

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	34 642	26 753	18 414 484	18 241 445	3 280 005	3 213 399	1 920 318	1 561 438
with harvested cropland	25 609	21 636	16 085 788	16 071 388	3 280 005	3 213 399	1 813 501	1 514 495
with irrigated land	15 637	11 791	11 917 985	10 973 901	1 936 609	1 732 929	1 920 318	1 561 438
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	5 195	2 521	24 814	11 929	8 473	5 494	7 304	3 669
with harvested cropland	2 673	1 690	14 001	8 539	8 473	5 494	4 608	2 455
with irrigated land	2 007	924	10 865	4 871	4 137	2 272	7 304	3 669
10 to 49 acres	12 500	8 292	312 442	216 924	120 082	89 513	72 527	50 482
with harvested cropland	8 946	6 328	227 973	167 273	120 082	89 513	59 775	41 567
with irrigated land	5 057	3 288	122 399	86 093	55 082	38 637	72 527	50 482
50 to 69 acres	2 110	1 987	122 575	115 673	45 376	45 321	27 139	24 177
with harvested cropland	1 655	1 568	96 047	91 666	45 376	45 321	23 089	20 871
with irrigated land	845	746	49 065	43 332	22 887	20 459	27 139	24 177
70 to 99 acres	2 629	2 307	215 899	189 583	79 317	74 365	53 335	45 534
with harvested cropland	2 038	1 882	167 279	154 870	79 317	74 365	47 718	41 488
with irrigated land	1 168	1 014	96 130	83 285	45 210	39 900	53 335	45 534
100 to 139 acres	1 989	1 924	229 503	223 777	80 495	86 820	55 720	49 228
with harvested cropland	1 526	1 599	177 216	186 251	80 495	86 820	49 262	46 218
with irrigated land	942	835	109 794	97 188	48 381	47 036	55 720	49 228
140 to 179 acres	1 544	1 453	243 211	227 600	84 853	91 492	58 305	53 499
with harvested cropland	1 216	1 219	191 327	190 833	84 853	91 492	53 600	50 784
with irrigated land	750	682	117 947	106 937	51 414	51 761	58 305	53 499
180 to 219 acres	999	920	197 424	182 016	79 441	76 579	49 734	43 251
with harvested cropland	818	759	161 690	149 952	79 441	76 579	47 368	40 768
with irrigated land	503	439	99 467	86 871	50 792	43 475	49 734	43 251
220 to 259 acres	775	775	184 335	184 301	73 065	74 538	54 481	48 124
with harvested cropland	646	660	153 850	156 884	73 065	74 538	48 767	46 366
with irrigated land	427	409	101 491	96 874	50 340	47 314	54 481	48 124
260 to 499 acres	2 567	2 245	925 254	796 861	367 914	336 062	235 394	188 198
with harvested cropland	2 229	1 966	804 565	701 064	367 914	336 062	229 691	186 354
with irrigated land	1 401	1 166	507 523	415 524	246 481	213 654	235 394	188 198
500 to 999 acres	1 611	1 568	1 127 406	1 085 179	416 198	422 378	230 617	184 594
with harvested cropland	1 404	1 414	985 737	978 446	416 198	422 378	222 297	181 080
with irrigated land	930	810	645 804	559 728	269 024	244 602	230 617	184 594
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1 025	1 030	1 441 667	1 435 533	465 490	462 546	210 387	172 026
with harvested cropland	937	954	1 322 294	1 337 674	465 490	462 546	199 188	168 201
with irrigated land	544	515	763 646	715 491	229 924	226 974	210 387	172 026
2,000 acres or more	1 698	1 731	13 389 954	13 572 069	1 459 301	1 448 291	865 375	698 656
with harvested cropland	1 521	1 597	11 783 809	11 947 936	1 459 301	1 448 291	828 138	688 343
with irrigated land	1 063	963	9 293 854	8 677 707	862 937	756 845	865 375	698 656
5,000 acres or more	734	(NA)	10 355 326	(NA)	836 528	(NA)	630 524	(NA)
with harvested cropland	660	(NA)	9 078 052	(NA)	836 528	(NA)	603 456	(NA)
with irrigated land	510	(NA)	7 518 650	(NA)	581 226	(NA)	630 524	(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	34 642	26 753	29 063	523	374	21
acres	18 414 484	18 241 445	18 017 850	386 014	106 961	10 795
Harvested cropland	25 609	21 636	22 117	415	334	12
acres	3 280 005	3 213 399	2 893 632	42 794	37 051	1 125
Full owners	24 715	18 844	20 525	354	227	16
acres	7 137 013	6 765 405	5 972 791	340 661	58 131	7 215
Harvested cropland	17 375	14 630	14 781	256	202	9
acres	1 105 871	1 081 263	954 974	18 106	15 798	392
Part owners	7 156	6 142	6 352	113	112	4
acres	9 601 587	9 880 968	10 611 516	37 027	44 298	3 380
Harvested cropland	6 181	5 593	5 764	109	103	2
acres	1 786 749	1 829 849	1 630 268	20 809	17 787	533
Tenants	2 771	1 767	2 186	56	35	1
acres	1 675 884	1 595 072	1 433 543	8 326	4 532	200
Harvested cropland	2 053	1 413	1 572	50	29	1
acres	387 385	302 287	308 390	3 879	3 466	200
Percent of tenancy	8.0	6.6	7.5	10.7	9.4	4.7
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	30 426	(NA)	(NA)	414	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10 339 650	(NA)	(NA)	54 690	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	2 983	(NA)	(NA)	63	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3 514 005	(NA)	(NA)	27 363	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	1 056	(NA)	(NA)	42	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3 807 482	(NA)	(NA)	12 845	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	26	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	353 258	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	940	(NA)	(NA)	41	(NA)	(NA)
acres	3 027 171	(NA)	(NA)	12 505	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	18	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
acres	253 656	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	72	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres	173 397	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	177	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
acres	753 347	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(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.....	609	308	376	5	3	—
25 to 34 years.....	4 877	2 313	2 484	102	41	2
35 to 44 years.....	7 519	4 841	5 518	106	72	11
45 to 54 years.....	8 342	6 718	8 013	119	132	—
55 to 64 years.....	7 793	7 048	7 701	142	88	1
65 years and over.....	5 502	4 814	4 971	49	38	7
Average age.....	49.8	52.4	51.9	47.7	49.7	51.8
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	29 297	19 991	23 313	414	281	18
Not on farm operated.....	3 295	2 663	3 139	68	47	2
Not reported.....	2 050	4 099	2 611	41	46	1
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	11 536	8 473	(NA)	219	144	(NA)
Any.....	22 029	13 922	17 676	292	152	12
1 to 49 days.....	2 262	1 455	2 579	35	21	—
50 to 99 days.....	1 115	729	1 088	38	14	1
100 to 149 days.....	1 262	804	2 388	32	10	1
150 to 199 days.....	1 971	1 392	—	29	19	—
200 days or more.....	15 419	9 542	11 621	158	88	10
Not reporting.....	1 077	3 647	(NA)	12	78	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	15 213	13 884	(NA)	278	265	(NA)
Other.....	19 429	12 158	(NA)	245	109	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male.....farms.....	32 455	(NA)	(NA)	496	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	17 706 704	(NA)	(NA)	383 869	(NA)	(NA)
Female.....farms.....	2 187	(NA)	(NA)	27	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	707 780	(NA)	(NA)	2 145	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
.....farms.....	223	(NA)	(NA)	49	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	109 116	(NA)	(NA)	3 642	(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.....farms.....	17 452	284	14 913	253	14 565	5
.....acres.....	9 705 803	48 450	10 613 771	67 925	10 440 519	10 136
Partnership.....farms.....	2 288	56	1 448	40	1 925	—
.....acres.....	3 437 812	26 639	3 076 654	32 444	3 284 825	—
Corporations.....farms.....	1 014	42	628	(NA)	426	—
.....acres.....	3 791 842	(D)	3 097 190	(NA)	2 548 482	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	26	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	353 258	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	898	41	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	3 011 531	12 505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....farms.....	18	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	253 656	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....farms.....	72	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....acres.....	173 397	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.farms.....	65	1	28	(NA)	87	—
.....acres.....	46 789	(D)	73 486	(NA)	160 912	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.