

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	2 478 642	2 314 013	1 029 694 535	1 017 030 357	320 666 222	303 001 943	50 837 940	41 243 023
with harvested cropland	2 033 057	1 954 700	820 203 303	805 994 619	320 666 222	303 001 943	49 494 593	40 296 473
with irrigated land	302 674	236 733	253 205 977	229 002 962	68 317 498	55 569 660	50 837 940	41 243 023
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	215 088	128 254	801 861	450 805	299 390	207 530	115 975	73 814
with harvested cropland	100 408	66 462	458 571	295 669	299 390	207 530	96 218	57 885
with irrigated land	36 054	19 098	165 251	88 311	95 746	56 531	115 975	73 814
10 to 49 acres	475 241	379 543	13 018 820	10 839 288	5 074 569	4 308 568	1 101 494	856 908
with harvested cropland	348 713	289 138	9 760 237	8 357 362	5 074 569	4 308 568	978 928	775 044
with irrigated land	69 737	48 970	1 693 480	1 240 179	968 570	759 112	1 101 494	856 908
50 to 69 acres	156 359	149 882	9 097 586	8 731 571	3 325 160	3 103 833	447 506	389 108
with harvested cropland	125 647	119 899	7 322 042	6 996 995	3 325 160	3 103 833	415 226	361 426
with irrigated land	13 413	10 935	775 466	633 049	436 011	371 373	447 506	389 108
70 to 99 acres	230 663	234 880	18 971 860	19 325 871	7 393 593	7 401 149	834 694	734 022
with harvested cropland	193 824	196 108	15 958 366	16 151 341	7 393 593	7 401 149	790 185	697 219
with irrigated land	17 740	15 076	1 451 442	1 231 583	818 354	724 009	834 694	734 022
100 to 139 acres	225 233	228 970	26 201 814	26 668 648	10 071 309	10 203 366	931 276	834 557
with harvested cropland	191 895	196 399	22 375 459	22 914 753	10 071 309	10 203 366	881 650	802 515
with irrigated land	15 116	13 228	1 757 589	1 539 587	961 103	873 434	931 276	834 557
140 to 179 acres	202 434	214 152	31 927 907	33 782 997	13 921 837	14 938 170	1 378 811	1 254 273
with harvested cropland	178 216	190 004	28 120 648	29 986 043	13 921 837	14 938 170	1 335 997	1 219 595
with irrigated land	15 973	14 243	2 518 334	2 246 241	1 463 024	1 335 142	1 378 811	1 254 273
180 to 219 acres	130 959	135 977	25 888 923	26 879 656	11 469 828	11 738 202	1 006 704	850 845
with harvested cropland	117 856	121 925	23 306 314	24 109 489	11 469 828	11 738 202	974 638	824 785
with irrigated land	10 107	8 486	2 004 520	1 677 489	1 121 111	956 766	1 006 704	850 845
220 to 259 acres	110 970	117 255	26 397 451	27 887 952	12 733 182	13 375 261	1 123 595	1 005 343
with harvested cropland	101 711	107 616	24 192 962	25 597 508	12 733 182	13 375 261	1 097 927	984 887
with irrigated land	9 282	8 276	2 207 451	1 968 538	1 294 955	1 168 707	1 123 595	1 005 343
260 to 499 acres	354 427	362 866	126 984 338	129 780 023	65 065 232	65 851 428	6 460 137	5 418 401
with harvested cropland	329 245	337 042	118 109 627	120 695 514	65 065 232	65 851 428	6 351 174	5 350 578
with irrigated land	37 341	32 234	13 678 194	11 775 309	8 097 064	6 971 282	6 460 137	5 418 401
500 to 999 acres	215 112	207 297	147 882 938	142 308 709	75 509 935	70 140 500	9 704 218	7 824 464
with harvested cropland	201 437	193 643	138 536 223	132 982 591	75 509 935	70 140 500	9 560 047	7 743 324
with irrigated land	34 272	28 938	24 152 753	20 349 408	13 696 297	11 188 798	9 704 218	7 824 464
1,000 to 1,999 acres	98 521	92 712	134 048 982	125 682 739	58 386 531	51 657 043	10 039 242	7 808 155
with harvested cropland	91 422	85 742	124 295 024	116 179 345	58 386 531	51 657 043	9 923 450	7 735 476
with irrigated land	22 713	18 892	31 421 854	26 067 543	15 274 020	11 880 689	10 039 242	7 808 155
2,000 acres or more	63 635	62 225	468 472 055	464 692 098	57 415 656	50 076 893	17 694 288	14 193 133
with harvested cropland	52 683	50 722	307 767 830	301 728 009	57 415 656	50 076 893	17 089 153	13 743 739
with irrigated land	20 926	18 357	171 379 643	160 185 725	24 091 243	19 283 817	17 694 288	14 193 133
5,000 acres or more	19 641	(NA)	339 159 126	(NA)	19 289 764	(NA)	8 782 488	(NA)
with harvested cropland	13 813	(NA)	194 185 998	(NA)	19 289 764	(NA)	8 358 164	(NA)
with irrigated land	7 261	(NA)	130 335 316	(NA)	10 306 704	(NA)	8 782 488	(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	2 478 642	2 314 013	2 730 250	79 916	59 371	90 506
acres	1 029 694 535	1 017 030 357	1 062 892 501	54 463 881	8 944 660	7 584 096
Harvested cropland	2 033 057	1 954 700	2 219 631	56 308	48 919	73 112
acres	320 666 222	303 001 943	273 016 000	3 255 496	2 340 928	1 930 392
Full owners	1 451 446	1 423 953	1 705 720	47 472	38 781	55 430
acres	340 702 163	359 375 934	375 091 955	43 347 240	3 872 510	4 177 807
Harvested cropland	1 107 235	1 136 593	1 288 908	30 270	30 476	41 241
acres	82 391 451	89 205 543	81 272 201	984 610	791 635	713 821
Part owners	713 548	628 224	671 607	18 946	12 316	16 228
acres	564 905 956	535 300 914	550 100 786	8 798 143	3 538 803	2 248 470
Harvested cropland	660 467	588 238	622 581	16 516	11 238	14 630
acres	188 456 089	168 303 308	142 575 386	1 637 002	1 123 743	746 400
Tenants	313 648	261 836	352 923	13 498	8 274	18 848
acres	124 086 416	122 353 509	137 699 760	2 318 498	1 533 347	1 157 819
Harvested cropland	265 355	229 869	308 142	9 522	7 205	17 241
acres	49 818 682	45 493 092	49 168 413	633 884	425 550	470 171
Percent of tenancy	12.7	11.3	12.9	16.9	13.9	20.8
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	2 175 437	(NA)	(NA)	71 538	(NA)	(NA)
acres	686 575 506	(NA)	(NA)	9 223 948	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	241 290	(NA)	(NA)	5 673	(NA)	(NA)
acres	159 303 369	(NA)	(NA)	1 313 239	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	51 270	(NA)	(NA)	1 380	(NA)	(NA)
acres	120 202 749	(NA)	(NA)	1 071 340	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	1 275	(NA)	(NA)	32	(NA)	(NA)
acres	11 068 495	(NA)	(NA)	155 217	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	44 143	(NA)	(NA)	1 205	(NA)	(NA)
acres	93 014 628	(NA)	(NA)	704 225	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	1 145	(NA)	(NA)	30	(NA)	(NA)
acres	5 538 580	(NA)	(NA)	135 872	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	4 707	(NA)	(NA)	113	(NA)	(NA)
acres	10 581 046	(NA)	(NA)	76 026	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	10 645	(NA)	(NA)	1 325	(NA)	(NA)
acres	63 612 911	(NA)	(NA)	42 855 354	(NA)	(NA)

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

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	78 975	52 418	52 905	1 317	771	819
25 to 34 years	323 175	239 674	273 662	6 694	3 330	3 978
35 to 44 years	485 109	400 059	522 698	11 995	7 064	11 321
45 to 54 years	595 532	577 064	723 977	18 247	13 635	22 213
55 to 64 years	588 212	588 584	704 014	21 610	17 262	28 080
65 years and over	407 639	421 471	452 994	20 053	17 309	24 095
Average age	50.1	51.7	51.2	54.2	56.3	(NA)
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	1 785 023	1 502 488	1 982 738	53 695	33 982	60 424
Not on farm operated	441 594	371 833	457 679	15 769	10 928	15 602
Not reported	252 025	439 692	289 833	10 452	14 461	14 480
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	1 001 416	829 843	(NA)	29 825	21 734	(NA)
Any	1 364 835	1 011 476	1 482 292	45 801	25 950	49 055
1 to 49 days	188 134	134 205	273 387	5 100	3 838	9 457
50 to 99 days	76 001	62 716	118 403	3 363	2 555	5 761
100 to 149 days	78 447	61 615	219 687	3 617	2 231	11 663
150 to 199 days	117 307	94 969	870 815	4 959	3 276	22 174
200 days or more	904 946	657 971	(NA)	28 762	14 050	(NA)
Not reporting	112 391	437 951	(NA)	4 290	11 687	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	1 326 785	1 427 368	(NA)	36 772	36 936	(NA)
Other	1 151 857	851 902	(NA)	43 144	22 435	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	2 350 472	(NA)	(NA)	72 167	(NA)	(NA)
acres	993 127 973	(NA)	(NA)	53 567 291	(NA)	(NA)
Female	128 170	(NA)	(NA)	7 749	(NA)	(NA)
acres	36 566 562	(NA)	(NA)	896 590	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin						
farms	22 997	(NA)	(NA)	3 812	(NA)	(NA)
acres	11 919 280	(NA)	(NA)	1 894 533	(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	farms 1 598 865	33 738	farms 1 517 573	28 657	farms 1 480 565	22 621
acres	643 938 279	7 245 452	678 081 579	6 234 390	665 238 893	3 184 103
Partnership	farms 209 688	3 724	farms 144 969	1 959	farms 221 535	2 450
acres	155 928 620	1 182 316	124 479 156	773 692	163 387 960	448 278
Corporations	farms 49 684	1 323	farms 28 656	(NA)	farms 21 513	380
acres	119 702 647	1 066 668	96 781 155	(NA)	80 831 188	113 171
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms 1 236	30	farms (NA)	(NA)	farms (NA)	(NA)
acres	11 037 541	155 214	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms 42 734	1 156	farms (NA)	(NA)	farms (NA)	(NA)
acres	92 593 702	700 673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms 1 121	30	farms (NA)	(NA)	farms (NA)	(NA)
acres	5 535 961	135 872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	farms 4 593	107	farms (NA)	(NA)	farms (NA)	(NA)
acres	10 535 443	74 909	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms 6 450	785	farms 3 849	(NA)	farms 10 070	198
acres	7 315 939	231 466	6 298 217	(NA)	8 400 584	32 277

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.