

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	95 937	92 158	16 090 902	15 668 238	10 289 516	9 680 470	26 314	22 115
with harvested cropland	87 099	85 790	15 748 278	15 297 603	10 289 516	9 680 470	25 414	22 059
with irrigated land	1 355	981	177 648	126 297	97 239	81 333	26 314	22 115
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	7 311	4 001	29 474	14 480	11 871	6 403	770	515
with harvested cropland	3 802	2 185	18 687	9 868	11 871	6 403	759	515
with irrigated land	409	307	2 055	1 172	874	569	770	515
10 to 49 acres	19 050	16 163	535 545	483 141	276 944	257 148	2 574	1 464
with harvested cropland	15 897	14 101	463 765	429 897	276 944	257 148	1 708	1 461
with irrigated land	392	273	8 780	6 504	3 192	2 690	2 574	1 464
50 to 69 acres	8 137	8 238	474 009	483 027	244 211	244 119	830	1 004
with harvested cropland	7 588	7 628	442 169	447 438	244 211	244 119	829	1 004
with irrigated land	73	70	4 234	4 059	2 099	2 013	830	1 004
70 to 99 acres	12 806	13 377	1 064 666	1 108 699	556 543	589 245	1 184	970
with harvested cropland	12 138	12 706	1 010 344	1 053 948	556 543	589 245	1 184	970
with irrigated land	77	55	6 503	4 523	3 097	2 402	1 184	970
100 to 139 acres	11 754	12 645	1 365 965	1 470 397	724 521	764 237	1 279	931
with harvested cropland	11 296	12 095	1 314 261	1 406 212	724 521	764 237	1 259	878
with irrigated land	59	53	6 962	6 194	3 674	2 923	1 279	931
140 to 179 acres	8 440	9 429	1 331 400	1 487 732	740 826	811 307	984	929
with harvested cropland	8 239	9 157	1 299 810	1 444 872	740 826	811 307	982	929
with irrigated land	46	35	7 159	5 535	3 746	3 178	984	929
180 to 219 acres	6 037	6 356	1 194 176	1 257 419	694 513	715 585	896	1 065
with harvested cropland	5 921	6 211	1 171 154	1 228 759	694 513	715 585	896	1 065
with irrigated land	38	35	7 673	6 939	4 898	3 929	896	1 065
220 to 259 acres	4 477	4 713	1 067 734	1 118 811	661 169	681 153	1 181	873
with harvested cropland	4 415	4 631	1 052 986	1 099 158	661 169	681 153	1 181	873
with irrigated land	23	22	5 374	5 094	2 878	3 155	1 181	873
260 to 499 acres	11 847	12 044	4 174 168	4 225 448	2 805 931	2 781 675	5 687	3 433
with harvested cropland	11 748	11 909	4 139 629	4 178 921	2 805 931	2 781 675	5 687	3 433
with irrigated land	168	61	63 769	21 844	20 557	15 489	5 687	3 433
500 to 999 acres	4 960	4 346	3 284 793	2 844 002	2 414 625	2 027 347	6 527	7 461
with harvested cropland	4 942	4 324	3 273 943	2 829 157	2 414 625	2 027 347	6 527	7 461
with irrigated land	48	48	32 667	32 868	26 414	25 186	6 527	7 461
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1 008	770	1 279 572	973 722	950 948	678 821	2 880	3 445
with harvested cropland	1 004	768	1 275 330	971 013	950 948	678 821	2 880	3 445
with irrigated land	18	20	23 327	(D)	18 727	(D)	2 880	3 445
2,000 acres or more	110	76	289 400	201 360	207 414	123 430	1 522	(D)
with harvested cropland	109	75	286 200	198 360	207 414	123 430	1 522	25
with irrigated land	4	2	9 145	(D)	7 083	(D)	1 522	(D)
5,000 acres or more	4	(NA)	20 839	(NA)	14 518	(NA)	-	(NA)
with harvested cropland	4	(NA)	20 839	(NA)	14 518	(NA)	-	(NA)
with irrigated land	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(NA)	-	(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	95 937	92 158	111 332	565	293	264
Harvested cropland	16 090 902	15 668 238	17 111 459	45 101	36 883	29 572
Full owners	87 099	85 790	98 271	515	260	194
Harvested cropland	10 289 516	9 680 470	8 515 275	26 124	18 254	10 742
Part owners	57 828	57 675	74 016	458	202	211
Harvested cropland	6 001 827	6 463 823	8 072 575	22 210	18 958	19 321
Tenants	50 043	51 912	62 070	411	173	146
Harvested cropland	2 882 302	3 085 688	3 023 360	9 112	5 712	5 594
Percent of tenancy	12.5	11.2	11.9	8.0	16.0	6.8
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	83 642	(NA)	(NA)	443	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	12 791 080	(NA)	(NA)	35 970	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	10 752	(NA)	(NA)	112	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:	2 693 067	(NA)	(NA)	6 459	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	1 217	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	521 681	(NA)	(NA)	1 200	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:	39	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	24 563	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	1 025	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	438 725	(NA)	(NA)	148	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	28	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	13 419	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	125	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	44 974	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	326	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
institutional, etc.	85 074	(NA)	(NA)	1 472	(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	3 798	2 683	2 832	17	15	—
25 to 34 years	13 228	11 190	12 765	45	29	9
35 to 44 years	20 041	17 201	22 273	149	66	45
45 to 54 years	22 577	22 731	29 557	186	70	88
55 to 64 years	21 943	22 152	26 106	67	66	59
65 years and over	14 350	15 280	17 799	101	47	63
Average age	49.1	50.5	50.3	49.5	49.6	54.7
Operators by place of residence: ¹						
On farm operated	73 572	66 476	85 342	446	186	207
Not on farm operated	13 862	12 257	16 320	88	60	32
Not reported	8 503	13 425	9 670	31	47	25
Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹						
None	33 519	27 685	(NA)	146	58	(NA)
Any	58 948	49 095	70 017	391	185	173
1 to 49 days	6 479	4 959	10 041	15	18	9
50 to 99 days	2 611	2 363	4 511	9	4	22
100 to 149 days	2 611	2 388	8 909	13	5	22
150 to 199 days	4 806	4 124	46 556	15	15	120
200 days or more	42 441	35 261	(NA)	339	143	(NA)
Not reporting	3 470	14 457	(NA)	28	50	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation: ¹						
Farming	45 671	50 104	(NA)	141	221	(NA)
Other	50 266	41 133	(NA)	424	172	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	91 892	(NA)	(NA)	543	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	15 663 782	(NA)	(NA)	43 687	(NA)	(NA)
Female	4 045	(NA)	(NA)	22	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	427 120	(NA)	(NA)	1 414	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin	196	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	31 464	(NA)	(NA)	630	(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	62 900	246	62 178	164	55 098	80
farms						
acres	11 632 314	29 819	11 648 733	27 696	10 814 924	15 537
Partnership	9 520	23	7 241	7	10 290	11
farms						
acres	2 618 832	5 433	2 119 486	2 000	2 714 967	2 889
Corporations	1 172	6	758	(NA)	569	—
farms						
acres	515 833	1 200	292 162	(NA)	226 757	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	37	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	986	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	433 730	148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	27	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	122	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres	44 778	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	229	3	106	(NA)	312	2
farms						
acres	44 186	(D)	31 553	(NA)	68 153	267

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.