

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	20 532	16 909	23 142	34 504	44 011	68 583	81 434	97 600
Land in farms..... acres.....	3 867 996	3 496 606	4 340 554	5 278 592	6 062 594	7 351 874	8 214 626	8 719 579
Average size of farm..... acres.....	188	207	188	153	138	107	101	89
Approximate land area..... acres.....	15 405 440	15 404 544	15 404 544	15 410 560	15 410 560	15 411 200	15 411 200	15 417 600
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	25.1	22.7	28.2	34.3	39.3	47.7	53.3	56.6
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	112 830	62 094	25 450	13 882	10 230	7 248	5 983	3 494
Average per acre..... dollars.....	592	300	136	91	74	68	59	39
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	309	1 333	8 002	19 684	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	1 149	3 148	6 499	8 406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	3 857	4 975	5 064	4 249	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	5 470	3 554	2 071	1 343	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	3 033	1 336	604	376	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	2 641	1 073	462	256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	1 306	493	184	92	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	2 123	828	215	92	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	644	169	41	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	19 731	16 344	21 714	32 704	41 515	63 900	76 310	92 971
..... acres.....	1 514 371	1 329 192	1 553 500	1 226 949	551 447	1 819 081	2 353 681	1 973 071
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	18 568	14 899	19 145	31 296	39 380	60 477	71 152	90 964
..... acres.....	604 155	511 182	538 894	733 499	831 884	1 073 216	1 218 239	1 489 919
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	15 405	12 127	16 302	27 747	35 714	56 210	66 746	85 154
1 to 9 acres.....	4 347	3 297	5 941	12 388	16 733	30 268	35 108	47 499
10 to 19 acres.....	4 514	3 419	4 319	7 343	9 344	13 269	16 186	19 323
20 to 29 acres.....	3 274	2 635	3 071	4 184	5 166	6 945	8 451	9 870
30 to 49 acres.....	3 270	2 776	2 971	3 832	4 471	5 728	7 001	8 462
50 to 99 acres.....	2 171	1 854	1 958	2 477	2 662	3 173	3 412	4 582
100 to 199 acres.....	693	676	659	853	782	877	805	1 030
200 to 499 acres.....	265	209	210	200	203	195	168	173
500 to 999 acres.....	27	30	15	14	16	17	14	22
1,000 acres or more.....	7	3	1	5	3	5	7	3
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	6	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	1	-	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	12 323	10 985	14 316	9 599	15 067	18 004	28 553	13 574
..... acres.....	814 436	738 918	885 796	360 298	519 602	512 956	786 927	311 622
Other cropland..... farms.....	3 319	2 602	4 768	7 154	8 189	13 653	19 891	(NA)
..... acres.....	95 780	79 092	128 810	133 152	199 961	232 909	348 515	171 530
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	866	(NA)	(NA)	2 458	2 006	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	17 158	(NA)	(NA)	34 412	38 839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	334	(NA)	(NA)	758	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2 009
..... acres.....	3 747	(NA)	(NA)	8 527	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	14 912
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	5 475	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	2 169	(NA)	(NA)	4 836	(NA)	11 805	(NA)	11 146
..... acres.....	69 400	(NA)	(NA)	90 213	(NA)	197 924	(NA)	156 618
Total woodland..... farms.....	15 740	12 735	17 379	28 978	36 036	51 964	60 982	67 976
..... acres.....	1 554 353	1 346 696	1 662 849	2 285 105	2 603 990	3 038 583	3 196 915	3 226 476
Woodland ⁴ pastured..... farms.....	9 406	(NA)	(NA)	18 076	21 390	30 908	34 899	32 675
..... acres.....	574 345	(NA)	(NA)	910 094	1 016 773	1 275 397	1 206 421	1 099 848
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	10 487	(NA)	(NA)	18 192	23 775	31 676	40 661	49 308
..... acres.....	980 008	(NA)	(NA)	1 375 011	1 587 217	1 763 186	1 990 494	2 126 628
Other land..... farms.....	15 356	12 589	17 398	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	799 272	820 718	1 124 205	1 766 538	1 907 157	2 494 210	2 664 030	3 520 032
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	6 166	(NA)	(NA)	24 284	27 295	42 707	47 630	71 092
..... acres.....	626 387	(NA)	(NA)	1 604 857	1 686 036	2 276 493	2 325 744	3 243 927
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	13 761	(NA)	(NA)	31 468	(NA)	62 456	73 031	82 890
..... acres.....	172 885	(NA)	(NA)	161 319	221 121	217 717	338 286	276 105
Irrigated land..... farms.....	116	113	130	79	66	62	9	11
..... acres.....	1 236	1 513	3 166	2 420	1 115	1 381	40	42

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.....	9 554	6 099	6 664	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	2 555 376	2 067 066	2 312 703	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	267	339	347	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	143	125	127
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	2 071	3 005	1 989
Average per farm..... dollars.....	156 140	102 284	48 569	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	204	195	403
Average per acre..... dollars.....	578	302	140	..... acres.....	4 121	4 756	10 384
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	867	360	727
Total cropland..... farms.....	9 205	5 873	6 410	..... acres.....	34 568	12 359	29 633
..... acres.....	994 380	739 049	821 526	Total woodland..... farms.....	7 502	4 665	5 306
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	8 798	5 626	6 124	..... acres.....	963 005	787 757	853 551
..... acres.....	437 607	345 554	339 918	Woodland pastured..... farms.....	4 665	2 977	3 482
Farms by acres harvested:				..... acres.....	367 580	294 445	354 678
1 to 49 acres.....	6 044	3 259	3 658	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	5 020	3 051	3 349
50 to 99 acres.....	1 810	1 597	1 597	..... acres.....	595 425	493 312	498 873
100 to 199 acres.....	655	664	649	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	3 412	2 874	3 285
200 to 499 acres.....	256	206	205	..... acres.....	490 354	454 597	548 075
500 to 999 acres.....	26	29	14	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	6 356	4 138	4 430
1,000 acres or more.....	7	3	1	..... acres.....	107 637	85 663	89 551
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	6	3	1	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	8 499	5 550	6 073
2,000 acres or more.....	1	-	-	..... acres.....	1 363 234	1 108 188	1 328 797
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	5 655	3 497	3 916	Irrigated land..... farms.....	71	56	96
..... acres.....	505 300	359 146	426 044	..... acres.....	858	1 139	3 101
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	418	332	504				
..... acres.....	10 713	14 229	13 558				

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