

Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms irrigated in census year	116	113	130	71	56	96
Proportion of farms	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.4
Irrigated land	1 236	1 513	3 166	858	1 139	3 101
Average per farm	11	13	244	12	20	323
Irrigated farms by acres irrigated:						
1 to 9 acres	83	78	79	53	29	45
10 to 49 acres	205	(NA)	(NA)	126	79	161
50 to 99 acres	28	29	33	14	22	33
100 to 199 acres	559	(NA)	(NA)	310	564	689
200 to 499 acres	3	4	8	2	3	8
500 to 999 acres	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(D)
1,000 acres or more	2	2	8	2	2	8
Irrigated land use:	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(D)	1 106
Harvested cropland	103	(NA)	(NA)	67	56	91
Pastureland	1 041	(NA)	(NA)	833	1 139	2 651
Other land	7	(NA)	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)
Land in irrigated farms	124	(NA)	(NA)	-	-	378
Cropland	8	(NA)	(NA)	5	-	2
Harvested cropland	71	(NA)	(NA)	25	-	(D)
Land in irrigated farms	24 919	27 209	39 221	20 858	19 043	35 657
Cropland	7 051	(NA)	(NA)	5 569	6 054	12 956
Harvested cropland	4 570	4 694	8 254	3 941	3 542	7 918

Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Irrigated and Nonirrigated Farms: 1978

	All farms	Irrigated farms		Nonirrigated farms
		Any irrigated land	All harvested cropland irrigated	
Farms	20 532	116	52	20 416
Land in farms	3 867 996	24 919	4 263	3 843 077
Value of land and buildings: ¹				
Average per farm	112 830	182 322	97 894	112 445
Average per acre	592	950	1 695	590
Irrigated land	1 236	1 236	457	(X)
Land in farms according to use:				
Total cropland	19 731	116	52	19 615
Harvested cropland	1 514 371	7 051	933	1 507 320
Total pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	18 568	114	52	18 454
Land in farms according to use:	604 155	4 570	456	599 585
Land in farms according to use:	16 815	55	15	16 760
Land in farms according to use:	1 440 823	8 046	823	1 432 777
Inventory of livestock:				
Cattle and calves	16 237	47	13	16 190
Milk cows	456 925	3 279	544	453 646
Hogs and pigs	3 707	16	2	3 691
Sheep and lambs	37 180	339	(D)	36 841
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	3 318	14	3	3 304
Average per farm	54 816	1 795	28	53 021
Average per acre	2 383	7	1	2 376
Irrigated land	111 840	456	(D)	111 384
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment: ¹	20 490	113	52	20 377
Average per farm	\$1,000 259 199	2 509	980	256 690
Average per acre	12 650	22 201	18 841	12 597
Market value of agricultural products sold:				
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products	199 928	7 421	4 427	192 507
Livestock and livestock products	9 737	63 975	85 132	9 429
Poultry and poultry products	6 208	84	39	6 124
Other agricultural products	46 452	6 283	4 342	40 169
Market value of agricultural products sold:	16 391	48	13	16 343
Market value of agricultural products sold:	\$1,000 118 254	1 136	82	117 118
Market value of agricultural products sold:	1 309	6	3	1 303
Market value of agricultural products sold:	\$1,000 35 223	3	2	35 220
Selected farm production expenses: ¹				
Feed for livestock and poultry	14 887	32	7	14 855
Seed, bulbs, plants, and trees	\$1,000 42 049	210	14	41 838
Commercial fertilizer	8 279	70	37	8 209
Other agricultural chemicals, including lime	\$1,000 3 574	981	821	2 594
Energy and petroleum products	12 061	101	42	11 960
Hired farm labor	\$1,000 9 461	161	60	9 300
Contract labor	8 712	83	42	8 629
Contract labor	\$1,000 4 698	117	41	4 581
Contract labor	20 266	113	52	20 153
Contract labor	\$1,000 14 174	734	569	13 440
Contract labor	6 374	54	24	6 320
Contract labor	\$1,000 16 830	1 837	1 189	14 993
Contract labor	627	14	6	613
Contract labor	\$1,000 2 153	166	4	1 987

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