)	(NA)	37 854	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
farms	275	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
acres	39 375	(NA)	(NA)	798	(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	55 487	5 122	56 325	5 535	55 033	5 840
	acres	7 702 748	387 120	7 886 012	425 250	7 444 957	407 932
Partnership	farms	7 608	461	5 414	381	9 172	749
	acres	1 569 841	45 906	1 156 375	34 630	1 616 735	55 907
Corporations	farms	1 513	111	632	(NA)	1 031	114
	acres	736 149	12 483	417 526	(NA)	406 039	9 665
Family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	36	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	1 297	101	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	550 433	9 049	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:							
More than 10 stockholders	farms	34	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	31 863	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms	146	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms	201	81	102	(NA)	478	58
	acres	32 923	1 133	41 176	(NA)	70 161	4 102

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.