

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	59 942	53 171	62 824	83 086	100 052	128 876	146 887	171 761
Land in farms..... acres.....	8 747 279	8 186 378	8 900 767	10 803 983	11 861 727	13 162 093	14 112 841	15 019 675
Average size of farm..... acres.....	146	154	142	130	119	102	96	87
Approximate land area..... acres.....	28 779 520	28 778 112	28 778 112	28 804 480	28 804 480	28 828 800	28 828 800	28 828 800
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	30.4	28.4	30.9	37.5	41.2	45.7	49.0	52.1
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	187 406	112 992	52 829	29 836	21 892	14 039	10 299	5 872
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 273	734	373	228	185	137	107	67
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999..... farms.....	600	1 626	7 607	18 630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999..... farms.....	1 917	3 918	12 508	24 584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999..... farms.....	5 754	10 047	18 643	22 773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999..... farms.....	10 773	12 201	12 261	10 656	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999..... farms.....	8 199	6 885	4 871	3 208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999..... farms.....	9 259	7 040	3 445	1 748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999..... farms.....	6 293	4 114	1 315	637	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999..... farms.....	13 102	6 046	1 744	673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more..... farms.....	4 037	1 294	430	177	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	57 748	51 709	60 189	79 917	94 544	121 291	138 822	165 169
..... acres.....	5 816 247	5 283 094	5 597 790	6 042 837	6 595 256	7 250 246	7 944 850	8 001 335
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	55 378	49 744	56 361	76 600	90 334	114 359	131 322	160 167
..... acres.....	4 344 044	3 885 384	3 687 091	4 534 073	4 853 664	5 433 491	5 637 292	6 604 192
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres..... farms.....	28 827	24 407	30 342	42 568	52 723	72 033	87 854	108 145
..... acres.....	6 436	4 937	6 662	11 434	14 193	22 269	27 804	39 776
10 to 19 acres..... farms.....	6 677	5 375	7 137	9 399	11 974	15 015	18 082	20 615
..... acres.....	6 227	5 287	6 399	8 186	9 829	12 765	15 215	17 143
20 to 29 acres..... farms.....	9 487	8 808	10 144	13 549	16 727	21 984	26 753	30 611
..... acres.....	13 116	13 078	14 894	21 159	25 174	30 265	32 899	39 539
30 to 49 acres..... farms.....	8 740	8 496	8 479	10 462	10 561	10 390	9 309	11 231
..... acres.....	4 108	3 383	2 427	2 245	1 752	1 569	1 168	1 158
50 to 99 acres..... farms.....	499	317	178	137	99	79	72	73
..... acres.....	88	63	41	29	25	23	20	21
100 to 199 acres..... farms.....	71	51	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	17	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres..... farms.....								
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2,000 acres or more..... farms.....								
..... acres.....								
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing <sup>2</sup> ..... farms.....	31 486	29 721	35 155	29 887	38 469	46 741	58 526	34 283
..... acres.....	1 037 394	1 023 407	1 154 397	685 936	845 487	945 591	1 111 196	628 497
Other cropland..... farms.....	17 417	13 939	22 974	32 501	35 804	43 141	55 159	(NA)
..... acres.....	434 809	374 303	756 302	822 828	896 105	871 164	1 196 362	768 646
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	6 291	(NA)	(NA)	12 776	9 738	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	120 144	(NA)	(NA)	267 313	213 944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 091	(NA)	(NA)	4 773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	23 957	(NA)	(NA)	55 485	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6 340
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow <sup>3</sup> ..... farms.....	1 532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	35 013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	11 078	(NA)	(NA)	21 914	(NA)	36 971	(NA)	34 164
..... acres.....	255 695	(NA)	(NA)	500 030	(NA)	735 727	(NA)	709 039
Total woodland..... farms.....	37 982	33 791	41 156	56 405	68 813	83 866	94 761	102 985
..... acres.....	1 869 645	1 688 179	1 961 241	2 567 982	2 909 122	3 247 676	3 423 596	3 312 084
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	13 034	(NA)	(NA)	20 012	24 562	31 468	37 150	36 721
..... acres.....	382 202	(NA)	(NA)	572 749	664 255	844 378	932 860	973 955
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	31 795	(NA)	(NA)	47 104	56 782	66 593	75 134	82 526
..... acres.....	1 487 443	(NA)	(NA)	1 995 233	2 244 867	2 403 298	2 490 736	2 338 129
Other land..... farms.....	45 398	41 665	48 102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 061 387	1 215 105	1 341 736	2 193 164	2 357 349	2 664 171	2 744 395	3 706 256
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	14 075	(NA)	(NA)	43 026	49 150	60 178	62 956	64 452
..... acres.....	549 745	(NA)	(NA)	1 519 255	1 545 907	1 848 396	1 811 186	2 638 221
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	42 688	(NA)	(NA)	76 543	(NA)	120 334	134 006	158 560
..... acres.....	511 642	(NA)	(NA)	673 909	811 442	815 775	933 209	1 068 035
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 422	992	936	1 006	787	883	287	94
..... acres.....	14 971	17 734	18 697	22 734	16 523	17 950	7 251	8 764

<sup>1</sup>1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. <sup>3</sup>Varies 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.....	44 118	37 633	38 071	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	7 584 239	6 834 226	6 728 722	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	172	182	177	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 463	1 649	1 288
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				..... acres.....	18 265	29 707	20 140
Average per farm..... dollars.....	223 326	137 221	69 165	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	1 214	887	2 026
Average per acre..... dollars.....	1 286	756	391	..... acres.....	31 106	26 266	68 264
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	7 595	4 360	6 789
Total cropland..... farms.....	42 717	36 646	36 989	..... acres.....	180 528	112 892	208 580
..... acres.....	5 235 592	4 584 991	4 484 926	Total woodland..... farms.....	27 979	23 495	25 206
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	41 626	36 005	36 121	..... acres.....	1 479 325	1 292 780	1 334 592
..... acres.....	4 059 541	3 557 530	3 212 586	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	9 533	9 087	11 155
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	308 354	310 728	396 842
1 to 49 acres..... farms.....	15 842	11 844	11 904	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	23 691	19 177	19 337
..... acres.....	12 436	11 967	13 189	..... acres.....	1 170 971	982 052	937 750
10 to 199 acres..... farms.....	6 880	8 463	8 419	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	10 826	11 868	12 677
..... acres.....	4 090	3 363	2 401	..... acres.....	466 432	532 291	564 840
50 to 99 acres..... farms.....	492	310	170	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	31 038	27 865	26 517
..... acres.....	86	58	38	..... acres.....	402 890	424 164	344 364
100 to 199 acres..... farms.....	69	47	32	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	31 790	28 355	30 467
..... acres.....	17	11	6	..... acres.....	1 627 147	1 606 080	1 794 987
200 to 499 acres..... farms.....				Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 194	863	745
..... acres.....				..... acres.....	14 013	16 571	16 798
500 to 999 acres..... farms.....							
..... acres.....							
1,000 acres or more..... farms.....							
..... acres.....							
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... farms.....							
..... acres.....							
2,000 acres or more..... farms.....							
..... acres.....							
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	23 381	20 247	22 048				
..... acres.....	852 361	763 061	833 305				
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	4 680	3 899	5 002				
..... acres.....	93 791	95 535	142 051				

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.