

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	97 036	93 659	121 406	133 446	157 688	203 149	231 631	234 431
Land in farms..... acres.....	13 150 498	13 103 224	15 056 907	15 266 213	16 081 285	17 654 324	18 534 380	17 788 997
Average size of farm..... acres.....	136	140	124	114	102	87	80	76
Approximate land area..... acres.....	26 451 840	26 450 176	26 450 176	26 478 080	26 727 680	26 750 080	26 750 080	26 855 040
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	49.7	49.5	56.9	57.7	60.2	66.0	69.3	66.2
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	116 883	65 308	33 176	20 509	13 288	8 049	6 182	3 715
Average per acre..... dollars.....	860	467	268	179	130	93	77	49
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	4 423	10 275	33 533	58 214	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	10 633	16 725	32 737	35 346	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	19 733	25 743	30 105	24 060	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	22 157	18 474	13 766	9 520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	11 613	7 818	4 580	2 926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	10 242	6 080	3 123	1 781	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	5 467	2 907	1 352	746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	9 027	4 438	1 807	739	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	3 739	1 199	403	114	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	91 481	89 518	115 086	127 992	150 350	193 380	222 009	227 923
..... acres.....	7 990 581	7 756 516	8 403 509	7 855 209	8 499 211	9 016 141	9 920 008	9 273 021
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	80 906	77 885	96 958	115 755	136 554	175 280	205 031	216 618
..... acres.....	4 480 881	3 746 117	3 472 039	3 617 961	4 116 418	4 860 793	5 575 106	5 843 567
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	63 459	62 322	81 257	98 097	114 781	150 271	178 319	188 168
1 to 9 acres.....	29 913	27 061	41 375	45 616	45 122	55 846	56 060	61 178
10 to 19 acres.....	14 946	15 689	18 436	24 401	30 890	41 092	49 668	49 668
20 to 29 acres.....	8 988	9 783	10 876	14 273	19 409	27 401	36 901	38 688
30 to 49 acres.....	9 612	9 789	10 570	13 807	19 360	25 932	35 690	39 234
50 to 99 acres.....	8 170	7 912	8 567	10 807	14 738	18 120	20 401	22 038
100 to 199 acres.....	4 531	3 960	4 099	4 532	5 267	5 414	5 125	5 251
200 to 499 acres.....	3 178	2 614	2 338	1 889	1 549	1 333	1 090	1 072
500 to 999 acres.....	1 066	762	531	347	177	117	80	78
1,000 acres or more.....	502	315	166	83	42	25	16	11
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	425	269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	77	46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	56 039	63 160	80 240	75 327	93 648	108 473	126 620	101 300
..... acres.....	2 987 778	3 500 924	3 780 947	3 059 139	3 216 771	3 094 755	2 855 786	2 259 571
Other cropland..... farms.....	20 862	17 763	40 582	47 645	46 842	59 653	80 702	80 702
..... acres.....	521 922	509 475	1 150 523	1 178 109	1 166 022	1 060 593	1 489 116	1 169 883
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	6 572	(NA)	(NA)	26 859	17 721	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	138 620	(NA)	(NA)	592 534	418 328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 969	(NA)	(NA)	3 071	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 122
..... acres.....	36 229	(NA)	(NA)	38 441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80 964
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	2 936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	53 033	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	12 566	(NA)	(NA)	27 611	(NA)	47 475	(NA)	61 281
..... acres.....	294 040	(NA)	(NA)	547 134	(NA)	794 095	(NA)	1 088 919
Total woodland..... farms.....	58 771	57 557	77 170	89 363	104 176	125 888	141 092	136 355
..... acres.....	3 500 360	3 410 625	4 375 196	4 859 186	5 201 315	5 935 369	5 868 607	5 053 051
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	34 389	(NA)	(NA)	51 884	56 378	72 631	77 249	56 040
..... acres.....	1 359 485	(NA)	(NA)	1 738 115	1 744 013	2 218 808	1 902 208	1 333 168
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	36 064	(NA)	(NA)	57 311	70 954	81 252	99 527	107 535
..... acres.....	2 140 875	(NA)	(NA)	3 121 071	3 457 302	3 716 561	3 966 399	3 719 883
Other land..... farms.....	69 795	67 248	88 248	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 659 557	1 936 083	2 278 202	2 551 818	2 380 759	2 702 814	2 745 765	3 462 925
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	15 585	(NA)	(NA)	47 017	45 915	62 122	71 155	98 770
..... acres.....	986 961	(NA)	(NA)	1 808 202	1 484 776	1 807 533	1 657 286	2 447 255
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	66 063	(NA)	(NA)	117 064	(NA)	175 182	197 345	218 628
..... acres.....	672 596	(NA)	(NA)	742 799	895 983	895 281	1 088 479	1 015 670
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 784	836	1 299	1 086	1 005	1 094	35	21
..... acres.....	14 117	9 860	12 158	10 737	10 979	22 548	1 012	393

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.....	63 504	48 292	46 377	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	11 257 722	9 911 444	10 057 481	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	177	205	217	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 297	1 950	1 280
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	28 817	60 274	30 885
Average per farm..... dollars.....	148 955	93 992	57 025	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	2 149	1 783	3 516
Average per acre..... dollars.....	838	458	263	..... acres.....	45 801	45 512	87 169
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	7 692	4 408	9 285
Total cropland..... farms.....	60 756	46 892	45 221	..... acres.....	204 603	135 430	302 149
..... acres.....	7 110 848	6 152 139	6 050 815	Total woodland..... farms.....	40 441	31 157	33 034
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	56 210	44 416	42 848	..... acres.....	2 794 402	2 358 440	2 688 608
..... acres.....	4 245 438	3 402 034	2 927 343	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	24 581	20 192	22 053
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	1 100 626	992 716	1 101 556
1 to 49 acres.....	39 100	29 219	27 824	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	24 470	18 218	19 359
50 to 99 acres.....	7 883	7 568	7 931	..... acres.....	1 693 776	1 365 724	1 587 052
100 to 199 acres.....	4 498	3 953	4 078	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	10 902	11 836	11 613
200 to 499 acres.....	3 167	2 605	2 326	..... acres.....	837 104	875 743	768 767
500 to 999 acres.....	1 063	758	526	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	42 468	33 197	32 475
1,000 acres or more.....	499	313	163	..... acres.....	515 368	525 122	549 291
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	424	268	139	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	47 256	39 249	39 075
2,000 acres or more.....	75	45	24	..... acres.....	4 414 303	4 259 913	4 320 197
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	38 145	32 235	33 918	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 256	612	927
..... acres.....	2 476 573	2 391 454	2 449 874	..... acres.....	12 382	8 540	10 563
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	4 657	4 126	8 859				
..... acres.....	109 616	117 435	253 395				

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