

**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: <sup>1</sup>  |                       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 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     |
| Harvested cropland.....  | 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  |
| Other cropland.....  | farms..... 6 444      | 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      |
| 50 to 99 acres.....  | 189                   | 153        | 146        | 226        | 246        | 386        | 473        | 611        |
| 100 to 199 acres.....  | 304                   | 236        | 245        | 288        | 299        | 402        | 411        | 439        |
| 200 to 299 acres.....  | 279                   | 219        | 276        | 274        | 325        | 432        | 440        | 462        |
| 300 to 499 acres.....  | 511                   | 529        | 496        | 625        | 665        | 928        | 1 015      | 1 118      |
| 500 to 999 acres.....  | 1 056                 | 1 040      | 1 127      | 1 366      | 1 691      | 2 342      | 2 687      | 3 117      |
| 1,000 to 199,999.....  | 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 <sup>2</sup> .....   | farms..... 2 839      | 3 086      | 3 697      | 3 069      | 3 279      | 4 072      | 3 215      | 2 507      |
| Other cropland.....  | acres..... 472 912    | 560 425    | 600 508    | 567 223    | 587 980    | 445 442    | 405 052    | 111 778    |
|  | 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<br>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 <sup>3</sup> .....  | 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<br>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  |

<sup>1</sup>1978 and 1950 through 1964 data are based on a sample of farms. <sup>2</sup>Not fully comparable for various census years because of differences in cropland used only for pasture. <sup>3</sup>Values 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: <sup>1</sup>  |                       |            |            |   | 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     |
| Harvested cropland.....  | acres..... 2 651 063  | 2 555 196  | 2 679 484  | Total woodland.....   | farms..... 594        | 576        | 629        |
| Other 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<br>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      |
| Other cropland.....  | acres..... 418 720    | 503 652    | 538 504    |   | acres..... 1 635 691  | 1 426 725  | 1 496 451  |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-<br>improvement grasses, not harvested and not<br>pastured..... | farms..... 305        | 167        | 266        |   |                       |            |            |
|  | acres..... 24 270     | 28 732     | 29 299     |   |                       |            |            |

<sup>1</sup>1978 data are based on a sample of farms; see text.