

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 | 20 532 | 16 909 | 3 867 996 | 3 496 606 | 604 155 | 511 182 | 1 236 | 1 513 |
| with harvested cropland | 18 568 | 14 899 | 3 630 117 | 3 223 218 | 604 155 | 511 182 | 1 230 | 1 453 |
| with irrigated land | 116 | 113 | 24 919 | 27 209 | 4 570 | 4 694 | 1 236 | 1 513 |
| Farms by size: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 9 acres | 818 | 454 | 3 246 | 1 441 | 1 179 | 550 | 31 | 20 |
| with harvested cropland | 539 | 243 | 2 497 | 929 | 1 179 | 550 | 31 | 20 |
| with irrigated land | 25 | 16 | 68 | 49 | 42 | 20 | 31 | 20 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 3 152 | 2 160 | 98 019 | 68 287 | 27 680 | 17 870 | 195 | 81 |
| with harvested cropland | 2 703 | 1 791 | 85 523 | 57 224 | 27 680 | 17 870 | 195 | 81 |
| with irrigated land | 23 | 19 | 661 | 630 | 254 | 113 | 195 | 81 |
| 50 to 69 acres | 1 771 | 1 466 | 103 814 | 86 094 | 24 498 | 16 805 | 22 | 64 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 608 | 1 248 | 94 347 | 73 206 | 24 498 | 16 805 | 22 | 64 |
| with irrigated land | 7 | 10 | 410 | 596 | 67 | 77 | 22 | 64 |
| 70 to 99 acres | 2 518 | 2 229 | 210 866 | 186 432 | 43 097 | 32 515 | 39 | 191 |
| with harvested cropland | 2 325 | 1 936 | 194 875 | 162 133 | 43 097 | 32 515 | 33 | 171 |
| with irrigated land | 8 | 11 | 663 | 958 | 107 | 151 | 39 | 191 |
| 100 to 139 acres | 3 279 | 2 663 | 382 895 | 310 496 | 69 042 | 52 776 | 203 | 128 |
| with harvested cropland | 3 036 | 2 378 | 354 858 | 277 525 | 69 042 | 52 776 | 203 | 128 |
| with irrigated land | 17 | 15 | 1 968 | 1 793 | 360 | 420 | 203 | 128 |
| 140 to 179 acres | 2 267 | 1 902 | 357 710 | 299 707 | 54 215 | 46 116 | 51 | 79 |
| with harvested cropland | 2 022 | 1 703 | 319 732 | 267 776 | 54 215 | 46 116 | 51 | 79 |
| with irrigated land | 9 | 6 | 1 350 | 943 | 355 | 355 | 51 | 79 |
| 180 to 219 acres | 1 536 | 1 324 | 304 512 | 262 538 | 47 215 | 41 394 | 65 | 236 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 421 | 1 196 | 281 746 | 237 378 | 47 215 | 41 394 | 65 | 236 |
| with irrigated land | 7 | 11 | 1 412 | 2 173 | 220 | 279 | 65 | 236 |
| 220 to 259 acres | 1 144 | 976 | 272 945 | 232 602 | 41 424 | 34 413 | 25 | 52 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 097 | 904 | 261 733 | 215 520 | 41 424 | 34 413 | 25 | 52 |
| with irrigated land | 5 | 4 | 1 181 | 928 | 167 | 144 | 25 | 52 |
| 260 to 499 acres | 2 694 | 2 424 | 938 682 | 848 059 | 134 644 | 126 075 | 98 | 300 |
| with harvested cropland | 2 514 | 2 261 | 876 826 | 791 640 | 134 644 | 126 075 | 98 | 260 |
| with irrigated land | 7 | 13 | 2 171 | 4 968 | 441 | 986 | 98 | 300 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 1 050 | 972 | 700 525 | 650 023 | 97 642 | 86 796 | 84 | 105 |
| with harvested cropland | 1 009 | 916 | 674 932 | 613 579 | 97 642 | 86 796 | 84 | 105 |
| with irrigated land | 3 | 3 | 1 790 | 1 900 | 564 | 316 | 84 | 105 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 244 | 279 | 318 481 | 367 686 | 42 570 | 40 320 | 297 | (D) |
| with harvested cropland | 235 | 267 | 306 747 | 352 756 | 42 570 | 40 320 | 297 | (D) |
| with irrigated land | 3 | 1 | 3 951 | (D) | 991 | 415 | 297 | (D) |
| 2,000 acres or more | 59 | 60 | 176 301 | 183 241 | 20 949 | 15 552 | (D) | 256 |
| with harvested cropland | 59 | 56 | 176 301 | 173 552 | 20 949 | 15 552 | (D) | 256 |
| with irrigated land | 2 | 4 | (D) | (D) | (D) | 1 418 | (D) | 256 |
| 5,000 acres or more | 5 | (NA) | 30 664 | (NA) | 4 368 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| with harvested cropland | 5 | (NA) | 30 664 | (NA) | 4 368 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) |
| with irrigated land | 1 | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (D) | (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 | 20 532 | 16 909 | 23 142 | 65 | 33 | 45 |
| acres | 3 867 996 | 3 496 606 | 4 340 554 | 10 230 | 4 008 | 9 941 |
| Harvested cropland | 18 568 | 14 899 | 19 145 | 57 | 25 | 36 |
| acres | 604 155 | 511 182 | 538 894 | 1 507 | 479 | 875 |
| Full owners | 15 737 | 13 642 | 19 377 | 47 | 24 | 33 |
| acres | 2 539 047 | 2 455 391 | 3 192 012 | 8 121 | 2 202 | 3 233 |
| Harvested cropland | 14 158 | 11 860 | 15 697 | 41 | 18 | 24 |
| acres | 356 946 | 324 454 | 369 578 | 1 016 | 250 | 437 |
| Part owners | 3 681 | 2 611 | 2 971 | 12 | 4 | 12 |
| acres | 1 140 381 | 915 430 | 998 108 | 1 408 | 1 628 | 6 708 |
| Harvested cropland | 3 537 | 2 491 | 2 809 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| acres | 212 677 | 161 651 | 145 357 | 273 | 194 | 438 |
| Tenants | 1 114 | 656 | 794 | 6 | 5 | -- |
| acres | 188 568 | 125 785 | 150 434 | 701 | 178 | -- |
| Harvested cropland | 873 | 548 | 639 | 6 | 3 | -- |
| acres | 34 532 | 25 077 | 23 959 | 218 | 35 | -- |
| Percent of tenancy | 5.4 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 9.2 | 15.2 | -- |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | | | | |
| Individual or family | 19 005 | (NA) | (NA) | 60 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 3 385 823 | (NA) | (NA) | 9 871 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Partnership | 1 289 | (NA) | (NA) | 4 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 358 953 | (NA) | (NA) | 257 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corporations | 140 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 93 936 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| Family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 4 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 4 886 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 121 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 72 463 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other than family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 3 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 1 982 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 12 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 14 605 | (NA) | (NA) | -- | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 98 | (NA) | (NA) | 1 | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres | 29 284 | (NA) | (NA) | (D) | (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 | 271 | 204 | 255 | 1 | — | 2 |
| 25 to 34 years | 2 068 | 1 370 | 1 608 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 35 to 44 years | 3 955 | 2 740 | 3 597 | 21 | 4 | 6 |
| 45 to 54 years | 4 600 | 3 829 | 5 650 | 7 | 5 | 13 |
| 55 to 64 years | 4 779 | 4 334 | 6 393 | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| 65 years and over | 4 859 | 4 311 | 5 639 | 18 | 15 | 11 |
| Average age | 53.0 | 54.3 | 54.6 | 52.5 | 59.7 | 52.0 |
| Operators by place of residence: ¹ | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 15 568 | 11 745 | 17 070 | 35 | 15 | 25 |
| Not on farm operated | 2 762 | 2 124 | 3 281 | 19 | 9 | 14 |
| Not reported | 2 202 | 3 040 | 2 791 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹ | | | | | | |
| None | 6 618 | 5 068 | (NA) | 24 | 14 | (NA) |
| Any | 13 230 | 9 799 | 15 158 | 39 | 13 | 25 |
| 1 to 49 days | 1 108 | 959 | 1 857 | 15 | 1 | 2 |
| 50 to 99 days | 534 | 527 | 1 027 | 2 | — | 4 |
| 100 to 149 days | 563 | 543 | 2 207 | 1 | — | 2 |
| 150 to 199 days | 1 100 | 953 | 10 067 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| 200 days or more | 9 925 | 6 817 | (NA) | 20 | 9 | (NA) |
| Not reporting | 684 | 1 921 | (NA) | 2 | 6 | (NA) |
| Operators by principal occupation: ¹ | | | | | | |
| Farming | 7 656 | 7 496 | (NA) | 21 | 15 | (NA) |
| Other | 12 876 | 9 292 | (NA) | 44 | 18 | (NA) |
| Operators by sex: | | | | | | |
| Male | 18 975 farms | (NA) | (NA) | 46 | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 3 609 129 acres | (NA) | (NA) | 6 538 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Female | 1 557 farms | (NA) | (NA) | 19 | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 258 867 acres | (NA) | (NA) | 3 692 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators of Spanish origin | 65 farms | (NA) | (NA) | — | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 15 424 acres | (NA) | (NA) | — | (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 | 8 626 farms | 29 | 5 580 | 4 | 5 778 | 6 |
| | 2 168 411 acres | 7 294 | 1 811 444 | 1 560 | 1 924 278 | 1 836 |
| Partnership | 771 farms | 2 | 422 | — | 793 | 4 |
| | 284 512 acres | (D) | 194 246 | — | 334 357 | 4 989 |
| Corporations | 131 farms | — | 82 | (NA) | 69 | — |
| | 93 049 acres | — | 52 102 | (NA) | 44 577 | — |
| Family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 4 farms | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 4 886 acres | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 112 farms | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 71 576 acres | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other than family held: | | | | | | |
| More than 10 stockholders | 3 farms | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 1 982 acres | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or less stockholders | 12 farms | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| | 14 605 acres | — | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 26 farms | — | 15 | (NA) | 24 | — |
| | 9 404 acres | — | 9 274 | (NA) | 9 491 | — |

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.