

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year .....	1 422	992	936	1 194	863	745
Proportion of farms .....	2.4	1.9	1.4	2.7	2.3	1.9
Irrigated land .....	14 971	17 734	18 697	14 013	16 571	16 798
Average per farm .....	11	18	199	12	19	225
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres .....	1 113	626	529	900	531	387
10 to 49 acres .....	2 672	(NA)	(NA)	2 203	1 454	1 216
50 to 99 acres .....	5 045	(NA)	(NA)	4 781	5 469	5 641
100 to 199 acres .....	2 589	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	3 775	4 183
200 to 499 acres .....	16	13	24	15	13	24
500 to 999 acres .....	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	2 853
1,000 acres or more .....	6	9	8	6	9	8
	1 532	(NA)	(NA)	1 532	2 713	2 240
	2	2	1	2	2	1
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	665
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	-	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland .....	1 384	(NA)	(NA)	1 165	855	733
Pastureland .....	14 157	(NA)	(NA)	13 488	16 294	16 531
Other land .....	30	(NA)	(NA)	22	(NA)	(NA)
	671	(NA)	(NA)	436	138	190
	24	(NA)	(NA)	21	10	17
	143	(NA)	(NA)	89	139	77
Land in irrigated farms .....	154 164	165 783	172 890	145 686	143 890	147 748
Cropland .....	103 248	(NA)	(NA)	99 139	102 982	101 333
Harvested cropland .....	79 955	90 505	85 709	77 647	86 269	79 551

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms .....	59 942	1 422	808	58 520
Land in farms .....	8 747 279	154 164	21 920	8 593 115
Value of land and buildings: <sup>1</sup>				
Average per farm .....	187 406	267 839	173 423	185 515
Average per acre .....	1 273	2 321	6 048	1 254
Irrigated land .....	14 971	14 971	4 212	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland .....	57 748	1 421	808	56 327
Harvested cropland .....	5 816 247	103 248	9 787	5 712 999
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured .....	55 378	1 420	808	53 958
	4 344 044	79 955	4 084	4 264 089
	40 657	368	124	40 289
	1 587 139	13 836	2 369	1 573 303
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves .....	40 860	272	76	40 588
Milk cows .....	1 736 474	12 341	791	1 724 133
Hogs and pigs .....	19 601	84	5	19 517
Sheep and lambs .....	662 879	3 488	120	659 391
	12 742	164	87	12 578
	811 916	10 178	266	801 738
	3 176	26	10	3 150
	102 126	999	443	101 127
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: <sup>1</sup>				
Average per farm .....	59 870	1 376	771	58 494
	1 768 054	80 326	32 578	1 687 728
	29 532	58 376	42 254	28 853
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	2 189 594	282 689	152 937	1 906 905
Average per farm .....	36 529	198 797	189 279	32 586
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products .....	39 543	1 379	796	38 164
Livestock and livestock products .....	644 530	266 569	152 565	377 961
Poultry and poultry products .....	43 008	290	68	42 718
	1 209 481	9 541	336	1 199 940
	6 605	181	94	6 424
	335 583	6 579	37	329 003
Selected farm production expenses: <sup>1</sup>				
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	42 914	360	111	42 554
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	433 329	6 230	126	427 099
Commercial fertilizer .....	42 273	1 083	546	41 190
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime .....	53 855	11 943	7 971	41 912
Energy and petroleum products .....	45 628	1 088	518	44 540
Hired farm labor .....	104 038	3 925	1 077	100 114
Contract labor .....	42 257	1 091	529	41 166
	37 565	3 644	1 236	33 922
	59 531	1 376	771	58 155
	128 763	21 054	13 976	107 709
	21 170	932	498	20 238
	177 497	70 038	38 150	107 459
	2 581	301	200	2 280
	10 370	4 261	2 496	6 109

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