

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.