

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	961	446	675	653	323	594
Proportion of farms	2.9	1.5	1.7	3.4	1.8	3.4
Irrigated land	32 639	10 335	15 003	31 260	9 429	14 374
Average per farm	34	23	222	48	29	241
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	584	261	353	309	160	295
10 to 49 acres	1 856	(NA)	(NA)	1 158	585	1 387
50 to 99 acres	251	148	264	220	129	243
100 to 199 acres	5 620	(NA)	(NA)	5 060	2 760	5 047
200 to 499 acres	50	22	34	48	19	32
500 to 999 acres	3 294	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	1 185	1 957
1,000 acres or more	34	3	15	34	3	15
	4 605	(NA)	(NA)	4 605	392	1 982
	34	10	6	34	10	6
	10 344	(NA)	(NA)	10 344	(D)	1 578
	6	1	3	6	1	3
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	2 423
	2	1	-	2	1	-
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	910	(NA)	(NA)	625	317	574
Pastureland	31 048	(NA)	(NA)	29 914	9 043	12 165
Other land	47	(NA)	(NA)	36	(NA)	(NA)
	1 312	(NA)	(NA)	1 180	318	2 140
	27	(NA)	(NA)	14	5	8
	279	(NA)	(NA)	166	68	69
Land in irrigated farms	321 159	148 257	299 677	293 985	114 476	269 438
Cropland	181 686	(NA)	(NA)	173 026	63 635	135 677
Harvested cropland	146 590	57 511	97 446	142 551	55 244	94 853

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

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	33 430	961	412	32 469
Land in farms	6 318 617	321 159	23 622	5 997 458
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	146 244	323 141	101 256	140 851
Average per acre	773	948	1 768	764
Irrigated land	32 639	32 639	6 175	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	29 736	958	412	28 778
Harvested cropland	3 475 921	181 686	10 822	3 294 235
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	26 304	940	412	25 364
	2 570 889	146 590	6 128	2 424 299
	14 589	369	74	14 220
	905 314	23 805	1 855	881 509
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	14 252	290	47	13 962
Milk cows	503 421	20 782	467	482 639
Hogs and pigs	1 958	65	5	1 893
Sheep and lambs	46 246	2 095	7	44 151
	11 017	183	50	10 834
	517 993	20 592	895	497 401
	62	1	-	61
	1 069	(D)	-	893
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	33 334	988	404	32 346
Average per farm	733 590	48 726	8 176	684 865
	22 007	49 317	20 238	21 173
Market value of agricultural products sold	867 796	82 958	18 282	784 839
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	25 959	86 324	44 374	24 172
Livestock and livestock products	19 709	823	360	18 886
Poultry and poultry products	550 154	71 142	17 726	479 013
	19 543	358	86	19 185
	183 615	11 105	164	172 510
	1 254	42	28	1 212
	134 027	711	393	133 317
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	19 587	398	96	19 189
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	133 398	3 536	171	129 862
Commercial fertilizer	17 551	757	276	16 794
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	22 341	3 271	1 762	19 069
Energy and petroleum products	25 668	924	358	24 744
Hired farm labor	96 516	6 998	373	89 518
Contract labor	20 248	885	332	19 363
	49 095	4 410	375	44 685
	33 124	988	404	32 136
	60 387	4 905	1 078	55 482
	11 549	529	133	11 020
	79 669	15 468	4 401	64 202
	1 425	106	31	1 319
	7 894	2 930	337	4 964

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