

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	37 730	29 410	34 033	45 574	51 577	65 175	69 820	79 887
Land in farms..... acres.....	17 002 288	16 661 902	17 559 187	19 052 538	18 716 972	17 641 429	17 369 245	16 719 870
Average size of farm..... acres.....	451	567	516	418	363	271	249	209
Approximate land area..... acres.....	42 606 080	42 605 248	42 605 248	42 693 760	42 693 760	42 743 040	42 743 040	42 865 280
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	39.9	39.1	41.2	44.6	43.8	41.3	40.6	39.0
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	314 296	198 154	115 487	64 304	47 590	31 018	21 057	11 268
Average per acre..... dollars.....	692	350	224	154	131	115	85	54
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	382	882	1 773	4 304	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	866	1 506	3 769	10 032	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	2 902	4 525	7 725	12 934	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	5 311	5 829	6 983	7 790	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	5 714	3 423	3 722	3 298	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	5 600	3 628	3 306	2 633	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	3 561	2 229	2 015	1 523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	7 833	5 090	3 758	2 560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	5 560	2 298	982	500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	33 845	27 581	31 389	41 515	47 163	58 475	63 934	72 677
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	8 410 749	7 945 063	8 229 748	8 061 098	7 910 109	7 693 274	7 720 502	7 132 379
Other cropland..... acres.....	5 073 078	4 946 306	4 366 906	4 423 400	4 412 466	4 342 833	4 236 705	4 290 008
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	17 241	13 608	14 614	23 004	28 670	37 150	43 533	54 891
1 to 9 acres.....	7 266	4 900	5 123	9 910	12 939	19 177	23 106	32 238
10 to 19 acres.....	4 452	3 547	3 934	5 853	7 101	8 343	9 863	10 734
20 to 29 acres.....	2 599	2 390	2 520	3 364	3 955	4 642	5 209	5 816
30 to 49 acres.....	2 924	2 771	3 037	3 877	4 675	4 988	5 355	6 103
50 to 99 acres.....	2 954	2 964	3 253	4 004	4 787	4 873	4 465	5 018
100 to 199 acres.....	2 408	2 423	2 788	3 070	3 144	2 952	2 692	2 905
200 to 499 acres.....	2 845	2 804	3 257	3 359	3 477	3 365	3 280	3 316
500 to 999 acres.....	1 727	1 787	1 762	1 684	1 582	1 481	1 505	1 528
1,000 acres or more.....	1 183	1 146	756	694	630	598	567	518
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	896	878	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	287	268	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	14 437	12 038	16 074	20 484	21 641	27 557	30 698	20 983
Other cropland..... acres.....	614 240	688 343	833 932	783 637	724 070	620 606	714 538	439 381
Other cropland..... farms.....	8 909	6 802	9 636	12 216	13 635	15 746	19 314	22 990
Other cropland..... acres.....	2 723 431	2 310 414	3 028 910	2 854 061	2 773 573	2 729 835	2 769 259	2 402 990
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 556	(NA)	(NA)	3 663	2 725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... acres.....	94 155	(NA)	(NA)	265 340	231 774	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	1 153	(NA)	(NA)	1 142	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1 548
Cropland on which all crops failed..... acres.....	45 638	(NA)	(NA)	29 900	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	26 326
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	4 597	(NA)	(NA)	6 798	7 681	8 939	10 274	(NA)
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... acres.....	2 275 400	(NA)	(NA)	2 350 667	2 326 748	2 465 390	2 425 594	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	4 586	(NA)	(NA)	4 616	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	12 536
Cropland idle..... acres.....	308 238	(NA)	(NA)	208 154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 376 664
Total woodland..... farms.....	10 715	7 553	9 924	16 817	20 832	27 207	31 129	33 641
Woodland pastured..... acres.....	2 683 874	2 733 151	3 108 035	3 750 130	3 958 426	3 709 784	3 292 019	2 335 216
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 296	(NA)	(NA)	10 969	12 849	16 991	19 940	23 330
Woodland pastured..... acres.....	2 212 170	(NA)	(NA)	3 051 561	3 104 726	2 887 649	2 432 934	1 861 550
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	6 006	(NA)	(NA)	8 651	11 635	14 066	15 973	15 060
Woodland not pastured..... acres.....	471 704	(NA)	(NA)	698 569	853 700	822 135	859 085	473 666
Other land..... farms.....	26 498	19 643	22 800	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land..... acres.....	5 907 665	5 983 688	6 221 404	7 241 310	6 848 437	6 238 371	6 356 724	7 252 275
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	8 257	(NA)	(NA)	14 499	15 999	18 928	16 956	30 201
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... acres.....	5 352 125	(NA)	(NA)	6 741 492	6 125 305	5 726 122	5 806 543	6 802 679
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	23 557	(NA)	(NA)	39 670	(NA)	57 721	61 268	71 006
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... acres.....	555 540	(NA)	(NA)	499 818	723 132	512 249	550 181	449 596
Irrigated land..... farms.....	16 750	13 183	14 074	16 488	19 292	18 844	16 928	15 974
Irrigated land..... acres.....	1 681 268	1 309 018	1 224 238	1 149 842	1 006 969	778 135	589 035	520 153

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.....	24 664	21 056	21 788	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	14 071 419	13 909 191	14 568 414	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	571	661	669	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	512	317	431
Value of land and buildings: ¹				Cropland on which all crops failed..... acres.....	38 002	32 745	35 022
Average per farm..... dollars.....	403 719	237 483	147 837	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	3 933	3 878	5 466
Average per acre..... dollars.....	701	360	221	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... acres.....	2 245 528	2 053 699	2 489 973
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	3 134	1 780	3 412
Total cropland..... farms.....	22 988	20 076	20 753	Cropland idle..... acres.....	267 529	151 036	329 245
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	8 086 852	7 698 578	7 866 756	Total woodland..... farms.....	5 518	4 473	5 219
Other cropland..... farms.....	20 682	18 926	19 306	Other woodland..... acres.....	1 031 355	1 122 145	1 400 204
Other cropland..... acres.....	4 967 952	4 862 628	4 245 112	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	3 299	2 732	3 532
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... acres.....	730 480	800 754	1 039 775
1 to 49 acres.....	9 835	8 009	7 892	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	3 212	2 517	2 664
50 to 99 acres.....	2 724	2 770	2 747	Woodland not pastured..... acres.....	300 875	321 391	360 429
100 to 199 acres.....	2 379	2 415	2 747	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	5 598	4 960	5 617
200 to 499 acres.....	2 836	2 801	3 252	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... acres.....	4 534 400	4 628 078	4 909 358
500 to 999 acres.....	1 725	1 785	1 760	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	14 978	12 714	13 097
1,000 acres or more.....	1 183	1 146	754	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... acres.....	418 812	460 390	392 096
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	896	878	611	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	13 888	11 519	13 444
2,000 acres or more.....	287	268	143	Pastureland, all types..... acres.....	5 742 847	5 986 128	6 609 745
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	8 601	7 362	9 135	Irrigated land..... farms.....	13 246	10 749	10 692
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... acres.....	477 967	557 296	660 612	Irrigated land..... acres.....	1 637 582	1 279 970	1 179 963
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	1 293	824	1 647				
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... acres.....	89 874	41 174	106 792				

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