

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

| | 1978 | 1974 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1954 | 1950 | 1945 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All farms..... number..... | 56 869 | 52 699 | 64 572 | 80 354 | 97 623 | 136 416 | 150 997 | 173 051 |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 9 965 481 | 9 678 307 | 10 649 862 | 12 001 860 | 13 125 802 | 14 685 964 | 15 572 295 | 16 358 072 |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 175 | 184 | 165 | 149 | 135 | 108 | 103 | 95 |
| Approximate land area..... acres..... | 25 464 320 | 25 459 520 | 25 459 520 | 25 496 320 | 25 496 320 | 25 531 520 | 21 531 520 | 25 535 360 |
| Proportion in farms..... percent..... | 39.1 | 38.0 | 41.8 | 47.1 | 51.5 | 57.5 | 61.0 | 64.1 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 163 918 | 102 388 | 47 191 | 27 572 | 18 635 | 11 369 | 8 458 | 5 021 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 930 | 558 | 286 | 183 | 139 | 106 | 82 | 53 |
| Farms by value of land and buildings: | | | | | | | | |
| \$1 to \$9,999..... | 2 092 | 5 105 | 15 186 | 29 460 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999..... | 4 248 | 7 093 | 15 094 | 21 330 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999..... | 8 912 | 11 670 | 16 109 | 16 151 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999..... | 11 227 | 10 177 | 8 491 | 7 103 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999..... | 7 190 | 5 099 | 3 409 | 2 553 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999..... | 6 649 | 4 691 | 2 534 | 1 775 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999..... | 4 460 | 2 559 | 1 252 | 807 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999..... | 8 474 | 4 561 | 1 959 | 939 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$500,000 or more..... | 3 618 | 1 744 | 538 | 236 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | | | | | |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 53 685 | 50 419 | 60 877 | 75 021 | 90 064 | 123 006 | 140 287 | 166 232 |
| acres..... | 4 782 000 | 4 432 097 | 4 600 549 | 4 009 873 | 4 427 081 | 4 831 236 | 5 789 152 | 5 791 379 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 49 549 | 46 485 | 54 192 | 71 748 | 85 955 | 114 707 | 128 747 | 160 243 |
| acres..... | 2 712 675 | 2 446 897 | 2 277 878 | 2 566 117 | 2 857 848 | 3 157 774 | 3 313 849 | 3 933 284 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 37 286 | 35 046 | 42 924 | 58 579 | 70 888 | 98 515 | 112 756 | 140 730 |
| 1 to 9 acres..... | 14 929 | 12 949 | 17 898 | 25 904 | 29 825 | 44 952 | 48 696 | 65 581 |
| 10 to 19 acres..... | 9 657 | 9 237 | 11 109 | 15 527 | 19 094 | 25 677 | 30 505 | 33 758 |
| 20 to 29 acres..... | 6 137 | 6 068 | 6 887 | 8 469 | 10 943 | 14 252 | 17 317 | 20 894 |
| 30 to 49 acres..... | 6 563 | 6 792 | 7 030 | 8 679 | 11 026 | 13 634 | 16 238 | 20 497 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 5 903 | 5 628 | 5 910 | 7 421 | 9 129 | 10 632 | 11 114 | 13 912 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 3 299 | 3 213 | 3 233 | 3 766 | 4 194 | 4 116 | 3 690 | 4 357 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 2 326 | 2 045 | 1 750 | 1 741 | 1 560 | 1 314 | 1 065 | 1 104 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 621 | 460 | 325 | 206 | 158 | 111 | 97 | 118 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 114 | 93 | 50 | 35 | 26 | 19 | 25 | 22 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 103 | 87 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 11 | 6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms..... | 28 822 | 29 256 | 36 325 | 25 053 | 33 061 | 45 534 | 67 183 | 50 126 |
| acres..... | 1 722 656 | 1 690 252 | 1 732 309 | 864 577 | 1 018 405 | 1 116 147 | 1 564 181 | 1 168 570 |
| Other cropland..... farms..... | 13 348 | 10 756 | 21 111 | 27 770 | 27 741 | 37 675 | 51 795 | (NA) |
| acres..... | 346 669 | 294 948 | 590 362 | 579 179 | 550 828 | 557 315 | 911 122 | 689 525 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 5 116 | (NA) | (NA) | 13 431 | 9 061 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 96 799 | (NA) | (NA) | 218 440 | 141 503 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 1 457 | (NA) | (NA) | 3 752 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 5 234 |
| acres..... | 20 534 | (NA) | (NA) | 45 504 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 46 861 |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms..... | 1 750 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 37 568 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland idle..... farms..... | 8 211 | (NA) | (NA) | 17 957 | (NA) | 30 069 | (NA) | 44 291 |
| acres..... | 191 768 | (NA) | (NA) | 315 235 | (NA) | 416 646 | (NA) | 642 664 |
| Total woodland..... farms..... | 37 380 | 35 407 | 45 486 | 61 401 | 75 121 | 98 703 | 111 068 | 127 251 |
| acres..... | 3 483 580 | 3 272 853 | 3 911 744 | 5 034 777 | 5 669 552 | 6 585 233 | 6 730 711 | 6 819 423 |
| Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 19 330 | (NA) | (NA) | 31 920 | 36 122 | 49 547 | 51 132 | 47 921 |
| acres..... | 1 007 172 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 142 915 | 1 153 352 | 1 553 438 | 1 355 977 | 1 176 756 |
| Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 26 791 | (NA) | (NA) | 46 880 | 60 093 | 75 496 | 91 110 | 111 700 |
| acres..... | 2 476 408 | (NA) | (NA) | 3 891 862 | 4 516 200 | 5 031 795 | 5 374 734 | 5 642 667 |
| Other land..... farms..... | 41 334 | 38 929 | 46 639 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres..... | 1 699 901 | 1 973 357 | 2 137 569 | 2 957 210 | 3 029 169 | 3 269 495 | 3 052 432 | 3 747 270 |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 12 004 | (NA) | (NA) | 45 860 | 52 656 | 69 212 | 63 581 | 93 904 |
| acres..... | 1 247 978 | (NA) | (NA) | 2 567 698 | 2 551 484 | 2 771 351 | 2 378 887 | 3 158 736 |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..... | 38 515 | (NA) | (NA) | 70 243 | (NA) | 122 805 | 133 904 | 153 285 |
| acres..... | 451 923 | (NA) | (NA) | 389 512 | 477 685 | 498 144 | 673 545 | 588 534 |
| Irrigated land..... farms..... | 2 892 | 1 965 | 2 078 | 4 452 | 1 996 | 763 | 71 | 31 |
| acres..... | 43 871 | 28 257 | 36 618 | 50 968 | 31 101 | 21 805 | 2 817 | 1 419 |

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..... | 38 424 | 31 697 | 31 091 | Land in farms according to use—Con. | | | |
| Land in farms..... acres..... | 8 616 176 | 7 883 643 | 7 925 545 | Total cropland—Con. | | | |
| Average size of farm..... acres..... | 224 | 249 | 255 | Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms..... | 1 028 | 712 | 853 |
| Value of land and buildings: ¹ | | | | acres..... | 15 581 | 14 084 | 16 793 |
| Average per farm..... dollars..... | 204 957 | 138 440 | 73 682 | Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms..... | 1 341 | 1 220 | 2 603 |
| Average per acre..... dollars..... | 912 | 557 | 289 | acres..... | 31 672 | 31 410 | 62 350 |
| Land in farms according to use: | | | | Cropland idle..... farms..... | 5 938 | 3 400 | 6 492 |
| Total cropland..... farms..... | 36 599 | 30 616 | 30 045 | acres..... | 148 191 | 98 488 | 180 174 |
| acres..... | 4 233 911 | 3 695 149 | 3 570 208 | Total woodland..... farms..... | 26 049 | 22 073 | 23 585 |
| Harvested cropland..... farms..... | 34 793 | 29 563 | 29 112 | acres..... | 2 879 847 | 2 562 594 | 2 798 171 |
| acres..... | 2 525 911 | 2 228 343 | 1 966 513 | Woodland pastured..... farms..... | 13 769 | 11 823 | 14 007 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | | | | acres..... | 824 564 | 730 764 | 878 318 |
| 1 to 49 acres..... | 22 897 | 18 406 | 18 292 | Woodland not pastured..... farms..... | 18 564 | 16 227 | 16 755 |
| 50 to 99 acres..... | 5 588 | 5 369 | 5 500 | acres..... | 2 055 283 | 1 831 830 | 1 919 853 |
| 100 to 199 acres..... | 3 261 | 3 204 | 3 212 | Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..... | 9 150 | 10 457 | 10 949 |
| 200 to 499 acres..... | 2 316 | 2 037 | 1 742 | acres..... | 1 144 662 | 1 245 834 | 1 199 557 |
| 500 to 999 acres..... | 619 | 456 | 317 | Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..... | 25 756 | 21 954 | 20 807 |
| 1,000 acres or more..... | 112 | 91 | 49 | acres..... | 357 756 | 380 066 | 357 609 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres..... | 101 | 86 | 43 | Pastureland, all types..... farms..... | 27 263 | 23 860 | 24 774 |
| 2,000 acres or more..... | 11 | 5 | 6 | acres..... | 3 399 784 | 3 219 276 | 3 263 202 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms..... | 19 465 | 16 466 | 17 414 | Irrigated land..... farms..... | 2 733 | 1 834 | 1 916 |
| acres..... | 1 430 558 | 1 242 678 | 1 185 327 | acres..... | 42 941 | 27 671 | 35 888 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..... | 3 940 | 3 591 | 6 733 | | | | |
| acres..... | 81 998 | 80 146 | 159 051 | | | | |

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