

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.....	79 388	69 719	34 344 480	33 082 848	8 703 435	8 989 832	602 203	515 104
with harvested cropland.....	50 682	47 123	28 210 523	26 676 979	8 703 435	8 989 832	592 891	508 042
with irrigated land.....	3 850	3 454	3 635 223	3 031 257	1 324 092	1 208 484	602 203	515 104
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres ----- number.....	4 183	2 264	12 396	4 844	1 471	1 051	229	440
with harvested cropland.....	569	445	2 368	1 497	1 471	1 051	193	154
with irrigated land.....	108	78	435	274	217	157	229	440
10 to 49 acres ----- number.....	10 762	6 001	306 446	183 367	60 588	40 454	2 648	1 524
with harvested cropland.....	3 849	2 380	120 055	72 665	60 588	40 454	2 227	1 245
with irrigated land.....	289	148	6 810	4 040	2 636	1 576	2 648	1 524
50 to 69 acres ----- number.....	3 307	2 571	191 065	149 506	41 441	29 400	1 329	1 241
with harvested cropland.....	1 599	1 096	92 669	64 295	41 441	29 400	992	1 092
with irrigated land.....	62	45	3 554	2 636	1 457	1 373	1 329	1 241
70 to 99 acres ----- number.....	7 600	6 342	616 074	514 155	122 338	104 155	5 013	4 160
with harvested cropland.....	3 948	3 089	320 206	250 715	122 338	104 155	4 306	3 585
with irrigated land.....	148	134	12 030	10 886	5 095	4 944	5 013	4 160
100 to 139 acres ----- number.....	5 802	5 037	675 796	583 763	119 421	104 661	4 298	3 262
with harvested cropland.....	3 241	2 676	377 590	312 275	119 421	104 661	3 533	2 754
with irrigated land.....	105	92	12 064	10 477	4 837	3 930	4 298	3 262
140 to 179 acres ----- number.....	8 974	8 783	1 417 323	1 388 908	348 343	380 513	14 120	14 513
with harvested cropland.....	5 845	5 892	925 243	933 468	348 343	380 513	13 226	13 731
with irrigated land.....	250	266	39 763	42 193	18 724	21 073	14 120	14 513
180 to 219 acres ----- number.....	3 706	3 410	729 674	670 864	147 290	139 281	7 410	5 634
with harvested cropland.....	2 465	2 218	486 339	436 970	147 290	139 281	6 454	5 459
with irrigated land.....	121	90	23 761	17 778	10 993	8 391	7 410	5 634
220 to 259 acres ----- number.....	3 594	3 704	853 053	879 414	197 328	224 367	9 048	8 304
with harvested cropland.....	2 588	2 648	614 737	629 587	197 328	224 367	8 729	7 762
with irrigated land.....	145	134	34 709	31 953	16 413	14 117	9 048	8 304
260 to 499 acres ----- number.....	13 711	14 166	4 998 394	5 177 223	1 391 843	1 581 093	64 678	59 113
with harvested cropland.....	10 852	11 195	3 982 743	4 124 412	1 391 843	1 581 093	63 576	57 336
with irrigated land.....	732	721	276 327	269 132	123 436	124 294	64 678	59 113
500 to 999 acres ----- number.....	10 149	10 247	7 122 483	7 192 522	2 307 396	2 554 831	113 712	119 101
with harvested cropland.....	8 872	9 084	6 265 061	6 400 410	2 307 396	2 554 831	112 412	117 880
with irrigated land.....	811	836	582 232	600 291	262 575	285 901	113 712	119 101
1,000 to 1,999 acres ----- number.....	5 220	5 003	7 080 619	6 770 230	2 235 436	2 347 087	146 562	143 353
with harvested cropland.....	4 771	4 559	6 484 940	6 168 561	2 235 436	2 347 087	144 587	143 225
with irrigated land.....	667	583	934 857	803 196	396 207	373 988	146 562	143 353
2,000 acres or more ----- number.....	2 380	2 191	10 341 157	9 568 052	1 730 540	1 482 939	233 156	154 459
with harvested cropland.....	2 083	1 841	8 538 572	7 282 124	1 730 540	1 482 939	232 656	153 819
with irrigated land.....	412	327	1 708 681	1 286 401	481 502	368 740	233 156	154 459
5,000 acres or more ----- number.....	479	(NA)	4 927 684	(NA)	363 048	(NA)	86 682	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	374	(NA)	3 685 883	(NA)	363 048	(NA)	86 682	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	66	(NA)	716 139	(NA)	102 571	(NA)	86 682	(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.....	79 388	69 719	83 037	2 996	1 628	1 026
acres.....	34 344 480	33 082 848	36 007 719	693 775	406 969	151 656
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	50 682	47 123	52 940	1 450	920	534
acres.....	8 703 435	8 989 832	8 264 787	103 862	58 145	24 067
Full owners ----- farms.....	43 654	38 449	44 457	1 796	1 097	625
acres.....	9 984 819	10 655 574	11 058 242	299 585	185 418	64 362
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	23 378	22 203	22 998	794	578	282
acres.....	1 810 407	2 065 394	1 830 087	39 157	23 940	11 039
Part owners ----- farms.....	25 716	22 847	26 868	813	397	266
acres.....	20 682 846	18 857 236	20 565 898	345 952	178 648	68 266
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	20 713	18 786	21 767	512	264	177
acres.....	5 741 862	5 730 308	5 123 980	56 885	27 886	9 328
Tenants ----- farms.....	10 018	8 423	11 712	387	134	135
acres.....	3 676 815	3 570 038	4 383 579	48 238	42 903	19 028
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	6 591	6 134	8 175	144	78	75
acres.....	1 151 166	1 194 130	1 310 720	7 820	6 319	3 700
Percent of tenancy ----- percent.....	12.6	12.1	14.1	12.9	8.2	13.1
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family ----- farms.....	72 499	(NA)	(NA)	2 805	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	28 362 276	(NA)	(NA)	605 073	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership ----- farms.....	5 919	(NA)	(NA)	163	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	4 188 547	(NA)	(NA)	52 077	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations ----- farms.....	675	(NA)	(NA)	14	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 436 766	(NA)	(NA)	15 565	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms.....	14	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	45 866	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms.....	576	(NA)	(NA)	11	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 198 485	(NA)	(NA)	13 791	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms.....	10	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	10 306	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms.....	75	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	182 109	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms.....	295	(NA)	(NA)	14	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	356 891	(NA)	(NA)	21 060	(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	2 739	1 461	1 648	21	21	12
25 to 34 years	9 174	6 656	8 051	352	104	61
35 to 44 years	15 112	11 610	15 003	485	242	136
45 to 54 years	19 515	16 699	20 850	732	370	193
55 to 64 years	17 812	18 344	22 891	634	414	335
65 years and over	15 036	14 463	14 594	772	477	289
Average age	50.8	52.6	51.7	53.0	55.6	56.3
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	51 857	39 578	52 609	2 012	923	606
Not on farm operated	18 407	15 873	20 033	564	337	249
Not reported	9 124	14 268	10 395	420	368	171
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	26 950	21 407	(NA)	908	460	(NA)
Any	49 403	34 702	50 472	1 982	881	634
1 to 49 days	4 791	3 572	7 395	156	70	78
50 to 99 days	2 275	1 975	3 806	81	50	37
100 to 149 days	2 731	2 137	7 643	81	67	112
150 to 199 days	4 266	3 411	31 628	233	100	407
200 days or more	35 340	23 607	(NA)	1 431	594	(NA)
Not reporting	3 035	13 124	(NA)	106	287	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	33 579	37 165	(NA)	924	638	(NA)
Other	45 809	32 068	(NA)	2 072	990	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	74 804	(NA)	(NA)	2 630	(NA)	(NA)
farms	32 970	(NA)	(NA)	646 090	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4 584	(NA)	(NA)	366	(NA)	(NA)
Female	1 374 454	(NA)	(NA)	47 685	(NA)	(NA)
farms	188	(NA)	(NA)	33	(NA)	(NA)
acres	64 913	(NA)	(NA)	6 184	(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, (see text)
Individual or family	52 772	1 345	44 566	35 558	45 661	258
Partnership	26 480 908	480 312	25 987 166	276 985	26 246 769	73 688
farms	4 994	109	2 786	2 274	5 536	19
acres	4 068 271	46 120	3 003 207	18 939	4 896 574	5 682
Corporations	660	14	318	(NA)	202	2
farms	1 421 489	15 565	776 908	(NA)	483 984	220
acres						
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	14	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	45 866	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	563	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 183 339	13 791	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	10	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	73	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	213	6	123	(NA)	276	2
farms	253 515	11 330	323 622	(NA)	224 633	1 281
acres						

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.