

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	109	46	37	88	36	34
Proportion of farms	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.8	0.8	0.7
Irrigated land	1 595	509	286	1 531	446	274
Average per farm	15	11	77	17	12	80
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	69	30	26	49	22	24
10 to 49 acres	172	(NA)	(NA)	128	58	79
50 to 99 acres	34	15	11	33	13	10
100 to 199 acres	819	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	195
200 to 499 acres	4	1	-	4	1	-
500 to 999 acres	252	(NA)	(NA)	252	(D)	-
1,000 acres or more	1	(NA)	(NA)	1	-	-
Irrigated land use:						
Harvested cropland	95	(NA)	(NA)	76	36	32
Pastureland	1 313	(NA)	(NA)	1 260	441	230
Other land	13	(NA)	(NA)	12	(NA)	(NA)
Land in irrigated farms	19 688	6 819	11 779	19 116	6 147	11 665
Cropland	10 982	(NA)	(NA)	10 741	3 105	5 348
Harvested cropland	8 160	2 287	2 525	8 068	2 167	2 493

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	7 273	109	44	7 164
Land in farms	1 752 940	19 688	1 795	1 733 252
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	161 885	136 709	73 088	162 254
Average per acre	660	817	2 113	658
Irrigated land	1 595	1 595	402	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	7 095	109	44	6 986
Harvested cropland	861 662	10 982	650	850 680
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	5 882	109	44	5 773
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	5 395	47	6	5 348
Milk cows	3 919	29	2	3 890
Hogs and pigs	187 424	2 121	(D)	185 303
Sheep and lambs	1 072	21	2	1 051
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	7 268	105	41	7 163
Average per farm	225 195	3 421	721	221 774
Market value of agricultural products sold	30 984	32 579	17 585	30 961
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	274 318	5 909	1 145	268 410
Livestock and livestock products	37 717	54 207	26 012	37 466
Poultry and poultry products	2 198	76	40	2 122
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	17 475	2 187	846	15 288
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	5 644	46	4	5 598
Commercial fertilizer	250 580	3 405	(D)	247 174
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	466	13	2	453
Energy and petroleum products	6 263	316	(D)	5 947
Hired farm labor	6 232	52	13	6 180
Contract labor	85 682	1 414	186	84 268
Commercial fertilizer	3 703	87	36	3 616
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	3 354	244	116	3 110
Energy and petroleum products	4 756	102	39	4 654
Hired farm labor	9 524	169	18	9 355
Contract labor	4 049	88	39	3 961
Commercial fertilizer	2 810	103	14	2 707
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	7 251	105	41	7 146
Energy and petroleum products	15 542	323	79	15 219
Hired farm labor	3 866	80	27	3 786
Contract labor	21 635	771	243	20 864
Commercial fertilizer	445	4	1	441
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	659	24	(D)	634

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