

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	41 169	42 710	46 381	48 836	54 928	61 943	65 401	69 520
Land in farms..... acres.....	42 025 363	42 387 424	43 117 831	42 717 360	41 465 717	41 876 924	41 194 044	41 001 158
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 021	992	930	875	755	676	630	590
Approximate land area..... acres.....	44 335 360	44 334 720	44 334 720	44 452 480	44 452 480	44 836 480	44 836 480	44 834 560
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	94.8	95.6	97.3	96.1	93.3	93.4	91.9	91.4
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	356 788	193 574	87 222	58 450	38 978	24 110	18 178	10 189
Average per acre..... dollars.....	347	195	94	67	52	36	29	17
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	327	987	2 379	3 114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	913	1 696	3 116	4 549	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	2 068	3 851	7 363	12 596	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	3 358	5 617	11 822	15 113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	2 712	5 470	8 562	7 050	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	4 344	6 909	7 135	4 126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	4 094	4 837	2 997	1 257	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	14 712	10 485	2 666	948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	8 641	2 858	341	83	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	39 472	41 301	44 581	47 748	53 980	60 722	64 246	68 205
..... acres.....	28 829 994	29 185 095	29 458 878	27 445 689	27 706 756	27 699 621	27 627 872	25 102 923
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	38 893	40 643	43 606	47 070	53 314	60 523	63 927	67 847
..... acres.....	19 120 551	19 207 401	17 174 891	17 695 162	19 357 711	21 241 135	20 352 760	20 816 814
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	1 943	1 635	1 922	1 766	2 041	1 758	2 384	2 780
1 to 9 acres.....	305	217	217	271	267	347	471	660
10 to 19 acres.....	398	296	351	331	406	353	444	502
20 to 29 acres.....	382	327	421	355	451	359	499	518
30 to 49 acres.....	858	795	933	809	917	699	970	1 100
50 to 99 acres.....	2 405	2 246	2 874	2 545	2 897	2 968	3 800	4 243
100 to 199 acres.....	5 113	5 621	6 832	7 376	8 639	10 677	13 309	14 775
200 to 499 acres.....	15 092	16 595	20 331	24 316	28 248	33 580	35 090	36 691
500 to 999 acres.....	10 555	11 196	9 789	9 724	10 168	10 242	8 347	8 504
1,000 acres or more.....	3 785	3 350	1 858	1 343	1 321	1 298	997	854
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3 212	2 930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	573	420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing? ² farms.....	9 083	13 200	14 423	11 558	12 229	13 221	15 285	13 193
..... acres.....	1 605 457	2 269 832	1 888 933	848 376	755 888	754 500	935 210	709 815
Other cropland..... farms.....	32 958	31 969	40 869	44 589	45 462	47 336	51 377	(NA)
..... acres.....	8 103 986	7 707 862	10 395 054	8 902 151	7 593 157	5 703 986	6 339 902	3 576 294
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	6 621	(NA)	(NA)	8 557	7 985	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	580 479	(NA)	(NA)	1 251 502	1 291 639	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 370	(NA)	(NA)	5 661	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 398
..... acres.....	138 196	(NA)	(NA)	356 121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	545 957
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	29 374	(NA)	(NA)	41 883	39 249	44 057	46 592	(NA)
..... acres.....	6 689 291	(NA)	(NA)	6 870 518	5 109 479	4 398 349	4 581 209	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	7 941	(NA)	(NA)	6 107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	40 699
..... acres.....	696 020	(NA)	(NA)	424 010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3 030 337
Total woodland..... farms.....	4 355	4 486	6 017	6 131	7 714	8 433	10 168	7 442
..... acres.....	425 796	502 217	441 791	387 830	456 795	551 579	729 343	473 998
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 790	(NA)	(NA)	2 708	3 301	4 122	5 330	3 606
..... acres.....	233 354	(NA)	(NA)	237 293	271 856	346 815	483 539	316 028
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	3 081	(NA)	(NA)	4 334	5 453	5 391	6 217	4 352
..... acres.....	192 442	(NA)	(NA)	150 537	184 939	204 764	245 804	157 970
Other land..... farms.....	33 952	35 616	40 140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	12 769 573	12 700 112	13 217 162	14 883 841	13 302 166	13 625 724	12 836 829	15 424 237
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	19 285	(NA)	(NA)	33 701	37 664	43 041	45 401	56 026
..... acres.....	10 888 154	(NA)	(NA)	12 988 063	11 155 479	11 433 448	10 734 757	12 039 053
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	28 715	(NA)	(NA)	46 045	58 377	61 523	66 781	66 781
..... acres.....	1 881 419	(NA)	(NA)	1 895 778	2 146 687	2 192 276	2 102 072	3 385 184
Irrigated land..... farms.....	792	510	480	442	471	399	304	206
..... acres.....	141 434	70 891	63 238	50 548	47 656	37 672	35 294	22 814

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.....	38 890	40 661	41 528	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	40 377 178	40 792 094	40 374 480	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 038	1 003	972	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 320	3 139	1 236
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	133 196	309 448	121 811
Average per farm..... dollars.....	369 576	199 902	94 164	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	28 841	29 125	36 368
Average per acre..... dollars.....	355	199	97	..... acres.....	6 641 223	6 621 873	8 802 356
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	7 742	5 518	7 201
Total cropland..... farms.....	37 860	39 873	40 917	..... acres.....	682 664	517 675	708 200
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	28 648 431	28 997 608	28 849 789	Total woodland..... farms.....	4 097	4 249	5 517
..... acres.....	37 475	39 604	40 567	..... acres.....	384 045	474 027	412 650
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 664	1 795	2 537
1 to 49 acres.....	980	826	598	..... acres.....	203 981	193 563	244 612
50 to 99 acres.....	2 080	2 055	1 720	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	2 929	2 988	3 707
100 to 199 acres.....	5 018	5 600	6 291	..... acres.....	180 064	280 464	168 038
200 to 499 acres.....	15 070	16 588	20 321	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	18 552	18 784	22 073
500 to 999 acres.....	10 549	11 189	9 783	..... acres.....	9 551 460	9 379 551	9 294 883
1,000 acres or more.....	3 778	3 346	1 854	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	27 185	30 494	31 490
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3 207	2 927	1 693	..... acres.....	1 793 242	1 940 908	1 817 158
2,000 acres or more.....	571	419	161	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	24 140	27 030	29 621
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	8 654	12 597	13 422	..... acres.....	11 332 548	11 767 559	11 346 941
..... acres.....	1 577 107	2 194 445	1 807 446	Irrigated land..... farms.....	766	490	436
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	6 523	2 077	4 427	..... acres.....	140 053	69 713	61 044
..... acres.....	575 973	195 184	441 867				

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