

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	1 784	836	1 299	1 256	612	927
Proportion of farms	1.8	0.9	1.0	2.0	1.3	1.9
Irrigated land	14 117	9 860	12 158	12 382	8 540	10 563
Average per farm	8	12	93	10	14	113
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	1 574	704	1 082	1 094	511	747
10 to 49 acres	3 421	(NA)	(NA)	2 739	1 430	2 141
50 to 99 acres	169	103	172	124	77	140
100 to 199 acres	3 359	(NA)	(NA)	2 500	1 779	2 746
200 to 499 acres	20	15	26	17	10	21
500 to 999 acres	1 108	(NA)	(NA)	914	674	1 312
1,000 acres or more	12	6	13	12	6	13
	1 763	(NA)	(NA)	1 763	822	1 649
	7	5	5	7	5	5
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	1 313	(D)
	1	1	1	1	1	1
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1	2	-	1	2	-
	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	1 697	(NA)	(NA)	1 212	593	878
Pastureland	11 999	(NA)	(NA)	11 125	7 969	8 844
Other land	94	(NA)	(NA)	53	(NA)	(NA)
	1 687	(NA)	(NA)	917	473	1 509
	35	(NA)	(NA)	22	11	28
	431	(NA)	(NA)	340	98	210
Land in irrigated farms:						
Cropland	193 170	176 996	316 880	169 965	156 383	281 453
Harvested cropland	113 436	(NA)	(NA)	104 796	96 340	151 497
	63 971	48 652	77 169	60 821	45 394	72 178

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

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	97 036	1 784	805	95 252
Land in farms	13 150 498	193 170	30 587	12 957 328
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	116 883	124 586	69 114	116 742
Average per acre	860	1 167	1 667	855
Irrigated land	14 117	14 117	3 966	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	91 481	1 780	805	89 701
Harvested cropland	7 990 581	113 436	12 352	7 877 145
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	4 480 881	63 971	3 513	4 416 910
	65 695	873	297	64 822
	3 974 739	51 542	6 933	3 923 197
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	61 637	752	214	60 885
Milk cows	2 124 738	35 204	2 506	2 089 534
Hogs and pigs	10 604	227	84	10 377
Sheep and lambs	207 549	4 753	134	202 796
	23 115	323	112	22 792
	1 077 379	7 011	1 005	1 070 368
	446	2	-	444
	11 886	(D)	-	11 834
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :				
Average per farm	96 811	1 751	829	95 060
	1 637 831	36 912	12 635	1 600 919
	16 918	21 081	15 242	16 841
Market value of agricultural products sold:				
Average per farm	1 425 865	60 339	19 373	1 365 525
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	14 694	33 823	24 066	14 336
Livestock and livestock products	61 361	1 676	770	59 685
Poultry and poultry products	672 734	46 707	18 866	626 027
	68 536	753	211	67 783
	651 499	13 318	421	638 180
	2 899	31	9	2 868
	101 633	314	86	101 318
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	61 606	894	400	60 712
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	216 555	2 977	164	213 578
Commercial fertilizer	46 887	1 175	521	45 712
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	37 919	3 606	1 158	34 313
Energy and petroleum products	75 479	1 649	788	73 830
Hired farm labor	109 122	2 252	266	106 870
Contract labor	50 985	1 252	582	49 733
	41 299	911	130	40 388
	96 302	1 741	819	94 561
	81 905	3 032	1 349	78 872
	37 746	855	366	36 891
	82 237	10 588	5 056	71 649
	5 074	288	116	4 786
	6 969	1 252	528	5 717

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