

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

	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945
All farms.....	number..... 8 495	8 018	8 838	9 038	9 744	11 402	12 614	13 076
Land in farms.....	acres..... 33 718 235	34 271 918	35 476 374	37 052 632	36 199 666	34 989 064	34 420 892	33 116 554
Average size of farm.....	acres..... 3 969	4 274	4 014	4 100	3 715	3 069	2 729	2 533
Approximate land area.....	acres..... 62 210 560	62 212 224	62 212 224	62 256 640	62 343 040	62 403 840	62 403 840	62 403 840
Proportion in farms.....	percent..... 54.2	55.1	57.0	59.5	58.1	56.1	55.2	53.1
Value of land and buildings: ¹								
Average per farm.....	dollars..... 574 502	343 063	163 529	115 355	79 447	46 935	36 060	17 746
Average per acre.....	dollars..... 144	80	41	28	21	15	13	7
Farms by value of land and buildings:								
\$1 to \$9,999.....	57	235	526	793	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	214	304	697	924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	352	677	1 664	1 901	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$40,000 to \$69,999.....	748	999	1 709	1 895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$70,000 to \$99,999.....	668	766	994	1 017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	949	1 043	1 035	897	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	814	781	599	491	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	2 437	1 934	1 119	807	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500,000 or more.....	2 255	1 279	495	313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Land in farms according to use:								
Total cropland.....	farms..... 7 209	6 857	7 296	8 033	8 763	10 068	11 484	11 837
	acres..... 2 759 804	2 644 208	2 788 453	2 766 265	2 737 983	2 566 205	2 712 432	2 219 582
Harvested cropland.....	farms..... 6 644	6 347	6 747	7 624	8 338	9 352	10 960	11 551
	acres..... 1 806 794	1 680 679	1 685 597	1 702 311	1 679 024	1 556 022	1 900 646	1 843 413
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	1 283	1 137	1 163	1 413	1 535	2 148	2 339	2 630
1 to 9 acres.....	189	153	146	226	246	386	473	611
10 to 19 acres.....	304	236	245	288	299	402	411	439
20 to 29 acres.....	279	219	276	274	325	432	440	462
30 to 49 acres.....	511	529	496	625	665	928	1 015	1 118
50 to 99 acres.....	1 056	1 040	1 127	1 366	1 691	2 342	2 687	3 117
100 to 199 acres.....	1 437	1 567	1 769	2 216	2 521	2 650	3 210	3 224
200 to 499 acres.....	1 915	1 766	1 896	1 931	1 969	1 692	2 045	2 007
500 to 999 acres.....	680	588	579	518	449	373	512	413
1,000 acres or more.....	273	249	213	180	173	147	167	160
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	217	200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2,000 acres or more.....	56	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing ²	farms..... 2 839	3 086	3 697	3 069	3 279	4 072	3 215	2 507
	acres..... 472 912	560 425	600 508	567 223	587 980	445 442	405 052	111 778
Other cropland.....	farms..... 1 871	1 682	2 164	2 902	2 721	3 496	3 766	(NA)
	acres..... 480 098	403 104	502 348	496 731	470 979	564 741	406 734	264 391
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms..... 337	(NA)	(NA)	779	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 29 502	(NA)	(NA)	79 813	74 746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms..... 340	(NA)	(NA)	649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 35 510	(NA)	(NA)	38 672	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66 099
Cropland in cultivated summer fallow ³	farms..... 1 151	(NA)	(NA)	1 859	1 868	2 212	2 285	(NA)
	acres..... 349 198	(NA)	(NA)	321 892	314 457	350 021	282 569	2 208
Cropland idle.....	farms..... 634	(NA)	(NA)	818	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 65 888	(NA)	(NA)	56 354	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	198 292
Total woodland.....	farms..... 672	657	718	925	899	1 251	1 709	737
	acres..... 453 982	506 700	503 633	829 602	555 858	651 479	1 347 918	291 910
Woodland pastured.....	farms..... 573	(NA)	(NA)	853	811	1 121	1 505	657
	acres..... 395 236	(NA)	(NA)	581 108	535 442	622 434	1 275 367	281 246
Woodland not pastured.....	farms..... 140	(NA)	(NA)	128	129	177	302	104
	acres..... 58 746	(NA)	(NA)	248 494	20 416	29 045	72 551	10 664
Other land.....	farms..... 7 143	6 828	7 662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	acres..... 30 504 449	31 121 010	32 184 288	33 456 765	32 905 825	31 771 380	30 360 542	30 605 062
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms..... 5 062	(NA)	(NA)	7 106	7 784	8 650	9 527	11 238
	acres..... 30 174 668	(NA)	(NA)	32 937 231	32 362 801	31 383 179	29 844 743	30 246 212
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms..... 4 674	(NA)	(NA)	8 126	(NA)	10 579	11 666	12 134
	acres..... 329 781	(NA)	(NA)	519 534	538 024	388 201	515 799	358 850
Irrigated land.....	farms..... 5 189	4 738	5 034	5 923	6 412	7 130	7 831	7 793
	acres..... 1 685 215	1 459 900	1 523 422	1 571 192	1 469 911	1 262 632	1 431 767	1 353 873

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. ³Values 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..... 7 024	6 885	7 179	Land in farms according to use—Con.			
Land in farms.....	acres..... 29 546 833	30 376 010	30 886 452	Total cropland—Con.			
Average size of farm.....	acres..... 4 207	4 412	4 302	Cropland on which all crops failed.....	farms..... 296	297	301
Value of land and buildings: ¹					acres..... 33 812	26 291	31 425
Average per farm.....	dollars..... 631 468	364 542	184 711	Cropland in cultivated summer fallow.....	farms..... 1 099	1 084	1 340
Average per acre.....	dollars..... 150	83	43		acres..... 346 214	306 280	363 644
Land in farms according to use:				Cropland idle.....	farms..... 552	303	600
Total cropland.....	farms..... 6 152	6 008	6 308		acres..... 57 167	35 846	59 580
	acres..... 2 651 063	2 555 196	2 679 484	Total woodland.....	farms..... 594	576	629
Harvested cropland.....	farms..... 5 893	5 732	6 042		acres..... 434 003	497 906	466 606
	acres..... 1 770 880	1 654 395	1 657 032	Woodland pastured.....	farms..... 520	482	558
Farms by acres harvested:					acres..... 378 106	418 331	440 188
1 to 49 acres.....	724	643	640	Woodland not pastured.....	farms..... 108	133	103
50 to 99 acres.....	941	945	984		acres..... 55 897	79 575	26 418
100 to 199 acres.....	1 395	1 554	1 737	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....	farms..... 4 562	4 769	5 184
200 to 499 acres.....	1 883	1 755	1 891		acres..... 26 148 424	26 918 939	27 313 371
500 to 999 acres.....	678	588	578	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....	farms..... 3 839	4 206	4 297
1,000 acres or more.....	272	247	212		acres..... 313 343	403 969	426 991
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	216	199	156	Pastureland, all types.....	farms..... 5 842	5 975	6 369
2,000 acres or more.....	56	48	56		acres..... 26 945 250	27 840 922	28 292 063
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....	farms..... 2 183	2 515	3 051	Irrigated land.....	farms..... 4 471	4 195	4 464
	acres..... 418 720	503 652	538 504		acres..... 1 635 691	1 426 725	1 496 451
Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil- improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured.....	farms..... 305	167	266				
	acres..... 24 270	28 732	29 299				

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