

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

| | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1954 | 1950 | 1945 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| All farms..... number..... | 7 273 | 5 906 | 6 874 | 9 247 | 12 099 | 15 981 | 19 043 | 26 490 |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 1 752 940 | 1 667 561 | 1 915 520 | 2 524 371 | 2 945 343 | 3 317 737 | 3 527 381 | 3 930 514 |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 241 | 282 | 279 | 273 | 243 | 208 | 185 | 148 |
| Approximate land area..... acres..... | 5 930 240 | 5 931 136 | 5 931 136 | 5 936 640 | 5 936 640 | 5 937 920 | 5 937 920 | 5 937 920 |
| Proportion in farms..... percent..... | 29.6 | 28.1 | 32.3 | 42.5 | 49.6 | 55.9 | 59.4 | 66.2 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 161 885 | 130 338 | 62 347 | 29 733 | 19 837 | 12 662 | 10 314 | 5 080 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 660 | 462 | 224 | 109 | 81 | 61 | 56 | 34 |
| Farms by value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| \$1 to \$9,999..... | 78 | 76 | 415 | 1 577 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999..... | 122 | 202 | 808 | 2 617 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999..... | 705 | 675 | 1 907 | 3 007 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999..... | 1 077 | 1 145 | 1 834 | 1 432 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999..... | 1 031 | 897 | 825 | 302 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999..... | 1 222 | 1 134 | 592 | 176 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999..... | 1 170 | 707 | 236 | 62 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999..... | 1 574 | 950 | 216 | 63 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$500,000 or more..... | 294 | 120 | 41 | 11 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | | | | | |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 7 095 | 5 762 | 6 600 | 8 930 | 11 680 | 15 195 | 18 505 | 25 876 |
| acres..... | 861 662 | 779 344 | 836 246 | 878 153 | 983 564 | 1 062 266 | 1 155 668 | 1 280 592 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 6 582 | 5 501 | 6 125 | 8 619 | 11 418 | 14 643 | 17 997 | 25 603 |
| acres..... | 580 792 | 514 804 | 511 096 | 657 282 | 743 448 | 799 145 | 858 512 | 1 159 888 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 3 021 | 2 050 | 2 470 | 3 581 | 5 430 | 8 107 | 11 114 | 16 234 |
| 1 to 9 acres..... | 575 | 368 | 513 | 749 | 1 069 | 1 881 | 2 722 | 4 504 |
| 10 to 19 acres..... | 803 | 396 | 484 | 618 | 928 | 1 389 | 2 097 | 2 923 |
| 20 to 29 acres..... | 682 | 462 | 467 | 693 | 1 108 | 1 600 | 2 058 | 3 097 |
| 30 to 49 acres..... | 961 | 824 | 1 006 | 1 521 | 2 325 | 3 237 | 4 237 | 5 710 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 1 423 | 1 483 | 1 735 | 2 771 | 3 745 | 4 525 | 4 987 | 6 702 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 1 388 | 1 377 | 1 375 | 1 742 | 1 840 | 1 688 | 1 629 | 2 319 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 696 | 548 | 520 | 493 | 377 | 310 | 250 | 337 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 51 | 38 | 22 | 29 | 24 | 13 | 14 | 10 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | — | 3 | 1 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 2 | 5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 1 | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms..... | 4 791 | 3 844 | 4 510 | 4 181 | 5 398 | 6 015 | 6 397 | 2 687 |
| acres..... | 254 001 | 232 979 | 279 029 | 183 188 | 196 477 | 196 265 | 219 109 | 92 990 |
| Other cropland..... farms..... | 1 008 | 923 | 1 111 | 1 357 | 1 575 | 2 898 | 2 761 | (NA) |
| acres..... | 26 869 | 31 561 | 46 121 | 37 683 | 43 639 | 66 856 | 78 047 | 27 714 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 295 | (NA) | (NA) | 359 | 399 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 5 424 | (NA) | (NA) | 9 074 | 8 573 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 111 | (NA) | (NA) | 275 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 610 |
| acres..... | 1 828 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 674 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 10 534 |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms..... | 110 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 1 992 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland idle..... farms..... | 618 | (NA) | (NA) | 869 | (NA) | 1 927 | (NA) | 769 |
| acres..... | 17 625 | (NA) | (NA) | 23 935 | (NA) | 45 386 | (NA) | 17 180 |
| Total woodland..... farms..... | 5 522 | 4 782 | 5 739 | 8 006 | 10 400 | 12 976 | 15 180 | 18 642 |
| acres..... | 700 381 | 657 088 | 792 129 | 1 166 328 | 1 364 235 | 1 507 232 | 1 521 747 | 1 551 474 |
| Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 2 310 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 701 | 6 690 | 8 730 | 10 296 | 13 020 |
| acres..... | 168 958 | (NA) | (NA) | 406 614 | 555 477 | 702 724 | 733 425 | 857 087 |
| Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 4 541 | (NA) | (NA) | 5 774 | 7 073 | 8 086 | 9 344 | 9 938 |
| acres..... | 531 423 | (NA) | (NA) | 759 714 | 808 758 | 804 508 | 788 322 | 694 387 |
| Other land..... farms..... | 4 730 | 4 184 | 4 676 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 190 897 | 231 129 | 287 145 | 479 890 | 597 544 | 748 239 | 849 966 | 1 098 448 |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 1 646 | (NA) | (NA) | 5 384 | 7 460 | 9 896 | 11 257 | 16 666 |
| acres..... | 116 787 | (NA) | (NA) | 405 703 | 521 097 | 668 813 | 751 573 | 1 022 774 |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms..... | 4 228 | (NA) | (NA) | 8 307 | (NA) | 13 939 | 15 346 | 16 236 |
| acres..... | 74 110 | (NA) | (NA) | 74 187 | 76 447 | 79 426 | 98 393 | 75 674 |
| Irrigated land..... farms..... | 109 | 46 | 37 | 77 | 72 | 55 | 22 | 2 |
| acres..... | 1 595 | 509 | 286 | 1 063 | 1 612 | 689 | 303 | 6 |

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..... | 4 835 | 4 531 | 4 850 | Land in farms according to use—Con. | | | |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 1 479 685 | 1 487 270 | 1 617 034 | Total cropland—Con. | | | |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 306 | 328 | 333 | Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 91 | 167 | 53 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | acres..... | 1 576 | 5 587 | 1 097 |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 195 715 | 149 094 | 73 286 | Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms..... | 76 | 85 | 160 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 625 | 454 | 220 | acres..... | 1 718 | 2 747 | 4 598 |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | Cropland idle..... farms..... | 350 | 323 | 458 |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 4 740 | 4 434 | 4 731 | acres..... | 11 495 | 10 648 | 22 609 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 4 230 | 714 218 | 752 776 | Total woodland..... farms..... | 3 928 | 3 729 | 4 156 |
| acres..... | 4 602 | 4 346 | 4 595 | acres..... | 560 516 | 562 850 | 630 964 |
| acres..... | 532 016 | 486 923 | 473 755 | Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 1 918 | 2 122 | 2 553 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | acres..... | 151 110 | 193 053 | 231 091 |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 1 245 | 1 015 | 1 118 | Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 3 135 | 2 799 | 2 953 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 1 254 | 1 367 | 1 564 | acres..... | 409 406 | 369 797 | 399 873 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 1 357 | 1 374 | 1 370 | Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 1 238 | 1 687 | 1 947 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 692 | 547 | 518 | acres..... | 102 499 | 147 923 | 172 835 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 51 | 38 | 22 | Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms..... | 2 730 | 2 815 | 2 694 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 3 | 5 | 3 | acres..... | 54 440 | 62 279 | 60 459 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 2 | 5 | 3 | Pastureland, all types..... farms..... | 4 246 | 4 057 | 4 489 |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 1 | — | — | acres..... | 465 365 | 542 914 | 649 492 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms..... | 3 252 | 2 932 | 3 389 | Irrigated land..... farms..... | 88 | 36 | 34 |
| acres..... | 211 756 | 201 938 | 245 566 | acres..... | 1 531 | 446 | 274 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 190 | 210 | 148 | | | | |
| acres..... | 3 669 | 6 375 | 5 151 | | | | |

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