

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	194 253	174 068	213 550	205 110	227 071	292 947	331 567	384 977
Land in farms..... acres.....	137 547 468	134 185 289	142 566 826	141 706 309	143 217 559	145 812 733	145 389 014	141 337 744
Average size of farm..... acres.....	708	771	668	691	631	498	439	367
Approximate land area..... acres.....	167 772 160	167 797 952	167 797 952	168 217 600	168 217 600	168 648 320	168 648 320	168 732 160
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	82.0	80.0	85.0	84.2	85.1	86.5	86.2	83.8
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	275 047	187 073	99 133	77 756	51 787	30 711	20 263	9 286
Average per acre..... dollars.....	386	243	148	112	82	62	46	25
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	4 003	8 071	26 126	38 842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	10 384	14 634	33 121	39 341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	24 393	29 318	47 526	43 904	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	31 998	32 204	36 926	29 547	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	23 614	19 020	19 151	14 456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	24 740	19 675	17 444	13 502	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	15 633	12 027	9 875	7 465	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	36 157	26 287	17 363	13 693	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	23 330	12 832	6 018	4 360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	158 176	146 373	176 790	164 645	187 415	245 699	290 287	336 013
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	40 161 053	36 498 951	39 762 277	34 268 764	35 599 088	36 659 302	37 970 210	34 859 935
Other cropland..... farms.....	119 395	109 208	128 274	138 503	157 054	206 537	260 331	312 440
..... acres.....	20 780 738	19 014 079	19 824 703	19 408 346	22 236 473	24 885 000	28 107 865	27 469 089
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	64 434	54 548	60 310	64 339	69 545	97 425	129 234	174 508
1 to 9 acres.....	17 481	13 276	14 985	19 728	20 814	29 240	36 338	50 235
10 to 19 acres.....	19 671	16 684	17 311	16 088	17 419	23 745	31 240	37 761
20 to 29 acres.....	12 584	11 209	12 443	11 739	12 536	17 972	25 274	35 379
30 to 49 acres.....	14 698	13 379	15 571	16 784	18 776	26 468	36 382	51 133
50 to 99 acres.....	15 955	15 458	20 010	22 999	28 043	40 295	51 920	61 488
100 to 199 acres.....	12 455	13 416	18 194	21 566	26 468	34 542	43 601	44 893
200 to 499 acres.....	14 734	15 422	20 391	21 768	24 167	25 794	27 032	24 607
500 to 999 acres.....	7 925	7 218	7 183	6 174	6 944	6 632	6 613	5 266
1,000 acres or more.....	3 892	3 146	2 186	1 657	1 887	1 849	1 931	1 678
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3 106	2 557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	786	589	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	89 398	85 881	107 784	73 357	86 453	111 969	112 528	98 084
..... acres.....	12 126 895	11 279 521	11 929 003	6 986 313	7 629 237	7 398 651	6 642 546	4 618 707
Other cropland..... farms.....	46 271	32 926	63 825	67 503	61 359	71 869	69 688	(NA)
..... acres.....	7 253 420	6 205 351	8 008 571	7 874 105	5 733 378	4 375 651	3 219 799	2 772 139
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	9 944	(NA)	(NA)	27 591	19 696	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	718 367	(NA)	(NA)	2 177 250	2 061 679	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	16 890	(NA)	(NA)	11 467	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	30 508
..... acres.....	2 650 935	(NA)	(NA)	1 284 703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	793 935
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	10 636	(NA)	(NA)	25 056	17 284	18 964	15 651	(NA)
..... acres.....	1 615 030	(NA)	(NA)	2 930 094	1 654 736	1 239 127	875 680	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	21 705	(NA)	(NA)	23 694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	46 989
..... acres.....	2 269 088	(NA)	(NA)	1 482 058	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 978 204
Total woodland..... farms.....	45 800	40 188	57 133	65 102	72 065	104 333	143 864	113 731
..... acres.....	6 812 788	6 455 053	8 713 335	10 791 421	13 631 340	20 023 132	32 867 704	16 868 856
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	37 860	(NA)	(NA)	60 046	64 603	93 752	126 077	99 262
..... acres.....	5 752 249	(NA)	(NA)	10 041 517	12 537 143	18 871 709	30 589 750	16 051 293
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	11 299	(NA)	(NA)	8 347	12 208	15 854	28 552	20 272
..... acres.....	1 060 539	(NA)	(NA)	749 904	1 094 197	1 151 423	2 277 954	817 563
Other land..... farms.....	133 588	117 336	148 821	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	90 573 627	91 231 285	94 091 214	96 646 124	93 987 131	89 130 299	74 551 100	89 608 953
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	79 178	(NA)	(NA)	132 976	135 627	149 327	138 284	223 848
..... acres.....	88 261 351	(NA)	(NA)	94 580 836	91 885 757	87 211 145	72 317 444	87 854 480
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	94 834	(NA)	(NA)	171 098	(NA)	251 193	274 900	351 989
..... acres.....	2 312 276	(NA)	(NA)	2 065 288	2 101 374	1 919 154	2 233 656	1 754 473
Irrigated land..... farms.....	25 768	22 634	28 552	27 114	27 884	26 315	21 427	15 110
..... acres.....	7 018 411	6 593 832	6 888 075	6 384 963	5 655 638	4 707 028	3 131 534	1 320 216

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.....	134 112	106 008	120 798	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	130 294 254	124 655 249	130 248 838	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	972	1 176	1 078	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	12 862	12 383	7 907
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	2 340 732	2 727 323	628 412
Average per farm..... dollars.....	357 409	266 397	150 544	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	9 714	6 701	18 591
Average per acre..... dollars.....	366	227	140	..... acres.....	1 565 681	1 216 346	2 998 200
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	17 077	8 818	22 030
Total cropland..... farms.....	113 265	91 965	105 400	..... acres.....	2 058 989	1 414 354	2 353 540
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	37 079 122	32 195 142	34 754 665	Total woodland..... farms.....	30 345	20 546	27 200
..... acres.....	93 724	79 735	91 929	..... acres.....	5 769 535	4 962 109	6 387 902
..... farms.....	20 291 383	18 475 459	19 043 528	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	25 592	17 042	23 499
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	4 912 641	4 008 208	5 592 804
1 to 49 acres.....	40 433	26 342	27 157	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	7 093	5 197	5 542
1 to 9 acres.....	14 573	14 291	17 211	..... acres.....	856 894	953 901	795 098
10 to 19 acres.....	12 226	13 354	17 838	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	59 593	53 202	62 512
20 to 499 acres.....	14 694	15 404	20 369	..... acres.....	85 395 703	85 262 232	86 590 162
500 to 999 acres.....	7 921	7 212	7 180	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	62 088	54 248	61 993
1,000 acres or more.....	3 877	3 132	2 174	..... acres.....	2 049 894	2 235 766	2 516 109
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3 101	2 553	1 843	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	108 239	83 622	96 346
2,000 acres or more.....	776	579	331	..... acres.....	100 469 143	97 204 342	100 696 819
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	60 969	45 266	56 856	Irrigated land..... farms.....	21 655	19 856	24 751
..... acres.....	10 160 799	7 933 902	8 513 853	..... acres.....	6 923 496	6 544 117	6 824 130
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	8 285	3 942	12 262				
..... acres.....	661 538	427 758	1 217 132				

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