

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	100	73	60	80	57	59
Proportion of farms	11.5	12.2	8.5	15.4	13.6	12.7
Irrigated land	2 985	2 336	1 925	2 931	2 264	1 924
Average per farm	30	32	320	37	40	326
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	59	42	27	39	28	26
	166	(NA)	(NA)	112	(D)	(D)
10 to 49 acres	33	20	23	33	18	23
	803	(NA)	(NA)	803	322	405
50 to 99 acres	2	4	5	2	4	5
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	236	285
100 to 199 acres	3	2	2	3	2	2
	388	(NA)	(NA)	388	(D)	(D)
200 to 499 acres	1	5	3	1	5	3
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	1 382	848
500 to 999 acres	2	-	-	2	-	-
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	-	-
1,000 acres or more	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	(NA)	(NA)	-	-	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	98	(NA)	(NA)	79	56	58
	2 980	(NA)	(NA)	2 928	2 136	1 744
Pastureland	1	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	-	10	180
Other land	2	(NA)	(NA)	2	3	-
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	118	-
Land in irrigated farms	8 956	10 260	7 655	8 579	8 733	7 617
Cropland	7 072	(NA)	(NA)	6 807	5 518	4 983
Harvested cropland	5 974	4 875	4 103	5 796	4 736	4 086

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

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	866	100	38	766
Land in farms	74 585	8 956	2 116	65 629
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	209 667	289 095	129 361	198 708
Average per acre	2 370	3 605	2 888	2 218
Irrigated land	2 985	2 985	1 184	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	804	99	38	705
Harvested cropland	36 434	7 072	1 505	29 362
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	24 997	5 974	1 184	19 023
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	401	23	8	378
Milk cows	10 068	249	63	9 819
Hogs and pigs	182	11	1	171
Sheep and lambs	4 757	32	(D)	4 725
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	147	10	4	137
Average per farm	6 557	139	89	6 418
Market value of agricultural products sold:	60	-	-	60
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	2 493	-	-	2 493
Livestock and livestock products	866	105	43	761
Poultry and poultry products	16 116	3 529	635	12 587
Selected farm production expenses: ¹	18 610	33 611	14 760	16 540
Feed for livestock and poultry	26 448	10 029	1 369	16 419
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	30 541	100 293	36 027	21 435
Commercial fertilizer	473	91	37	382
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	15 738	9 968	1 352	5 771
Energy and petroleum products	449	19	9	430
Hired farm labor	7 478	58	(D)	7 420
Contract labor	74	3	2	71
Feed for livestock and poultry	3 232	4	(D)	3 228
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	542	26	9	516
Commercial fertilizer	5 058	26	13	5 032
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	471	87	28	384
Energy and petroleum products	829	320	33	509
Hired farm labor	595	100	41	495
Contract labor	1 129	364	71	764
Feed for livestock and poultry	562	98	43	464
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	596	211	38	385
Commercial fertilizer	866	105	43	761
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	1 904	599	75	1 305
Energy and petroleum products	304	59	13	245
Hired farm labor	4 584	3 243	173	1 341
Contract labor	37	8	6	29
	80	18	13	63

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