

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.