

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms..... number.....	89 945	89 479	98 973	118 816	131 215	153 558	168 561	177 745
Land in farms..... acres.....	18 106 245	17 624 826	18 109 273	20 377 572	21 156 223	22 507 288	23 221 095	23 615 031
Average size of farm..... acres.....	201	197	183	172	161	147	138	133
Approximate land area..... acres.....	34 858 240	34 857 728	34 857 728	35 011 200	35 011 200	35 011 200	35 011 200	35 017 600
Proportion in farms..... percent.....	51.9	50.6	52.0	58.2	60.4	64.3	66.3	67.4
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm..... dollars.....	171 616	85 560	42 448	26 765	21 309	14 789	12 203	8 069
Average per acre..... dollars.....	856	434	232	155	132	101	89	61
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	888	3 062	10 175	20 990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 043	7 430	21 453	36 980	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	7 770	19 625	33 631	39 350	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	15 385	23 262	20 248	15 533	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	12 369	13 235	6 543	3 368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	16 380	10 920	3 847	1 474	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	10 143	4 999	1 346	571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	19 476	6 014	1 440	498	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	4 485	932	290	52	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland..... farms.....	86 706	87 263	96 133	116 432	128 513	149 845	164 983	175 726
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	12 240 963	11 668 509	11 564 178	12 043 283	12 250 260	12 680 346	12 905 712	12 682 517
Other cropland..... farms.....	84 356	84 970	92 197	112 963	125 672	147 001	162 833	174 057
..... acres.....	9 965 480	9 340 375	8 133 848	9 038 263	9 599 094	9 849 700	10 112 027	10 544 975
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	26 358	25 974	33 404	39 166	42 514	58 631	71 503	78 300
1 to 9 acres.....	4 581	3 507	4 476	5 906	5 567	8 634	11 295	12 772
10 to 19 acres.....	5 513	4 674	6 612	6 401	6 454	8 435	10 727	11 438
20 to 29 acres.....	5 510	5 874	7 486	7 658	8 106	10 894	13 322	14 429
30 to 49 acres.....	10 754	11 919	14 830	19 201	22 387	30 668	36 159	39 661
50 to 99 acres.....	21 298	24 354	29 071	42 807	52 633	62 317	67 018	71 328
100 to 199 acres.....	23 579	23 607	22 959	26 098	26 434	23 214	21 960	22 335
200 to 499 acres.....	11 606	10 006	6 296	4 619	3 857	2 671	2 199	1 981
500 to 999 acres.....	1 264	835	389	227	198	134	130	96
1,000 acres or more.....	251	194	78	46	36	34	23	17
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	209	150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	42	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ² farms.....	42 527	48 668	59 295	69 878	83 983	96 791	98 722	89 826
..... acres.....	1 479 002	1 762 026	2 101 447	1 765 320	1 986 639	2 254 176	2 187 485	1 791 245
Other cropland..... farms.....	29 973	19 581	40 632	45 726	24 026	28 352	26 813	(NA)
..... acres.....	796 481	566 108	1 328 883	1 239 700	664 527	576 470	606 200	346 297
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	10 391	(NA)	(NA)	30 554	7 295	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	212 406	(NA)	(NA)	704 070	244 606	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	6 878	(NA)	(NA)	6 987	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8 299
..... acres.....	134 271	(NA)	(NA)	109 283	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68 948
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³ farms.....	2 191	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	61 690	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland idle..... farms.....	16 937	(NA)	(NA)	17 611	(NA)	18 689	(NA)	12 793
..... acres.....	388 114	(NA)	(NA)	426 347	(NA)	397 781	(NA)	277 349
Total woodland..... farms.....	57 024	56 779	67 279	85 479	95 656	109 055	121 393	113 901
..... acres.....	3 772 971	3 615 323	4 101 131	5 134 377	5 444 376	5 930 043	6 426 228	5 511 258
Woodland pastured..... farms.....	28 138	(NA)	(NA)	57 601	68 261	85 074	99 741	92 540
..... acres.....	1 464 843	(NA)	(NA)	2 802 455	3 114 850	3 816 102	4 423 919	3 975 720
Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	41 778	(NA)	(NA)	49 893	52 501	50 086	50 887	42 657
..... acres.....	2 308 128	(NA)	(NA)	2 331 922	2 329 526	2 113 941	2 002 309	1 535 538
Other land..... farms.....	69 991	72 207	80 795	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... acres.....	2 092 311	2 340 994	2 443 964	3 199 912	3 461 587	3 896 899	3 889 155	5 421 256
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	20 511	(NA)	(NA)	48 834	55 839	68 987	70 772	103 738
..... acres.....	975 142	(NA)	(NA)	1 845 103	1 983 687	2 445 331	2 431 918	3 953 838
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	66 324	(NA)	(NA)	115 802	(NA)	148 838	162 183	174 204
..... acres.....	1 117 169	(NA)	(NA)	1 354 809	1 477 900	1 451 568	1 457 237	1 467 418
Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 645	1 165	1 252	813	638	545	354	226
..... acres.....	234 557	127 881	105 526	62 302	31 862	18 199	9 781	4 569

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.....	76 293	74 852	76 935	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms..... acres.....	17 031 073	16 338 641	15 938 358	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm..... acres.....	223	218	207	Cropland on which all crops failed..... farms.....	5 777	6 729	4 177
Value of land and buildings: ¹				..... acres.....	118 447	169 174	81 981
Average per farm..... dollars.....	189 698	95 386	48 277	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow..... farms.....	1 888	1 917	4 068
Average per acre..... dollars.....	854	437	233	..... acres.....	57 310	55 832	120 194
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle..... farms.....	14 252	6 308	16 258
Total cropland..... farms.....	74 111	73 413	75 575	..... acres.....	322 322	156 718	469 048
Harvested cropland..... acres.....	11 753 986	11 037 933	10 474 982	Total woodland..... farms.....	49 526	48 239	54 280
..... acres.....	9 707 752	9 018 530	7 648 419	..... acres.....	3 362 020	3 201 095	3 442 588
Farms by acres harvested:				Woodland pastured..... farms.....	25 230	27 746	35 335
1 to 49 acres.....	15 811	14 786	17 953	..... acres.....	1 354 509	1 470 014	1 816 335
50 to 99 acres.....	20 574	23 185	26 895	Woodland not pastured..... farms.....	36 040	32 983	33 604
100 to 199 acres.....	23 519	23 562	22 867	..... acres.....	2 007 511	1 731 081	1 626 253
200 to 499 acres.....	11 593	9 995	6 283	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms.....	18 381	20 504	24 035
500 to 999 acres.....	1 257	827	376	..... acres.....	919 831	1 038 063	1 077 566
1,000 acres or more.....	249	192	76	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc..... farms.....	56 014	57 750	59 313
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	207	148	55	..... acres.....	995 236	1 061 550	943 222
2,000 acres or more.....	42	44	21	Pastureland, all types..... farms.....	54 843	58 080	65 765
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing..... farms.....	37 129	40 998	49 239	..... acres.....	3 631 389	4 043 059	4 726 481
..... acres.....	1 357 049	1 534 982	1 832 580	Irrigated land..... farms.....	1 510	1 052	1 034
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms.....	9 136	4 215	11 193	..... acres.....	233 434	126 924	100 413
..... acres.....	191 106	102 697	322 760				

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