

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974
All farms	194 253	174 068	137 547 468	134 185 289	20 780 738	19 014 079	7 018 411	6 593 832
with harvested cropland	119 395	109 208	74 895 597	70 812 988	20 780 738	19 014 079	6 892 320	6 511 377
with irrigated land	25 768	22 634	26 853 604	24 346 653	9 364 154	8 174 140	7 018 411	6 593 832
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	11 601	6 843	40 153	19 435	9 190	6 514	4 973	4 556
with harvested cropland	2 893	1 865	14 081	8 563	9 190	6 514	4 521	2 741
with irrigated land	1 460	753	7 813	3 932	4 550	2 701	4 973	4 556
10 to 49 acres	29 584	20 951	830 749	605 351	205 944	156 102	54 009	46 885
with harvested cropland	15 730	10 888	437 992	311 016	205 944	156 102	47 407	41 205
with irrigated land	4 168	2 810	89 429	66 152	50 984	39 322	54 009	46 885
50 to 69 acres	13 151	11 399	761 351	658 266	157 597	134 364	26 743	19 607
with harvested cropland	7 101	6 050	411 307	350 099	157 597	134 364	24 585	17 387
with irrigated land	8 73	582	49 537	33 266	25 511	17 019	26 743	19 607
70 to 99 acres	16 067	14 908	1 332 107	1 238 959	269 246	241 941	36 700	31 611
with harvested cropland	9 433	8 401	785 023	700 225	269 246	241 941	33 610	28 921
with irrigated land	1 915	695	75 314	57 570	75 314	29 772	36 700	31 611
100 to 139 acres	18 557	17 210	2 141 339	1 986 792	388 543	387 349	44 901	48 631
with harvested cropland	10 873	10 164	1 259 686	1 177 817	388 543	387 349	40 415	43 597
with irrigated land	798	803	92 756	93 736	45 571	47 650	44 901	48 631
140 to 179 acres	14 930	14 094	2 353 697	2 226 639	484 780	506 115	102 295	107 099
with harvested cropland	9 258	9 042	1 462 452	1 429 893	484 780	506 115	98 776	104 131
with irrigated land	1 206	1 200	191 477	191 114	112 521	114 741	102 295	107 099
180 to 219 acres	10 372	10 101	2 055 523	2 002 214	404 837	424 931	68 989	64 356
with harvested cropland	6 745	6 440	1 338 787	1 277 517	404 837	424 931	65 274	62 072
with irrigated land	725	651	144 093	128 935	76 671	70 325	68 989	64 356
220 to 259 acres	7 714	7 452	1 839 200	1 776 601	371 902	398 839	67 851	74 892
with harvested cropland	5 094	5 108	1 212 825	1 218 218	371 902	398 839	64 738	73 106
with irrigated land	582	621	139 136	147 988	74 087	84 929	67 851	74 892
260 to 499 acres	27 008	27 230	9 720 117	9 813 350	2 513 768	2 717 488	731 640	766 297
with harvested cropland	19 304	19 638	6 971 989	7 112 865	2 513 768	2 717 488	715 671	758 897
with irrigated land	3 854	3 951	1 436 280	1 466 410	869 364	888 693	731 640	766 297
500 to 999 acres	21 928	21 763	15 326 743	15 158 830	4 844 592	4 706 655	1 737 428	1 723 814
with harvested cropland	16 768	16 625	11 766 187	11 645 705	4 844 592	4 706 655	1 705 254	1 712 398
with irrigated land	5 154	5 057	3 698 021	3 601 956	2 189 979	2 072 711	1 737 428	1 723 814
1,000 to 1,999 acres	13 003	12 079	17 888 023	16 503 731	5 363 503	4 720 591	1 941 208	1 852 913
with harvested cropland	9 959	9 311	13 664 094	12 708 592	5 363 503	4 720 591	1 932 395	1 843 048
with irrigated land	3 624	3 389	5 021 010	4 674 708	2 731 165	2 368 984	1 941 208	1 852 913
2,000 acres or more	10 338	10 038	83 258 466	82 195 121	5 766 836	4 613 190	2 201 674	1 853 171
with harvested cropland	6 237	5 676	35 571 174	32 872 478	5 766 836	4 613 190	2 159 674	1 823 874
with irrigated land	2 409	2 122	15 908 738	13 880 886	3 147 077	2 437 293	2 201 674	1 853 171
5,000 acres or more	3 754	(NA)	63 755 685	(NA)	1 912 804	(NA)	748 476	(NA)
with harvested cropland	1 610	(NA)	22 055 605	(NA)	1 912 804	(NA)	720 903	(NA)
with irrigated land	657	(NA)	10 765 287	(NA)	1 072 523	(NA)	748 476	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators	194 253	174 068	213 550	7 347	3 698	5 375
Harvested cropland	137 547 468	134 185 289	142 566 826	1 615 534	643 615	652 435
Full owners	119 395	109 208	128 274	3 694	1 797	2 373
Harvested cropland	20 780 738	19 014 079	19 824 703	235 828	99 742	86 950
Part owners	109 808	102 672	121 781	4 511	2 625	3 720
Harvested cropland	44 820 581	46 045 297	44 544 964	697 448	312 921	357 538
Tenants	60 049	57 636	62 879	2 091	1 152	1 410
Harvested cropland	4 532 901	4 892 344	4 520 720	76 304	28 988	30 240
Percent of tenancy	14.2	14.1	16.5	13.6	9.5	11.6
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	172 979	(NA)	(NA)	6 219	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	94 062 091	(NA)	(NA)	1 265 732	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	17 038	(NA)	(NA)	470	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	27 670 643	(NA)	(NA)	231 836	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	2 692	(NA)	(NA)	44	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	12 440 106	(NA)	(NA)	62 467	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	100	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	2 589 579	(NA)	(NA)	11 344	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:	2 181	(NA)	(NA)	33	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders	8 057 863	(NA)	(NA)	46 025	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	87	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	249 691	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	324	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
with irrigated land	1 542 973	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1 544	(NA)	(NA)	614	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	3 374 628	(NA)	(NA)	55 499	(NA)	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.

	All forms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	5 108	3 088	3 625	116	40	42
25 to 34 years	19 327	14 368	18 032	407	155	184
35 to 44 years	33 353	26 441	37 343	934	391	510
45 to 54 years	47 303	42 439	53 074	1 555	692	978
55 to 64 years	48 806	45 930	58 137	1 979	992	1 757
65 years and over	40 356	39 774	43 339	2 356	1 428	1 904
Average age	52.3	53.7	52.7	56.4	58.9	58.9
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	106 462	81 826	116 610	3 759	1 758	2 913
Not on farm operated	66 590	55 663	71 600	2 698	1 099	1 563
Not reported	21 201	36 579	25 340	890	841	899
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	67 114	54 846	(NA)	2 313	1 239	(NA)
Any	119 864	87 463	128 269	4 795	1 956	3 335
1 to 49 days	11 524	8 728	18 538	409	273	488
50 to 99 days	6 032	5 100	9 402	314	167	346
100 to 149 days	6 606	5 306	17 715	279	108	664
150 to 199 days	9 222	7 766	82 614	643	206	1 837
200 days or more	85 780	60 563	(NA)	3 150	1 202	(NA)
Not reporting	7 275	29 731	(NA)	239	503	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	80 493	86 373	(NA)	2 551	1 463	(NA)
Other	113 760	85 667	(NA)	4 796	2 235	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	182 408	(NA)	(NA)	6 883	(NA)	(NA)
Female	129 929	(NA)	(NA)	1 559	(NA)	(NA)
farms	11 845	(NA)	(NA)	464	(NA)	(NA)
acres	7 618 332	(NA)	(NA)	56 210	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
farms	6 745	(NA)	(NA)	1 184	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2 853 251	(NA)	(NA)	458 287	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	116 755	2 322	96 235	864	104 477	896
farms	87 898 281	974 536	91 646 168	364 821	91 723 687	253 486
acres	13 574	219	7 844	43	14 071	84
Partnership	27 121 980	210 199	21 212 196	46 226	26 870 695	58 520
Corporations	2 588	43	1 469	(NA)	1 194	15
farms	12 398 926	(D)	9 822 821	(NA)	8 997 998	4 466
acres						
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	96	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	2 587 849	11 344	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2 090	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	8 021 177	46 025	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres						
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	86	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	316	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms						
acres						
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1 195	533	460	(NA)	1 056	9
farms	2 875 067	(D)	1 974 064	(NA)	2 656 458	2 282
acres						

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.