

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	79 388	69 719	83 037	88 726	94 676	118 979	142 246	164 790
Land in farms..... acres.....	34 344 480	33 082 848	36 007 719	36 077 472	35 800 688	35 630 045	36 006 603	36 161 822
Average size of farm..... acres.....	433	475	434	407	378	300	253	219
Approximate land area..... acres.....	44 021 760	44 020 800	44 020 800	44 087 680	44 087 680	44 179 840	44 179 840	44 341 120
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	78.0	75.2	81.8	81.8	81.2	80.6	81.5	81.6
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	222 624	143 320	74 838	49 212	31 710	18 964	13 016	6 713
Average per acre..... dollars.....	512	302	173	121	84	63	51	31
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	1 127	2 878	9 957	21 208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 784	5 676	13 168	17 968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	10 187	12 368	19 393	18 476	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	14 003	13 814	15 297	13 078	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	9 583	8 223	7 886	6 319	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	11 312	7 997	7 037	5 697	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	6 417	4 925	3 859	2 569	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	14 620	10 230	5 444	2 955	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	8 355	3 608	996	456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	63 624	59 105	68 888	67 174	77 187	97 554	127 229	154 349
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	14 640 676	14 667 029	15 658 206	13 010 066	14 043 828	14 470 517	16 016 071	16 964 012
Other cropland..... farms.....	50 682	47 123	52 940	59 360	66 155	84 870	115 242	148 437
..... acres.....	8 703 435	8 989 832	8 264 787	8 343 588	8 975 117	10 249 134	11 896 040	14 088 470
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	20 940	16 809	18 997	23 327	24 909	33 485	53 196	69 780
1 to 9 acres.....	3 649	2 641	3 035	5 690	5 701	8 383	14 051	23 356
10 to 19 acres.....	5 756	4 380	4 942	5 904	6 457	8 365	12 542	12 397
20 to 29 acres.....	4 767	3 938	4 336	4 680	4 984	6 587	10 841	12 267
30 to 49 acres.....	6 768	5 850	6 684	7 053	7 767	10 150	15 762	21 760
50 to 99 acres.....	8 821	8 299	10 297	10 805	12 950	17 710	23 887	32 416
100 to 199 acres.....	7 945	8 092	10 132	11 228	13 647	17 963	21 642	27 444
200 to 499 acres.....	8 575	9 148	10 255	11 224	12 032	13 266	13 828	16 152
500 to 999 acres.....	3 296	3 724	2 789	2 440	2 294	2 136	2 273	2 261
1,000 acres or more.....	1 105	1 051	470	336	323	310	416	384
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	966	932	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	139	119	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	33 972	33 364	42 945	26 305	34 856	44 013	49 927	44 475
..... acres.....	4 200 174	4 651 451	4 904 058	1 950 771	2 386 311	2 324 626	2 317 778	1 759 356
Other cropland..... farms.....	16 763	9 257	26 632	30 335	30 862	33 688	41 397	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 737 067	1 025 746	2 489 361	2 715 707	2 682 400	1 896 757	1 802 253	1 116 186
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	3 923	(NA)	(NA)	14 795	11 592	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	257 538	(NA)	(NA)	953 272	919 206	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	4 076	(NA)	(NA)	4 936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	10 983
..... acres.....	349 260	(NA)	(NA)	361 786	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	265 545
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	5 577	(NA)	(NA)	12 898	11 191	13 677	10 171	(NA)
..... acres.....	662 652	(NA)	(NA)	997 035	967 469	829 220	488 967	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	6 910	(NA)	(NA)	9 391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	24 286
..... acres.....	467 617	(NA)	(NA)	403 614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	850 641
Total woodland..... farms.....	20 686	16 491	22 308	30 539	33 945	45 040	58 534	51 918
..... acres.....	2 177 914	2 151 952	2 757 364	3 780 466	4 456 025	5 147 321	5 898 653	4 518 347
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	16 326	(NA)	(NA)	28 061	30 018	40 741	50 240	45 834
..... acres.....	1 670 338	(NA)	(NA)	3 413 014	3 906 771	4 689 051	5 018 615	4 119 493
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	6 240	(NA)	(NA)	4 511	7 097	7 119	14 263	9 439
..... acres.....	507 576	(NA)	(NA)	367 452	549 254	458 270	880 038	398 854
Other land..... farms.....	60 389	50 464	63 548	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	17 525 890	16 263 867	17 592 149	19 286 940	17 300 835	16 012 207	14 091 879	14 679 463
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	41 903	(NA)	(NA)	71 330	70 016	80 418	83 952	102 862
..... acres.....	16 746 342	(NA)	(NA)	18 449 031	16 270 071	15 021 028	12 744 634	13 350 734
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	42 052	(NA)	(NA)	77 964	(NA)	109 336	128 544	152 867
..... acres.....	779 548	(NA)	(NA)	837 909	1 030 764	991 179	1 347 245	1 328 729
Irrigated land..... farms.....	3 850	3 454	3 809	2 673	2 481	1 620	466	74
..... acres.....	602 203	515 104	524 065	302 081	197 632	108 151	34 071	2 237

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.....	58 639	47 793	51 675	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	32 224 183	30 090 903	31 851 960	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	550	630	616	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	3 327	2 449	2 122
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	306 923	266 785	175 516
Average per farm..... dollars.....	273 970	187 069	104 169	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	5 219	2 955	9 395
Average per acre..... dollars.....	499	297	169	..... acres.....	647 003	417 052	978 692
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	5 706	2 171	8 552
Total cropland..... farms.....	49 414	42 810	46 218	..... acres.....	428 241	155 864	573 977
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	13 728 529	13 312 239	13 804 822	Total woodland..... farms.....	14 298	10 142	12 607
..... acres.....	8 493 566	8 802 199	7 905 635	..... acres.....	1 826 706	1 715 266	2 125 971
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	11 682	8 091	10 333
1 to 49 acres.....	13 680	9 112	9 800	..... acres.....	1 431 696	1 237 334	1 757 305
50 to 99 acres.....	8 047	7 702	8 428	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	4 013	3 158	3 538
100 to 199 acres.....	7 767	8 074	9 755	..... acres.....	395 010	477 932	368 666
200 to 499 acres.....	8 553	9 135	10 242	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	34 133	28 011	33 263
500 to 999 acres.....	3 289	3 719	2 783	..... acres.....	15 984 298	14 294 123	15 036 718
1,000 acres or more.....	1 103	1 048	468	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	30 226	26 749	30 656
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	964	929	414	..... acres.....	684 650	769 275	884 449
2,000 acres or more.....	139	119	54	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	52 032	40 625	46 583
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	25 248	21 366	27 012	..... acres.....	21 031 636	19 091 287	20 488 892
..... acres.....	3 615 642	3 559 830	3 694 869	Irrigated land..... farms.....	3 492	3 192	3 495
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	3 404	1 612	7 136	..... acres.....	593 668	509 643	516 769
..... acres.....	237 154	110 509	476 133				

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