

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954*	1950	1945*
All farms..... number.....	2 478 642	2 314 013	2 730 250	3 157 857	3 710 503	4 782 416	5 388 437	5 859 169
Land in farms..... acres.....	1 029 694 535	1 017 030 357	1 062 892 501	1 110 187 000	1 123 507 574	1 158 191 511	1 161 419 720	1 141 615 364
Average size of farm..... acres.....	415	440	389	352	303	242	216	195
Approximate land area..... acres.....	2 265 661 440	2 265 661 440	2 263 590 848	2 266 271 000	2 268 378 240	1 903 824 640	2 273 406 086	1 905 361 920
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	45.4	44.9	47.0	49.0	49.5	60.8	51.1	59.9
Value of land and buildings:1								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	262 252	147 838	75 714	50 646	4 34 825	20 405	14 005	7 917
Average per acre..... dollars.....	628	336	194	144	4 115	84	65	41
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	51 861	125 423	384 581	747 330	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	131 211	213 842	464 497	656 098	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	296 574	421 607	640 304	712 636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	410 621	442 428	480 952	479 773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	281 365	255 503	245 482	215 172	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	303 187	257 526	211 816	160 112	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	199 239	159 524	108 668	71 265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	491 005	321 144	154 188	91 107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	313 565	117 016	39 762	24 364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	2 258 856	2 157 511	2 521 659	2 907 265	3 431 544	4 418 915	4 5 046 663	5 567 818
acres.....	461 340 542	440 039 087	458 989 605	434 232 200	448 087 341	459 648 961	478 315 094	450 694 226
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	2 033 057	1 954 700	2 219 631	2 701 694	3 201 315	4 104 241	4 738 230	5 363 490
acres.....	320 666 222	303 001 943	273 016 000	286 891 974	311 476 141	332 870 479	344 564 497	352 865 765
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	958 513	872 024	1 078 252	1 375 258	1 675 125	2 387 043	4 2 916 890	3 429 875
10 to 19 acres.....	320 366	261 994	360 686	489 036	550 142	805 717	4 886 381	1 072 945
20 to 29 acres.....	238 426	220 089	267 124	342 938	435 742	620 555	4 768 318	852 015
30 to 49 acres.....	171 641	164 184	191 031	231 378	297 900	429 497	4 574 335	680 203
50 to 99 acres.....	228 080	225 757	259 411	311 906	391 341	531 274	4 687 956	824 712
100 to 199 acres.....	300 939	315 586	372 178	462 698	563 699	710 143	4 811 181	920 295
200 to 499 acres.....	303 231	315 601	364 295	454 885	536 667	602 632	4 621 248	646 136
500 to 999 acres.....	320 957	318 226	311 035	329 726	351 983	335 137	4 321 440	310 545
1,000 acres or more.....	109 882	100 511	73 770	64 010	60 176	56 209	4 51 460	46 772
2,000 acres or more.....	39 535	32 752	20 101	15 117	13 665	13 077	4 12 079	9 867
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	32 085	26 890	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	7 450	5 862	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing?..... farms.....	1 042 904	1 111 813	1 371 468	1 204 316	1 507 614	1 842 661	2 115 708	1 644 535
acres.....	76 160 352	82 736 164	88 220 653	57 418 864	65 516 598	66 069 838	69 487 805	47 449 184
Other cropland..... farms.....	736 970	524 016	1 176 863	1 332 646	1 096 726	1 289 674	4 552 212	(NA)
acres.....	64 513 968	54 300 980	97 752 952	89 921 362	71 094 602	60 708 644	64 262 792	50 379 277
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement								
grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	205 321	(NA)	(NA)	706 944	4 330 191	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	7 168 867	(NA)	(NA)	28 545 234	4 16 375 535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	107 254	(NA)	(NA)	157 504	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	385 727
acres.....	6 504 271	(NA)	(NA)	6 296 009	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	10 297 172
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow?..... farms.....	186 308	(NA)	(NA)	225 259	195 655	214 411	207 041	(NA)
acres.....	33 911 325	(NA)	(NA)	36 980 931	30 718 927	28 631 403	25 614 543	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	403 076	(NA)	(NA)	581 453	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 107 224
acres.....	16 929 505	(NA)	(NA)	18 099 188	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	40 082 105
Total woodland..... farms.....	1 019 033	949 945	1 227 952	1 594 920	1 878 560	2 388 256	4 2 735 761	2 679 743
acres.....	94 891 726	92 527 627	112 013 375	145 976 431	164 204 289	196 972 407	220 560 505	166 336 429
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	537 880	(NA)	(NA)	954 693	1 099 730	1 500 401	1 696 910	1 516 830
acres.....	48 338 533	(NA)	(NA)	82 209 659	92 568 223	121 151 635	135 133 592	95 075 246
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	46 553 193	(NA)	(NA)	973 519	1 186 735	1 377 651	1 650 882	1 689 192
acres.....	46 553 193	(NA)	(NA)	63 766 772	71 636 066	75 820 772	85 426 913	71 261 183
Other land..... farms.....	1 844 782	1 735 590	2 073 860	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	473 462 267	484 463 643	491 889 521	529 978 369	511 215 944	501 570 143	462 544 121	524 584 709
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and								
woodland pastured..... farms.....	628 360	(NA)	(NA)	1 488 254	1 614 942	1 996 849	2 063 076	2 927 813
acres.....	436 729 233	(NA)	(NA)	490 306 987	466 224 802	459 878 925	416 802 416	481 016 668
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms.....	1 657 091	(NA)	(NA)	2 802 715	(NA)	4 276 159	4 695 184	5 290 773
acres.....	36 733 034	(NA)	(NA)	39 671 382	44 991 142	41 691 218	45 741 705	43 568 041
Irrigated land..... farms.....	302 674	236 733	257 147	297 391	307 783	(NA)	306 219	288 195
acres.....	50 837 940	41 243 023	39 121 693	37 056 083	33 162 978	(NA)	25 904 873	20 539 470

1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. *Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. 3Data for 1950 through 1964 are for 17 Western States. *Alaska and Hawaii not included.

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.....	1 864 687	1 695 047	1 733 683	Land in farms according to use--Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	926 885 485	905 640 107	917 858 625	Total cropland--Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	497	534	529	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	80 794	92 447	81 921
Value of land and buildings:1				acres.....	5 725 715	7 092 992	4 524 975
Average per farm..... dollars.....	318 723	182 231	103 507	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	170 571	148 251	275 581
Average per acre..... dollars.....	639	341	196	acres.....	33 404 101	30 949 684	44 412 252
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	324 627	157 541	416 245
Total cropland..... farms.....	1 738 637	1 607 491	1 647 985	acres.....	15 021 521	9 032 041	23 460 732
acres.....	440 781 968	412 997 977	417 379 383	Total woodland..... farms.....	750 623	657 281	737 150
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	1 631 259	1 541 849	1 517 866	acres.....	72 469 165	68 812 992	78 160 889
acres.....	313 921 374	296 133 940	261 137 583	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	398 298	363 284	440 881
Farms by acres harvested:				acres.....	34 696 844	33 541 063	41 756 401
1 to 49 acres.....	575 895	476 096	472 721	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	492 931	423 646	451 131
50 to 99 acres.....	285 273	300 056	335 124	acres.....	37 772 321	35 271 929	36 404 488
100 to 199 acres.....	300 642	314 862	359 859	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland			
200 to 499 acres.....	320 329	317 834	310 594	and woodland pastured..... farms.....	507 201	537 918	591 864
500 to 999 acres.....	109 707	100 358	73 583	acres.....	382 449 371	390 233 526	389 099 424
1,000 acres or more.....	39 413	32 643	19 985	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms.....	1 239 503	1 181 692	1 217 400
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	32 003	26 827	16 451	acres.....	31 184 981	33 595 612	33 218 929
2,000 acres or more.....	7 410	5 816	3 534	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	1 214 191	1 165 224	1 279 070
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	774 615	757 466	869 354	acres.....	483 265 784	489 461 404	499 861 594
acres.....	66 119 569	65 686 815	69 005 769	Irrigated land..... farms.....	247 838	202 133	213 162
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-				acres.....	49 696 630	40 500 136	38 195 536
improvement grasses, not harvested and not							
pastured..... farms.....	175 133	108 495	310 417				
acres.....	6 589 688	4 102 505	14 838 072				

1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.