

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	13 833	12 184	10 517 668	10 610 050	1 174 703	1 089 243	1 185 315	969 645
with harvested cropland	11 663	10 692	7 837 251	8 647 722	1 174 703	1 089 243	1 153 739	950 836
with irrigated land	11 655	9 701	7 484 869	8 123 932	1 004 578	898 643	1 185 315	969 645
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	1 847	1 116	7 418	4 306	3 355	2 253	4 594	2 494
with harvested cropland	902	600	4 681	2 953	3 355	2 253	3 670	1 971
with irrigated land	1 105	536	5 645	2 668	3 167	1 763	4 594	2 494
10 to 49 acres	3 585	2 948	92 810	77 764	52 848	46 526	63 091	46 473
with harvested cropland	3 099	2 599	86 826	69 370	52 848	46 526	58 441	43 974
with irrigated land	3 211	2 369	84 049	63 416	50 442	40 132	63 091	46 473
50 to 69 acres	912	793	52 245	45 642	27 792	26 730	32 121	26 238
with harvested cropland	834	720	47 928	41 571	27 792	26 730	30 699	24 988
with irrigated land	835	664	47 865	38 347	26 597	23 468	32 121	26 238
70 to 99 acres	1 047	1 025	86 205	84 411	44 714	46 202	51 444	46 100
with harvested cropland	964	977	79 379	80 502	44 714	46 202	49 214	45 673
with irrigated land	950	880	78 237	72 862	42 397	42 075	51 444	46 100
100 to 139 acres	967	999	112 671	116 417	56 479	57 528	64 459	57 424
with harvested cropland	879	928	102 353	108 169	56 479	57 528	62 905	56 472
with irrigated land	863	834	100 560	97 197	53 893	52 252	64 459	57 424
140 to 179 acres	793	721	124 855	114 084	58 561	56 767	66 153	61 800
with harvested cropland	727	689	114 487	108 947	58 561	56 767	64 554	60 254
with irrigated land	717	663	112 917	104 849	55 686	54 013	66 153	61 800
180 to 219 acres	506	580	100 314	114 876	45 633	54 660	51 528	55 861
with harvested cropland	481	538	95 403	106 592	45 633	54 660	50 434	54 791
with irrigated land	457	504	90 640	99 919	43 316	50 475	51 528	55 861
220 to 259 acres	424	382	100 409	90 754	44 372	42 072	49 874	42 120
with harvested cropland	405	366	95 935	86 938	44 372	42 072	48 971	41 246
with irrigated land	396	339	93 754	80 546	42 558	37 850	49 874	42 120
260 to 499 acres	1 401	1 255	496 496	446 485	180 590	168 160	211 745	172 512
with harvested cropland	1 297	1 185	458 675	421 870	180 590	168 160	207 178	169 802
with irrigated land	1 234	1 096	437 277	390 053	167 436	153 647	211 745	172 512
500 to 999 acres	946	904	659 201	623 016	177 338	161 873	197 407	147 808
with harvested cropland	862	834	599 539	574 705	177 338	161 873	194 835	146 109
with irrigated land	809	725	558 360	498 594	156 071	133 046	197 407	147 808
1,000 to 1,999 acres	607	639	839 339	868 159	165 748	156 554	151 272	121 258
with harvested cropland	564	583	780 678	793 090	165 748	156 554	149 672	118 464
with irrigated land	496	514	688 497	695 590	128 453	118 475	151 272	121 258
2,000 acres or more	798	822	7 845 705	8 024 136	317 273	269 918	241 627	189 557
with harvested cropland	649	673	5 376 367	6 253 015	317 273	269 918	233 166	187 092
with irrigated land	582	577	5 187 068	5 979 891	234 562	191 447	241 627	189 557
5,000 acres or more	371	(NA)	6 546 002	(NA)	146 582	(NA)	136 129	(NA)
with harvested cropland	281	(NA)	4 256 930	(NA)	146 582	(NA)	129 691	(NA)
with irrigated land	277	(NA)	4 254 582	(NA)	131 257	(NA)	136 129	(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	13 833	12 184	13 045	141	164	7
acres	10 517 668	10 610 050	11 312 951	1 017 541	93 441	664
Harvested cropland	11 663	10 692	11 103	131	148	3
acres	1 174 703	1 089 243	1 024 475	13 310	13 164	58
Full owners	8 915	7 942	8 229	66	85	7
acres	4 359 506	3 520 212	2 739 827	988 906	60 667	664
Harvested cropland	7 259	6 836	6 721	56	69	3
acres	513 945	551 023	448 868	3 118	2 972	58
Part owners	4 130	3 541	4 063	58	62	—
acres	5 825 301	6 606 456	8 200 070	24 034	29 444	—
Harvested cropland	3 777	3 298	3 783	58	62	—
acres	599 633	485 463	532 042	6 535	7 529	—
Tenants	788	701	753	17	17	—
acres	332 861	483 382	373 054	4 601	3 330	—
Harvested cropland	627	558	599	17	17	—
acres	61 125	52 757	43 565	3 657	2 663	—
Percent of tenancy	5.7	5.8	5.7	12.1	10.4	—
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	11 633	(NA)	(NA)	110	(NA)	(NA)
acres	4 956 822	(NA)	(NA)	21 781	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	1 423	(NA)	(NA)	26	(NA)	(NA)
acres	2 043 247	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	479	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 880 330	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	20	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	88 367	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	421	(NA)	(NA)	1	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 711 834	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	6	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	8 324	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	32	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres	71 805	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	298	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
acres	1 637 269	(NA)	(NA)	983 429	(NA)	(NA)

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	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years	267	180	152	—	20	—
25 to 34 years	1 408	880	1 080	7	5	—
35 to 44 years	2 763	2 199	2 761	16	26	1
45 to 54 years	3 661	3 013	3 564	54	52	2
55 to 64 years	3 219	3 059	3 432	54	40	—
65 years and over	2 515	2 344	2 056	10	21	4
Average age	51.2	52.6	51.4	53.1	48.7	62.4
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated	8 898	5 889	8 056	93	97	3
Not on farm operated	3 631	3 539	3 592	21	41	4
Not reported	1 304	2 756	1 397	27	26	—
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None	4 444	3 271	(NA)	68	49	(NA)
Any	8 860	6 489	8 345	67	83	3
1 to 49 days	884	721	1 061	14	12	—
50 to 99 days	398	416	482	7	24	—
100 to 149 days	475	336	1 297	3	7	1
150 to 199 days	1 011	848	—	3	14	—
200 days or more	6 092	4 168	5 505	40	26	2
Not reporting	529	1 915	(NA)	6	32	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming	6 202	6 287	(NA)	92	132	(NA)
Other	7 631	5 388	(NA)	49	32	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	13 458	(NA)	(NA)	137	(NA)	(NA)
farms	10 341	181	(NA)	1 016	814	(NA)
acres	375	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
Female	176 487	(NA)	(NA)	727	(NA)	(NA)
farms	51	(NA)	(NA)	8	(NA)	(NA)
acres	36 984	(NA)	(NA)	1 004	(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, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	7 966	85	7 707	108	7 158	1
farms	4 699	014	5 223	973	5 643	755
acres	20 810	—	36 314	—	70	—
Partnership	1 201	25	691	19	1 002	—
farms	2 006	468	1 535	394	2 188	013
acres	—	(D)	2 546	—	—	—
Corporations	456	1	319	(NA)	188	—
farms	1 873	465	1 935	278	1 227	992
acres	—	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	—	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	19	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	400	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	1 705	010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	—	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	6	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	8 324	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	31	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
farms	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres	—	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	125	—	28	(NA)	65	—
farms	100 573	—	30 953	(NA)	450 436	—
acres	—	—	—	(NA)	—	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.