

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

| | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1954 | 1950 | 1945 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All farms..... number..... | 13 833 | 12 184 | 13 045 | 15 759 | 17 811 | 22 826 | 24 176 | 26 322 |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 10 517 668 | 10 610 050 | 11 312 951 | 12 867 081 | 12 688 518 | 12 262 222 | 10 865 165 | 10 309 107 |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 760 | 871 | 867 | 817 | 712 | 537 | 449 | 392 |
| Approximate land area..... acres..... | 52 540 160 | 52 540 672 | 52 540 672 | 52 722 560 | 52 696 960 | 52 701 440 | 52 701 440 | 52 701 440 |
| Proportion in farms..... percent..... | 20.0 | 20.2 | 21.5 | 24.4 | 24.1 | 23.3 | 20.6 | 19.6 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 303 763 | 163 989 | 79 705 | 57 747 | 42 391 | 25 652 | 19 492 | 9 947 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 400 | 188 | 92 | 71 | 60 | 48 | 43 | 25 |
| Farms by value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| \$1 to \$9,999..... | 209 | 588 | 1 495 | 2 075 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999..... | 546 | 850 | 1 998 | 2 790 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999..... | 1 143 | 1 983 | 3 123 | 4 501 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999..... | 2 018 | 2 430 | 2 678 | 2 990 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999..... | 1 570 | 1 473 | 1 282 | 1 347 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999..... | 1 881 | 1 571 | 1 024 | 1 029 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999..... | 1 324 | 945 | 517 | 431 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999..... | 3 345 | 1 743 | 732 | 472 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$500,000 or more..... | 1 797 | 601 | 196 | 124 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | | | | | |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 12 671 | 11 327 | 12 055 | 14 570 | 16 320 | 20 579 | 22 058 | 24 522 |
| acres..... | 2 034 492 | 1 838 683 | 1 944 576 | 2 069 514 | 2 007 651 | 2 027 458 | 2 052 889 | 1 663 702 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 11 663 | 10 692 | 11 103 | 13 759 | 15 481 | 19 728 | 21 344 | 23 907 |
| acres..... | 1 174 703 | 1 089 243 | 1 024 475 | 1 039 040 | 1 062 246 | 1 228 520 | 1 279 469 | 1 247 718 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 6 598 | 5 529 | 5 790 | 7 895 | 9 176 | 12 664 | 13 898 | 16 251 |
| 1 to 9 acres..... | 1 879 | 1 293 | 1 526 | 2 353 | 2 654 | 4 458 | 5 366 | 5 956 |
| 10 to 19 acres..... | 1 761 | 1 481 | 1 495 | 1 946 | 2 200 | 2 612 | 2 960 | 3 220 |
| 20 to 29 acres..... | 1 285 | 1 134 | 1 102 | 1 456 | 1 707 | 2 175 | 2 513 | 2 763 |
| 30 to 49 acres..... | 1 673 | 1 621 | 1 667 | 2 140 | 2 615 | 3 419 | 4 059 | 4 712 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 2 027 | 2 197 | 2 325 | 2 977 | 3 435 | 4 116 | 4 524 | 4 994 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 1 575 | 1 591 | 1 792 | 1 858 | 1 924 | 1 916 | 1 942 | 1 947 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 1 090 | 1 064 | 936 | 819 | 768 | 796 | 766 | 744 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 249 | 208 | 200 | 164 | 136 | 179 | 160 | 140 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 124 | 103 | 60 | 46 | 42 | 57 | 54 | 31 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 103 | 91 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 21 | 12 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms..... | 6 129 | 5 568 | 6 525 | 5 899 | 6 458 | 7 267 | 6 739 | 4 257 |
| acres..... | 490 703 | 438 028 | 507 047 | 441 573 | 409 472 | 275 432 | 305 178 | 127 813 |
| Other cropland..... farms..... | 3 514 | 2 585 | 4 213 | 6 266 | 5 429 | 6 626 | 7 039 | (NA) |
| acres..... | 369 086 | 311 412 | 413 054 | 588 901 | 535 933 | 523 506 | 468 242 | 288 171 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 513 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 455 | 784 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 22 432 | (NA) | (NA) | 148 438 | 133 483 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 677 | (NA) | (NA) | 911 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 1 159 |
| acres..... | 25 321 | (NA) | (NA) | 24 863 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 14 471 |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms..... | 1 419 | (NA) | (NA) | 3 408 | 3 136 | 4 055 | 4 578 | (NA) |
| acres..... | 225 226 | (NA) | (NA) | 281 728 | 253 981 | 373 242 | 345 222 | (NA) |
| Cropland idle..... farms..... | 1 857 | (NA) | (NA) | 2 775 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 5 155 |
| acres..... | 96 107 | (NA) | (NA) | 133 872 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 273 700 |
| Total woodland..... farms..... | 508 | 492 | 499 | 668 | 905 | 1 019 | 1 836 | 743 |
| acres..... | 681 575 | 690 908 | 230 296 | 824 997 | 979 953 | 1 029 241 | 1 556 603 | 183 901 |
| Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 312 | (NA) | (NA) | 532 | 756 | 815 | 1 480 | 550 |
| acres..... | 604 107 | (NA) | (NA) | 762 307 | 928 391 | 979 746 | 1 454 387 | 173 093 |
| Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 239 | (NA) | (NA) | 180 | 215 | 247 | 491 | 209 |
| acres..... | 77 468 | (NA) | (NA) | 62 690 | 51 562 | 49 495 | 102 216 | 10 808 |
| Other land..... farms..... | 9 425 | 8 341 | 8 917 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 7 801 601 | 8 080 459 | 9 138 079 | 9 972 570 | 9 700 914 | 9 205 523 | 7 255 673 | 8 461 504 |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 4 576 | (NA) | (NA) | 7 976 | 9 170 | 11 554 | 11 561 | 15 400 |
| acres..... | 7 556 768 | (NA) | (NA) | 9 661 056 | 9 250 019 | 8 732 655 | 6 815 022 | 8 263 100 |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms..... | 7 298 | (NA) | (NA) | 11 908 | (NA) | 18 965 | 19 531 | 20 636 |
| acres..... | 244 833 | (NA) | (NA) | 311 514 | 450 895 | 472 868 | 440 651 | 198 404 |
| Irrigated land..... farms..... | 11 655 | 9 701 | 10 282 | 13 762 | 15 701 | 19 406 | 21 126 | 23 543 |
| acres..... | 1 185 315 | 969 645 | 1 025 014 | 1 092 270 | 1 061 683 | 1 072 682 | 1 137 995 | 1 124 081 |

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..... | 9 748 | 8 745 | 8 413 | Land in farms according to use—Con.. | | | |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 8 679 520 | 8 725 598 | 9 510 196 | Total cropland—Con. | | | |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 890 | 998 | 1 130 | Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 491 | 480 | 338 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | acres..... | 21 797 | 28 192 | 12 249 |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 357 757 | 192 839 | 102 114 | Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms..... | 1 185 | 1 029 | 1 743 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 406 | 193 | 90 | acres..... | 220 172 | 168 639 | 243 632 |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | Cropland idle..... farms..... | 1 399 | 816 | 1 376 |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 9 049 | 8 168 | 7 856 | acres..... | 83 837 | 45 336 | 81 130 |
| acres..... | 1 878 746 | 1 668 708 | 1 720 860 | Total woodland..... farms..... | 385 | 371 | 344 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 8 529 | 7 878 | 7 502 | acres..... | 200 148 | 208 291 | 185 076 |
| acres..... | 1 111 201 | 1 024 528 | 939 591 | Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 252 | 231 | 273 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | acres..... | 157 571 | 150 226 | 138 362 |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 3 612 | 2 893 | 2 492 | Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 170 | 158 | 96 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 1 933 | 2 067 | 2 088 | acres..... | 42 577 | 58 065 | 46 714 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 1 551 | 1 576 | 1 751 | Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 3 703 | 3 552 | 3 704 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 1 066 | 1 036 | 915 | acres..... | 6 399 328 | 6 582 017 | 7 377 290 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 244 | 206 | 198 | farms..... | 5 041 | 5 005 | 4 781 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 123 | 100 | 58 | acres..... | 201 298 | 266 582 | 226 970 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 103 | 89 | 48 | Pastureland, all types..... farms..... | 6 788 | 6 093 | 6 313 |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 20 | 11 | 10 | acres..... | 6 979 383 | 7 093 061 | 7 928 814 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms..... | 4 345 | 3 889 | 4 329 | Irrigated land..... farms..... | 8 355 | 7 281 | 7 055 |
| acres..... | 422 484 | 360 818 | 413 162 | acres..... | 1 095 312 | 897 192 | 934 029 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 412 | 316 | 448 | | | | |
| acres..... | 19 255 | 41 195 | 31 096 | | | | |

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