

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	39 665	42 825	45 726	49 703	55 727	62 520	66 452	68 705
Land in farms..... acres.....	44 543 394	45 977 776	45 584 164	45 567 263	44 850 666	44 949 473	44 785 529	43 031 964
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 123	1 074	997	917	805	719	674	626
Approximate land area..... acres.....	48 613 760	48 611 200	48 611 200	48 881 920	48 881 920	48 983 040	48 983 040	48 983 040
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	91.6	94.6	93.8	93.2	91.8	91.8	91.4	87.9
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	290 657	155 415	83 427	56 615	40 852	28 263	21 095	11 124
Average per acre..... dollars.....	256	145	84	62	51	39	31	18
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	350	1 556	2 771	4 123	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	1 279	2 649	3 715	5 126	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	3 125	4 933	8 814	13 956	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	3 635	7 130	12 309	14 797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	3 145	6 022	7 693	6 027	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	5 101	7 100	5 535	3 320	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	4 330	4 417	2 153	1 150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	13 586	7 331	2 303	1 059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	5 114	1 687	433	145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	36 728	40 015	42 781	47 133	53 347	60 192	64 199	66 823
..... acres.....	18 838 076	19 191 587	19 837 884	18 707 247	19 164 759	19 628 494	19 821 692	18 503 261
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	35 727	38 635	41 108	46 230	52 161	59 804	63 553	66 211
..... acres.....	13 932 760	14 854 873	12 634 488	14 445 400	14 236 384	17 759 947	17 527 893	16 524 613
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	2 746	2 669	3 104	2 648	3 089	3 006	3 801	4 481
1 to 9 acres.....	459	377	411	438	466	705	992	1 210
10 to 19 acres.....	567	474	581	581	641	609	771	844
20 to 29 acres.....	580	558	679	516	633	523	635	830
30 to 49 acres.....	1 140	1 260	1 433	1 113	1 349	1 169	1 403	1 597
50 to 99 acres.....	3 021	3 052	4 134	3 858	4 403	4 195	4 905	6 285
100 to 199 acres.....	6 722	7 268	9 659	11 157	14 387	16 594	18 982	21 169
200 to 499 acres.....	14 381	16 245	17 819	21 397	24 779	28 040	28 525	28 566
500 to 999 acres.....	6 726	7 327	5 245	5 970	4 770	6 670	6 261	5 023
1,000 acres or more.....	2 131	2 074	1 147	1 200	733	1 299	1 079	687
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 771	1 771	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	360	303	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	15 193	19 644	22 484	12 231	14 645	13 276	13 880	15 391
..... acres.....	2 307 279	2 770 144	2 998 220	934 280	1 184 218	721 844	816 112	641 357
Other cropland..... farms.....	20 406	9 430	28 669	30 869	23 796	16 303	18 414	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 598 037	1 566 550	4 205 176	3 327 567	3 744 157	1 146 703	1 477 687	1 337 291
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	5 035	(NA)	(NA)	13 538	6 598	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	320 212	(NA)	(NA)	1 138 649	953 420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 259	(NA)	(NA)	4 148	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15 583
..... acres.....	199 697	(NA)	(NA)	253 150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	712 825
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	8 960	(NA)	(NA)	17 608	9 457	10 479	7 964	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 522 440	(NA)	(NA)	1 563 960	992 889	709 176	446 627	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	10 319	(NA)	(NA)	6 813	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11 938
..... acres.....	555 688	(NA)	(NA)	371 808	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	624 466
Total woodland..... farms.....	4 641	4 432	6 043	5 909	8 253	9 439	10 280	7 551
..... acres.....	259 451	371 884	288 226	271 173	352 828	440 967	581 122	273 468
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 688	(NA)	(NA)	2 272	2 981	3 719	4 672	2 411
..... acres.....	162 427	(NA)	(NA)	207 034	262 627	328 477	437 911	194 460
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	3 339	(NA)	(NA)	4 101	5 926	6 406	6 388	5 440
..... acres.....	97 024	(NA)	(NA)	64 139	90 201	112 490	143 211	79 008
Other land..... farms.....	33 851	37 254	40 461	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	25 445 867	26 414 305	25 458 054	26 588 843	25 333 079	24 880 012	24 382 715	24 255 235
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	20 392	(NA)	(NA)	39 665	44 062	49 522	52 188	56 989
..... acres.....	24 191 559	(NA)	(NA)	25 432 240	24 065 398	23 553 569	22 913 148	22 491 520
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	28 830	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60 036	63 449	67 282
..... acres.....	1 254 308	(NA)	(NA)	1 156 603	1 267 681	1 326 443	1 469 567	1 763 715
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 817	1 072	1 063	1 005	1 002	923	807	708
..... acres.....	341 110	152 203	148 341	130 050	115 629	90 371	78 069	52 895

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.....	36 890	39 818	40 470	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	38 856 098	40 198 818	39 584 777	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	1 053	1 010	978	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	2 145	1 938	2 533
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	193 305	225 312	313 143
Average per farm..... dollars.....	292 007	157 160	87 281	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	8 824	5 701	15 910
Average per acre..... dollars.....	275	156	89	..... acres.....	1 510 663	1 070 519	2 302 838
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	10 056	1 649	10 632
Total cropland..... farms.....	34 754	37 882	39 019	..... acres.....	545 797	132 111	959 669
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	18 659 728	18 967 494	19 364 395	Total woodland..... farms.....	4 322	4 168	5 538
..... acres.....	34 111	37 172	38 285	..... acres.....	239 284	357 093	264 998
..... acres.....	13 848 699	14 782 260	12 468 296	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	1 560	1 645	2 217
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	146 182	172 962	169 997
1 to 49 acres.....	1 649	1 595	1 599	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	3 123	2 911	3 792
50 to 99 acres.....	2 667	2 748	3 215	..... acres.....	93 102	184 131	95 001
100 to 199 acres.....	6 593	7 198	9 276	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	19 569	21 798	22 462
200 to 499 acres.....	14 357	16 240	17 812	..... acres.....	18 880 331	19 501 816	18 624 803
500 to 999 acres.....	6 718	7 321	5 240	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	26 931	31 355	32 160
1,000 acres or more.....	2 127	2 070	1 143	..... acres.....	1 076 755	1 372 415	1 330 581
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 769	1 769	987	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	29 696	33 529	35 597
2,000 acres or more.....	358	301	156	..... acres.....	21 272 960	22 321 298	21 642 893
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	14 451	18 467	20 710	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 766	1 038	978
..... acres.....	2 246 447	2 646 520	2 848 093	..... acres.....	335 972	150 577	145 606
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	4 902	1 358	5 969				
..... acres.....	314 817	110 772	472 356				

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