

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	8 495	8 018	33 718 235	34 271 918	1 806 794	1 680 679	1 685 215	1 459 900
with harvested cropland	6 644	6 347	24 849 979	23 365 657	1 806 794	1 680 679	1 643 732	1 427 209
with irrigated land	5 189	4 738	18 480 195	17 129 395	1 301 167	1 216 350	1 685 215	1 459 900
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	575	391	1 219	765	116	110	186	323
with harvested cropland	35	35	188	151	116	110	120	102
with irrigated land	44	45	249	223	110	87	186	323
10 to 49 acres	634	403	16 753	11 584	7 017	5 238	8 461	6 029
with harvested cropland	408	275	11 736	8 377	7 017	5 238	7 297	5 062
with irrigated land	437	270	11 887	8 109	6 151	3 965	8 461	6 029
50 to 69 acres	167	165	9 806	9 586	4 491	3 789	4 891	4 164
with harvested cropland	125	112	7 352	6 497	4 491	3 789	4 339	3 204
with irrigated land	121	109	7 101	6 443	3 772	2 532	4 891	4 164
70 to 99 acres	363	278	29 539	22 660	13 696	9 513	15 883	10 311
with harvested cropland	310	216	25 193	17 671	13 696	9 513	14 563	9 044
with irrigated land	303	201	24 567	16 296	12 225	7 695	15 883	10 311
100 to 139 acres	328	292	38 026	34 094	17 255	15 470	19 256	15 380
with harvested cropland	252	244	29 367	28 686	17 255	15 470	17 344	14 784
with irrigated land	250	217	29 266	25 647	15 313	13 138	19 256	15 380
140 to 179 acres	408	421	64 269	66 707	27 698	30 650	30 775	30 146
with harvested cropland	342	367	53 911	58 215	27 698	30 650	29 171	28 621
with irrigated land	310	327	48 953	51 878	24 580	26 373	30 775	30 146
180 to 219 acres	238	217	46 768	42 607	21 903	17 447	21 916	16 394
with harvested cropland	209	185	41 089	36 325	21 903	17 447	21 666	15 563
with irrigated land	181	165	35 405	32 306	19 284	14 883	21 916	16 394
220 to 259 acres	257	254	61 076	60 381	26 389	28 087	29 724	28 983
with harvested cropland	224	225	53 210	53 433	26 389	28 087	29 307	27 957
with irrigated land	209	215	49 594	51 031	24 645	26 012	29 724	28 983
260 to 499 acres	1 105	1 092	402 167	398 303	164 803	158 728	174 646	155 794
with harvested cropland	945	987	346 170	360 668	164 803	158 728	168 721	153 175
with irrigated land	838	824	304 296	298 172	146 951	136 283	174 646	155 794
500 to 999 acres	1 033	987	739 662	707 111	222 788	198 096	221 086	184 468
with harvested cropland	901	869	645 410	619 244	222 788	198 096	218 568	182 676
with irrigated land	701	648	496 294	453 637	184 066	156 901	221 086	184 468
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1 003	911	1 415 595	1 299 038	285 582	237 186	228 659	162 462
with harvested cropland	886	791	1 252 895	1 130 706	285 582	237 186	226 343	161 238
with irrigated land	539	465	743 304	647 154	188 570	145 917	228 659	162 462
2,000 acres or more	2 384	2 607	30 893 355	31 619 082	1 015 056	976 365	929 732	845 446
with harvested cropland	2 007	2 041	22 383 458	21 045 684	1 015 056	976 365	906 293	825 783
with irrigated land	1 256	1 252	16 729 279	15 538 499	675 500	682 564	929 732	845 446
5,000 acres or more	1 354	(NA)	27 638 747	(NA)	693 833	(NA)	713 492	(NA)
with harvested cropland	1 107	(NA)	19 517 906	(NA)	693 833	(NA)	693 375	(NA)
with irrigated land	779	(NA)	15 202 106	(NA)	499 451	(NA)	713 492	(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	8 495	8 018	8 838	94	75	4
Harvested cropland	33 718 235	34 271 918	35 476 374	1 890 807	200 113	1 210
Full owners	6 644	6 347	6 747	82	68	2
Harvested cropland	1 806 794	1 680 679	1 685 597	24 986	15 327	501
Part owners	3 953	3 750	3 775	24	21	3
Harvested cropland	3 611 546	4 591 637	4 319 506	80 259	15 921	458
Tenants	2 849	2 819	2 681	20	19	1
Harvested cropland	467 931	492 097	401 326	1 991	3 937	456
Percent of tenancy	13.5	11.9	15.0	26.6	21.3	—
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family	6 764	(NA)	(NA)	75	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	13 869 342	(NA)	(NA)	58 582	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership	846	(NA)	(NA)	11	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	4 588 938	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations	768	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	11 264 608	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	24	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	963 941	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	701	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
Percent of tenancy	8 931 982	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	9	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders	681 964	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	34	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Percent of tenancy	686 721	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	117	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested cropland	3 995 347	(NA)	(NA)	1 807 531	(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	223	129	165	2	1	—
25 to 34 years	1 040	807	865	19	12	—
35 to 44 years	1 634	1 319	1 834	29	14	2
45 to 54 years	2 250	1 998	2 527	19	22	1
55 to 64 years	2 072	1 882	2 183	20	11	—
65 years and over	1 276	1 257	1 264	5	15	1
Average age	50.1	51.4	50.5	45.4	49.7	47.2
Operators by place of residence: ¹						
On farm operated	6 594	5 218	6 889	74	57	2
Not on farm operated	1 277	982	1 160	13	8	—
Not reported	624	1 818	789	7	10	2
Operators reporting days of work off farm: ¹						
None	4 004	3 117	(NA)	51	32	(NA)
Any	4 130	2 799	4 106	35	23	2
1 to 49 days	767	595	1 038	4	1	—
50 to 99 days	306	231	446	3	4	—
100 to 149 days	333	200	629	4	4	—
150 to 199 days	402	284	—	2	2	—
200 days or more	2 322	1 489	1 993	22	12	2
Not reporting	361	1 476	(NA)	8	20	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation: ¹						
Farming	5 385	5 371	(NA)	66	57	(NA)
Other	3 110	2 021	(NA)	28	18	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male	8 017 farms	(NA)	(NA)	89 farms	(NA)	(NA)
	32 275 acres	330 acres	(NA)	1 887 acres	201 acres	(NA)
Female	478 farms	(NA)	(NA)	5 farms	(NA)	(NA)
	1 442 acres	905 acres	(NA)	3 606 acres	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin	51 farms	(NA)	(NA)	18 farms	(NA)	(NA)
	251 acres	751 acres	(NA)	15 443 acres	(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, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family	5 456 farms	65 farms	5 709 farms	62 farms	5 827 farms	2 farms
	13 496 acres	537 acres	16 957 acres	200 acres	16 303 acres	559 acres (D)
Partnership	771 farms	10 farms	604 farms	9 farms	873 farms	— farms
	4 567 acres	839 acres (D)	3 175 acres	899 acres	43 072 acres	4 514 acres
Corporations	742 farms	4 farms	555 farms	(NA) farms	425 farms	— farms
	11 230 acres	285 acres (D)	10 014 acres	362 acres (NA)	9 886 acres	545 acres
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	24 farms	— farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms
	963 acres	941 acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres
10 or less stockholders	675 farms	4 farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms
	8 897 acres	659 acres (D)	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	9 farms	— farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms
	681 acres	964 acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres
10 or less stockholders	34 farms	— farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms	(NA) farms
	686 acres	721 acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres	(NA) acres
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	55 farms	— farms	17 farms	(NA) farms	54 farms	— farms
	252 acres	172 acres	228 acres	549 acres (NA)	181 acres	485 acres

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.