

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.