

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms.....	number..... 33 430	29 275	39 559	56 248	78 172	124 203	139 364	147 745
Land in farms.....	acres..... 6 318 617	6 177 024	6 991 718	8 101 417	9 149 492	11 069 348	11 878 793	11 021 623
Average size of farm.....	acres..... 189	211	177	144	117	89	85	75
Approximate land area.....	acres..... 19 346 560	19 344 832	19 344 832	19 380 480	19 374 080	19 395 200	19 395 200	19 580 160
Proportion in farms.....	percent..... 32.7	31.9	36.1	41.7	47.2	57.1	61.2	56.3
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm.....	dollars..... 146 244	98 609	46 171	24 948	15 685	7 769	5 886	2 982
Average per acre.....	dollars..... 773	467	261	171	134	87	69	40
Farms by value of land and buildings:					(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1 to \$9,999.....	2 083	3 022	10 052	24 743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 816	4 190	8 482	12 763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	6 064	6 536	9 602	10 209	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	6 721	5 740	5 447	4 449	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	3 731	2 798	2 058	1 693	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	3 559	2 577	1 647	1 154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	1 973	1 225	832	517	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	3 577	2 297	1 149	602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	1 902	890	290	118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland.....	farms..... 29 736	28 074	37 634	53 963	75 213	120 502	135 453	146 627
	acres..... 3 475 921	3 201 239	3 439 927	3 520 349	4 035 157	4 787 778	5 385 990	5 186 889
Harvested cropland.....	farms..... 26 304	24 757	32 189	50 005	71 602	112 930	129 967	144 116
	acres..... 2 570 889	2 250 952	2 041 755	2 263 258	2 694 196	3 393 002	3 959 822	4 149 321
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	17 424	16 641	24 213	40 616	60 024	99 600	113 944	128 150
1 to 9 acres.....	6 487	5 554	9 703	14 352	16 840	28 851	24 593	26 237
10 to 19 acres.....	4 696	4 621	6 786	12 421	19 520	32 212	36 564	38 605
20 to 29 acres.....	2 908	3 026	3 874	7 356	12 710	21 312	28 881	34 603
30 to 49 acres.....	3 333	3 440	3 850	6 487	10 950	17 225	23 906	28 705
50 to 99 acres.....	3 486	3 313	3 553	4 789	6 686	8 678	11 544	12 012
100 to 199 acres.....	2 337	2 115	2 087	2 473	2 909	2 979	3 016	2 737
200 to 499 acres.....	1 928	1 785	1 600	1 590	1 622	1 340	1 198	1 037
500 to 999 acres.....	752	600	558	433	300	275	217	156
1,000 acres or more.....	377	303	178	104	61	58	48	24
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	311	248	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	66	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ²	farms..... 12 159	13 070	16 532	18 790	23 949	30 616	26 802	12 118
	acres..... 624 767	704 222	693 911	591 672	641 063	688 149	494 385	237 718
Other cropland.....	farms..... 9 107	6 842	18 423	24 792	30 396	40 628	46 612	(NA)
	acres..... 280 265	246 065	704 261	665 419	699 898	706 627	931 783	799 850
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms..... 1 529	(NA)	(NA)	9 851	5 949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 38 105	(NA)	(NA)	291 068	148 700	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms..... 2 474	(NA)	(NA)	3 633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 680
	acres..... 49 408	(NA)	(NA)	35 624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	24 035
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³	farms..... 726	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 24 776	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle.....	farms..... 6 088	(NA)	(NA)	17 405	(NA)	32 331	(NA)	32 918
	acres..... 167 976	(NA)	(NA)	338 727	(NA)	534 729	(NA)	775 815
Total woodland.....	farms..... 20 309	18 220	26 695	38 863	50 688	73 560	80 243	81 117
	acres..... 2 268 739	2 211 837	2 747 307	3 810 789	4 359 003	5 363 706	5 561 854	4 813 561
Woodland pastured.....	farms..... 8 986	(NA)	(NA)	16 459	20 159	34 025	35 429	31 366
	acres..... 558 774	(NA)	(NA)	803 329	927 075	1 447 747	1 207 072	985 431
Woodland not pastured.....	farms..... 15 213	(NA)	(NA)	32 131	43 781	60 951	68 777	71 616
	acres..... 1 709 965	(NA)	(NA)	3 007 460	3 431 928	3 915 959	4 354 782	3 828 130
Other land.....	farms..... 22 151	19 281	26 024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 573 957	763 948	804 484	770 279	755 332	917 864	930 949	1 021 173
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms..... 3 373	(NA)	(NA)	12 735	14 825	21 874	25 183	32 730
	acres..... 280 547	(NA)	(NA)	479 989	446 659	580 971	489 181	628 543
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms..... 21 273	(NA)	(NA)	48 555	(NA)	102 046	103 018	116 345
	acres..... 293 410	(NA)	(NA)	290 290	308 673	336 893	441 768	392 630
Irrigated land.....	farms..... 961	446	675	1 337	1 398	748	84	5
	acres..... 32 639	10 335	15 003	18 524	24 952	22 009	6 408	62

¹1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. ²Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. ³Varies 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..... 18 936	17 513	17 413	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms.....	acres..... 5 415 488	5 164 205	5 207 523	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm.....	acres..... 286	295	299	Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms..... 1 196	660	1 202
Value of land and buildings: ¹					acres..... 36 526	20 509	39 429
Average per farm.....	dollars..... 214 979	133 870	75 643	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms..... 455	476	931
Average per acre.....	dollars..... 751	454	253		acres..... 21 230	20 158	42 262
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle.....	farms..... 4 027	2 716	6 968
Total cropland.....	farms..... 18 196	17 016	16 979		acres..... 128 526	105 279	303 931
	acres..... 3 132 169	2 791 406	2 742 709	Total woodland.....	farms..... 12 168	11 002	12 272
Harvested cropland.....	farms..... 17 070	16 356	16 264		acres..... 1 827 726	1 779 080	1 972 620
	acres..... 2 448 347	2 146 630	1 831 568	Woodland pastured.....	farms..... 5 159	4 808	5 152
Farms by acres harvested:					acres..... 415 793	537 290	537 075
1 to 49 acres.....	8 408	8 327	8 585	Woodland not pastured.....	farms..... 9 464	8 342	9 530
50 to 99 acres.....	3 291	3 237	3 269		acres..... 1 411 933	1 241 790	1 435 545
100 to 199 acres.....	2 321	2 112	2 081	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms..... 2 006	2 790	2 434
200 to 499 acres.....	1 924	1 780	1 597		acres..... 232 701	309 531	247 821
500 to 999 acres.....	750	598	555	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms..... 11 587	10 843	10 493
1,000 acres or more.....	376	302	177		acres..... 222 892	284 188	244 373
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	311	247	153	Pastureland, all types.....	farms..... 9 603	9 433	9 449
2,000 acres or more.....	65	55	24		acres..... 1 115 258	1 300 612	1 219 102
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms..... 6 880	6 525	6 815	Irrigated land.....	farms..... 653	323	594
	acres..... 466 764	453 791	434 207		acres..... 31 260	9 429	14 374
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms..... 1 044	1 251	2 006				
	acres..... 30 776	45 039	91 312				

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