

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974
All farms..... number.....	37 730	29 410	17 002 288	16 661 902	5 073 078	4 946 306	1 681 268	1 309 018
with harvested cropland.....	28 358	24 732	13 548 793	13 836 130	5 073 078	4 946 306	1 636 075	1 283 660
with irrigated land.....	16 750	13 183	6 707 807	5 806 711	2 053 211	1 704 343	1 681 268	1 309 018
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	5 952	3 330	26 923	15 642	10 267	8 496	10 388	7 588
with harvested cropland.....	2 998	2 343	15 202	11 675	10 267	8 496	8 488	6 450
with irrigated land.....	2 663	1 709	13 391	8 973	7 881	5 991	10 388	7 588
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	13 290	8 739	317 532	221 077	129 819	102 367	99 077	78 392
with harvested cropland.....	9 423	6 707	232 098	171 297	129 819	102 367	87 674	71 725
with irrigated land.....	6 217	4 447	142 204	107 664	80 068	66 295	99 077	78 392
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	2 174	1 932	125 879	112 490	52 416	50 032	37 039	34 026
with harvested cropland.....	1 756	1 612	101 697	93 781	52 416	50 032	33 554	31 543
with irrigated land.....	1 009	883	58 538	51 429	31 485	30 043	37 039	34 026
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	2 489	2 330	201 821	189 594	82 875	84 630	57 113	53 805
with harvested cropland.....	2 007	1 959	162 966	159 554	82 875	84 630	54 176	51 134
with irrigated land.....	1 087	1 026	88 603	83 654	50 364	49 087	57 113	53 805
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	2 480	1 822	279 019	210 935	98 603	91 750	64 996	55 972
with harvested cropland.....	1 676	1 577	194 037	183 126	98 603	91 750	61 962	54 412
with irrigated land.....	910	769	105 400	89 894	59 941	52 793	64 996	55 972
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	1 578	1 542	249 470	242 429	110 172	109 776	78 943	69 814
with harvested cropland.....	1 346	1 367	212 758	215 129	110 172	109 776	77 153	68 760
with irrigated land.....	774	724	122 337	113 875	73 852	66 801	78 943	69 814
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	1 020	994	200 853	195 339	90 221	87 733	65 631	54 499
with harvested cropland.....	913	884	179 867	173 823	90 221	87 733	64 179	53 193
with irrigated land.....	520	464	102 878	91 347	61 045	53 558	65 631	54 499
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	784	791	186 420	188 146	89 724	92 925	66 390	61 986
with harvested cropland.....	715	730	170 050	173 764	89 724	92 925	65 693	61 775
with irrigated land.....	431	404	102 632	96 122	64 001	60 908	66 390	61 986
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	2 589	2 502	934 436	903 397	456 996	453 082	282 392	247 985
with harvested cropland.....	2 388	2 334	863 600	842 850	456 996	453 082	279 415	245 820
with irrigated land.....	1 354	1 162	486 497	410 570	287 871	251 638	282 392	247 985
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	2 013	2 051	1 428 242	1 473 795	724 013	752 389	269 767	229 567
with harvested cropland.....	1 914	1 958	1 360 227	1 409 268	724 013	752 389	266 275	226 575
with irrigated land.....	745	680	510 791	467 906	286 223	253 151	269 767	229 567
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	1 673	1 720	2 348 338	2 400 730	1 100 271	1 109 721	223 293	146 619
with harvested cropland.....	1 623	1 674	2 280 320	2 339 293	1 100 271	1 109 721	220 321	146 444
with irrigated land.....	441	390	618 283	538 643	281 749	223 268	223 293	146 619
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	1 688	1 657	10 703 355	10 508 328	2 127 701	2 003 405	426 239	268 765
with harvested cropland.....	1 599	1 587	7 775 971	8 062 570	2 127 701	2 003 405	417 185	265 829
with irrigated land.....	599	525	4 356 613	3 746 634	768 731	590 810	426 239	268 765
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	467	(NA)	7 004 766	(NA)	832 397	(NA)	220 597	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	423	(NA)	4 215 424	(NA)	832 397	(NA)	213 024	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	217	(NA)	3 189 499	(NA)	398 456	(NA)	220 597	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators..... farms.....	37 730	29 410	34 033	632	459	27
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	17 002 288	16 661 902	17 559 187	2 268 593	102 701	9 556
Full owners..... farms.....	28 358	24 732	26 430	512	401	17
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	5 073 078	4 946 306	4 366 906	62 226	37 889	1 975
Part owners..... farms.....	25 391	18 965	22 445	400	285	23
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	5 348 817	5 178 848	4 718 953	2 147 467	37 490	5 501
Tenants..... farms.....	18 041	15 311	16 293	308	236	13
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	1 132 298	1 100 402	974 799	16 946	13 934	1 283
Part owners..... farms.....	9 156	7 807	8 560	152	121	3
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	9 584 143	9 689 863	10 695 453	88 649	53 079	3 255
Tenants..... farms.....	7 865	7 227	7 714	138	118	3
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	3 089 069	3 057 218	2 612 024	33 136	18 566	432
Other than family held:..... farms.....	3 183	2 638	3 028	80	53	1
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	2 069 328	1 793 191	2 144 781	32 477	12 132	800
Other than family held:..... farms.....	2 452	2 194	2 423	66	47	1
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	851 711	788 686	780 083	12 144	5 389	260
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	8.4	9.0	8.8	12.7	11.5	3.7
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	32 605	(NA)	(NA)	527	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... acres.....	9 070 892	(NA)	(NA)	125 439	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	3 364	(NA)	(NA)	57	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:..... acres.....	2 532 828	(NA)	(NA)	9 297	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	1 609	(NA)	(NA)	38	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... acres.....	3 061 988	(NA)	(NA)	23 876	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:..... farms.....	44	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders..... acres.....	122 371	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 401	(NA)	(NA)	38	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:..... acres.....	2 596 326	(NA)	(NA)	23 876	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	19	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	143 202	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:..... farms.....	145	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	200 089	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	152	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	2 336 580	(NA)	(NA)	2 109 981	(NA)	(NA)

Table 4. **Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.**

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group: ¹						
Under 25 years.....	556	383	349	11	4	—
25 to 34 years.....	5 101	2 713	3 234	44	19	1
35 to 44 years.....	8 666	5 282	7 020	112	62	8
45 to 54 years.....	9 954	7 767	9 879	176	137	6
55 to 64 years.....	8 397	7 643	8 921	179	143	8
65 years and over.....	5 056	4 585	4 630	110	94	4
Average age.....	49.3	51.7	50.8	52.3	54.6	51.2
Operators by place of residence: ¹						
On farm operated.....	30 568	21 428	27 314	463	321	25
Not on farm operated.....	4 916	3 421	3 910	99	72	2
Not reported.....	2 246	4 561	2 809	70	66	—
Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹						
None.....	13 566	10 018	(NA)	262	172	(NA)
Any.....	23 060	14 042	20 036	342	180	16
1 to 49 days.....	2 502	1 564	3 058	38	18	—
50 to 99 days.....	1 088	725	1 375	27	19	1
100 to 149 days.....	1 198	827	2 929	24	7	3
150 to 199 days.....	2 213	1 405	12 674	27	18	12
200 days or more.....	16 059	9 521	(NA)	226	118	(NA)
Not reporting.....	1 104	4 313	(NA)	28	107	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation: ¹						
Farming.....	17 897	16 546	(NA)	370	305	(NA)
Other.....	19 833	11 827	(NA)	262	154	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male..... farms.....	35 665	(NA)	(NA)	584	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	16 632 232	(NA)	(NA)	2 251 549	(NA)	(NA)
Female..... farms.....	2 065	(NA)	(NA)	48	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	370 056	(NA)	(NA)	17 044	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin..... farms.....	309	(NA)	(NA)	89	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	58 879	(NA)	(NA)	4 154	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. **Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family..... farms.....	20 634	374	18 461	332	19 111	13
acres.....	8 494 284	116 116	9 767 828	91 024	10 665 366	5 669
Partnership..... farms.....	2 368	52	1 594	37	2 006	2
acres.....	2 457 380	9 227	2 143 671	7 214	2 616 432	2 880
Corporations..... farms.....	1 569	37	950	(NA)	538	—
acres.....	3 053 937	(D)	1 920 776	(NA)	1 186 611	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	44	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	1 367	37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	2 588 583	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	17	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	141	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	199 838	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms.....	93	3	51	(NA)	133	—
acres.....	65 818	15	76 916	(NA)	100 005	—

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.