

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	95 937	92 158	111 332	120 381	140 353	177 074	199 359	220 575
Land in farms..... acres.....	16 090 902	15 668 238	17 111 459	17 619 167	18 506 796	19 991 586	20 969 411	21 927 844
Average size of farm..... acres.....	168	170	154	146	132	113	105	99
Approximate land area..... acres.....	26 228 480	26 224 768	26 224 768	26 222 080	26 222 080	26 240 000	26 240 000	26 318 080
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	61.3	59.7	65.2	67.2	70.6	76.2	79.9	83.3
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	249 345	119 964	61 251	43 373	32 583	20 937	14 341	8 470
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 483	706	399	295	247	185	136	85
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 359	3 239	12 160	19 429	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	4 236	6 971	18 259	26 148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	8 841	16 978	30 383	32 890	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	16 530	20 950	22 044	21 188	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	11 534	11 580	10 323	8 909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	12 511	11 244	8 546	6 627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	8 675	6 348	4 011	2 543	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	19 607	11 875	4 932	2 391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	12 648	2 973	674	256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	91 969	89 231	105 854	115 274	131 878	164 126	186 212	206 861
..... acres.....	12 226 271	11 766 094	12 447 089	11 863 819	12 255 370	12 799 017	13 378 765	13 301 912
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	87 099	85 790	98 271	110 194	125 611	156 487	176 152	198 385
..... acres.....	10 289 516	9 680 470	8 515 275	9 276 437	9 743 467	10 339 955	10 295 590	10 873 062
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	40 898	38 352	49 735	53 447	60 697	81 884	99 239	115 948
10 to 9 acres.....	10 751	8 399	12 146	14 867	16 525	25 852	31 906	40 571
10 to 19 acres.....	9 919	8 937	12 000	12 153	13 851	17 102	20 657	22 980
20 to 29 acres.....	7 906	7 982	10 180	10 191	11 455	14 384	17 243	19 076
30 to 49 acres.....	12 322	13 034	15 409	16 236	18 866	24 546	29 433	33 321
50 to 99 acres.....	17 124	18 608	21 419	25 286	31 072	40 217	45 491	50 984
100 to 199 acres.....	13 755	14 721	16 148	20 213	24 061	26 977	25 374	26 211
200 to 499 acres.....	11 811	11 411	9 741	10 341	9 192	7 039	5 378	4 996
500 to 999 acres.....	2 953	2 320	1 117	850	548	336	277	217
1,000 acres or more.....	558	378	111	57	41	34	33	29
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	509	353	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	49	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	36 070	40 659	51 415	45 829	61 179	73 816	90 650	76 741
..... acres.....	1 265 728	1 515 372	1 725 734	1 164 147	1 504 714	1 709 588	2 049 304	1 867 183
Other cropland..... farms.....	26 509	20 782	59 732	52 892	41 388	40 950	53 678	(NA)
..... acres.....	671 027	570 252	2 206 080	1 423 235	1 007 189	749 474	1 033 871	597 667
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 828	(NA)	(NA)	32 675	14 775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	187 607	(NA)	(NA)	807 123	360 713	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 255	(NA)	(NA)	4 502	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 158
..... acres.....	53 738	(NA)	(NA)	59 476	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81 736
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	2 968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	64 998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	16 197	(NA)	(NA)	26 407	(NA)	32 673	(NA)	30 116
..... acres.....	364 684	(NA)	(NA)	556 636	(NA)	580 237	(NA)	515 931
Total woodland..... farms.....	52 774	51 094	65 928	75 874	88 558	106 595	118 560	113 850
..... acres.....	1 980 502	1 851 361	2 179 233	2 365 953	2 542 999	2 908 254	3 046 591	2 666 838
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	20 424	(NA)	(NA)	36 921	45 584	63 774	74 716	74 935
..... acres.....	603 621	(NA)	(NA)	929 648	1 056 554	1 451 289	1 605 646	1 559 887
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	40 690	(NA)	(NA)	52 382	58 572	60 603	65 178	55 476
..... acres.....	1 376 881	(NA)	(NA)	1 436 305	1 486 445	1 456 965	1 440 945	1 106 951
Other land..... farms.....	75 786	74 559	91 907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 884 129	2 050 783	2 485 137	3 389 395	3 708 427	4 284 315	4 544 055	5 959 094
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	19 358	(NA)	(NA)	54 712	66 515	85 324	94 750	132 996
..... acres.....	900 586	(NA)	(NA)	2 177 032	2 350 983	2 909 201	3 062 384	4 552 157
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	72 937	(NA)	(NA)	113 492	(NA)	170 006	189 325	211 315
..... acres.....	983 543	(NA)	(NA)	1 212 363	1 357 444	1 375 114	1 481 671	1 406 937
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 355	981	1 024	750	575	847	458	463
..... acres.....	26 314	22 115	22 087	17 405	11 972	15 379	5 706	4 178

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.....	73 821	70 283	66 269	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	14 811 165	14 091 934	13 824 801	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	201	201	209	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 272	3 402	3 456
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	41 410	72 440	87 181
Average per farm..... dollars.....	302 076	143 897	84 751	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	2 527	1 677	7 150
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 504	718	406	..... acres.....	60 267	42 501	217 668
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	12 517	7 470	19 821
Total cropland..... farms.....	71 390	68 676	64 616	..... acres.....	298 362	200 620	668 179
..... acres.....	11 612 174	10 954 331	10 636 112	Total woodland..... farms.....	41 368	39 284	41 824
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	69 399	67 704	63 328	..... acres.....	1 613 413	1 477 571	1 490 702
..... acres.....	10 006 585	9 360 973	7 778 695	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	15 387	15 952	19 477
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	482 204	487 241	559 515
1 to 49 acres.....	23 651	20 792	17 064	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	32 272	29 874	29 838
50 to 99 acres.....	16 733	18 131	19 266	..... acres.....	1 131 209	990 330	931 187
100 to 199 acres.....	13 717	14 699	16 061	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	14 845	16 072	17 847
200 to 499 acres.....	11 801	11 395	9 723	..... acres.....	747 988	781 799	871 241
500 to 999 acres.....	2 941	2 311	1 106	..... farms.....	55 964	55 096	53 316
1,000 acres or more.....	556	376	108	..... acres.....	837 590	878 233	826 746
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	507	351	102	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	39 547	41 171	44 732
2,000 acres or more.....	49	25	6	..... acres.....	2 272 432	2 403 698	2 634 198
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	26 585	28 698	31 477	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 141	848	723
..... acres.....	1 042 240	1 134 658	1 203 442	..... acres.....	24 900	21 313	16 393

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