

**Table 4. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1982 and 1978**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1982	1978	1982	1978	1982	1978	1982	1978
Farms	27 111	26 907	33 537 998	35 253 411	6 036 679	5 844 805	3 200 942	3 430 860
with harvested cropland	20 061	21 217	26 581 165	27 895 346	6 036 679	5 844 805	3 105 246	3 326 251
with irrigated land	15 232	16 016	17 351 278	18 364 766	3 435 646	3 516 095	3 200 942	3 430 860
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	2 677	2 163	9 516	6 979	2 880	2 248	3 276	2 800
with harvested cropland	840	662	4 082	3 170	2 880	2 248	2 678	2 220
with irrigated land	880	722	4 510	3 643	2 588	2 090	3 276	2 800
10 to 49 acres	4 278	3 448	109 602	89 108	42 120	39 656	47 606	46 525
with harvested cropland	2 759	2 427	71 828	64 409	42 120	39 656	41 595	41 692
with irrigated land	2 817	2 516	71 509	65 748	36 735	36 022	47 606	46 525
50 to 69 acres	838	775	48 319	44 906	18 956	20 803	21 043	23 687
with harvested cropland	591	631	34 066	36 494	18 956	20 803	18 753	21 865
with irrigated land	575	619	33 210	35 942	16 300	18 674	21 043	23 687
70 to 99 acres	1 459	1 416	117 667	114 833	50 870	55 448	54 356	61 789
with harvested cropland	1 122	1 191	90 678	96 509	50 870	55 448	51 233	58 691
with irrigated land	1 052	1 129	85 033	91 655	45 043	50 649	54 356	61 789
100 to 139 acres	1 116	1 062	130 092	124 059	53 418	56 329	57 025	59 903
with harvested cropland	831	861	97 342	101 078	53 418	56 329	54 405	57 239
with irrigated land	786	807	91 971	94 666	48 674	50 924	57 025	59 903
140 to 179 acres	1 749	1 898	276 674	299 828	126 054	145 898	110 636	134 365
with harvested cropland	1 394	1 607	220 377	253 874	126 054	145 898	105 978	131 533
with irrigated land	1 113	1 284	175 805	202 415	99 507	120 766	110 636	134 365
180 to 219 acres	754	821	148 593	162 187	67 185	77 727	64 249	80 453
with harvested cropland	606	689	119 510	136 038	67 185	77 727	62 496	77 471
with irrigated land	525	629	103 740	124 089	58 633	71 202	64 249	80 453
220 to 259 acres	752	820	178 442	209 455	81 298	105 263	77 718	103 029
with harvested cropland	631	767	149 748	182 414	81 298	105 263	76 105	100 839
with irrigated land	536	673	126 987	159 783	71 019	94 291	77 718	103 029
260 to 499 acres	3 390	3 730	1 241 344	1 361 097	526 334	582 499	436 161	501 140
with harvested cropland	2 783	3 179	1 020 494	1 162 522	526 334	582 499	427 989	491 256
with irrigated land	2 036	2 374	740 457	861 609	409 171	462 693	436 161	501 140
500 to 999 acres	3 337	3 494	2 399 253	2 519 923	867 109	844 670	566 959	574 768
with harvested cropland	2 811	3 016	2 027 580	2 179 061	867 109	844 670	557 324	561 493
with irrigated land	1 776	1 855	1 255 268	1 316 040	569 219	551 180	566 959	574 768
1,000 to 1,999 acres	2 914	3 214	4 127 214	4 568 192	1 209 770	1 259 266	550 245	586 447
with harvested cropland	2 517	2 868	3 567 901	4 092 408	1 209 770	1 259 266	541 719	577 996
with irrigated land	1 320	1 478	1 837 679	2 078 600	623 411	639 291	550 245	586 447
2,000 acres or more	3 847	4 006	24 751 282	25 752 844	2 990 685	2 654 998	1 211 668	1 255 954
with harvested cropland	3 176	3 319	19 177 559	19 587 369	2 990 685	2 654 998	1 164 971	1 203 956
with irrigated land	1 816	1 930	12 825 109	13 330 576	1 455 346	1 418 313	1 211 668	1 255 954
5,000 acres or more	1 337	1 325	17 064 014	17 560 100	1 283 577	1 063 547	600 663	584 541
with harvested cropland	1 017	1 004	12 577 901	12 509 227	1 283 577	1 063 547	568 947	548 762
with irrigated land	684	681	9 373 043	9 484 614	674 739	638 984	600 663	584 541

**Table 5. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1982, 1978, and 1974**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races <sup>1</sup>		
	1982	1978	1974	1982	1978	1974
Tenure of operator:						
All operators	27 111	26 907	25 501	518	595	238
Harvested cropland	33 537 998	35 253 411	35 902 165	1 030 402	1 142 088	128 681
farms	20 061	21 217	21 049	370	404	200
acres	6 036 679	5 844 805	5 956 865	56 283	81 128	42 291
Full owners	15 041	14 037	13 269	317	321	144
Harvested cropland	9 749 898	8 977 517	10 053 318	918 087	954 145	60 483
farms	10 245	10 176	10 229	210	223	109
acres	1 741 913	1 537 315	1 638 824	17 229	29 861	15 247
Part owners	8 420	8 856	8 467	138	142	59
Harvested cropland	20 748 691	22 680 953	22 527 586	94 663	146 134	60 138
farms	7 121	7 795	7 672	115	122	57
acres	3 520 542	3 454 976	3 522 164	30 608	37 352	21 124
Tenants	3 650	4 014	3 765	63	72	35
Harvested cropland	3 039 409	3 594 941	3 321 261	17 652	41 809	8 260
farms	2 695	3 246	3 148	45	59	34
acres	774 224	852 514	795 877	8 446	13 915	5 920
Percent of tenancy	13.5	14.9	14.8	12.2	13.5	14.7
Operator characteristics:						
Operators by place of residence <sup>2</sup> :						
On farm operated	19 663	19 415	16 413	359	361	146
Not on farm operated	5 076	5 222	4 335	106	113	52
Not reported	2 372	2 270	4 753	53	61	40
Operators by principal occupation <sup>2</sup> :						
Farming	16 336	16 585	17 072	259	298	185
Other	10 775	10 322	7 358	259	237	53
Operators by days of work off farm <sup>2</sup> :						
None	10 694	11 864	9 568	182	219	78
Any	14 050	13 708	10 034	291	284	108
1 to 49 days	2 184	2 652	1 877	41	47	24
50 to 99 days	958	977	765	22	16	8
100 to 149 days	989	1 042	777	28	18	17
150 to 199 days	1 523	1 420	1 136	38	43	8
200 days or more	8 396	7 617	5 479	162	160	51
Not reported	2 367	1 335	4 828	45	32	52

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1982, 1978, and 1974—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races <sup>1</sup>		
	1982	1978	1974	1982	1978	1974
<b>Operator characteristics—Con.</b>						
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less .....	1 832	(NA)	(NA)	32	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years .....	2 767	(NA)	(NA)	53	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years .....	4 952	(NA)	(NA)	88	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more .....	13 096	(NA)	(NA)	214	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on present farm .....	16.5	(NA)	(NA)	14.7	(NA)	(NA)
Not reported .....	4 462	(NA)	(NA)	131	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group<sup>2</sup>:</b>						
Under 25 years .....	661	847	625	12	12	3
25 to 34 years .....	3 573	3 442	2 560	78	49	14
35 to 44 years .....	5 455	5 390	4 389	99	123	37
45 to 54 years .....	6 290	6 480	6 465	137	146	101
55 to 64 years .....	6 460	6 536	6 285	135	134	61
65 years and over .....	4 672	4 212	4 106	57	71	22
Average age .....	50.4	49.9	51.2	49.0	50.2	51.7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male .....	25 608	25 655	(NA)	495	510	(NA)
farms .....	32 389 016	34 130 972	(NA)	1 023 774	1 128 784	(NA)
acres .....	1 503	1 252	(NA)	23	25	(NA)
Female .....	1 148 982	1 122 439	(NA)	6 628	13 304	(NA)
farms .....	632	651	(NA)	194	177	(NA)
acres .....	385 076	951 068	(NA)	43 995	633 713	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family .....	22 589	22 273	(NA)	413	428	(NA)
farms .....	20 559 116	21 924 770	(NA)	122 345	186 086	(NA)
acres .....	2 938	3 131	(NA)	59	64	(NA)
Partnership .....	5 729 564	6 089 468	(NA)	17 637	54 044	(NA)
farms .....	1 356	1 314	(NA)	36	41	(NA)
acres .....	5 539 471	5 498 242	(NA)	38 792	(D)	(NA)
Corporation .....	42	33	(NA)	1	1	(NA)
farms .....	214 646	321 550	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
acres .....	1 147	1 140	(NA)	34	39	(NA)
Family held:	4 685 492	4 380 526	(NA)	(D)	48 003	(NA)
More than 10 stockholders .....	20	24	(NA)	—	—	(NA)
farms .....	159 326	279 826	(NA)	—	—	(NA)
acres .....	147	117	(NA)	1	1	(NA)
10 or less stockholders .....	480 007	516 340	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Other than family held:	228	189	(NA)	10	2	(NA)
farms .....	1 709 847	1 740 931	(NA)	851 628	(D)	(NA)
acres .....						

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.

<sup>2</sup>1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

**Table 6. Selected Characteristics of Farms Operated by Females, Persons of Spanish Origin, and Specified Racial Groups: 1982 and 1978**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	Female	Spanish origin	Black and other races				
			Total	Black	American Indian	Asian	Other (see text)
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	1 503	632	518	41	92	103	282
number, 1982 .....	1 252	651	535	35	90	140	270
number, 1978 .....	1 148 982	385 076	1 030 402	11 804	890 807	38 103	89 688
Land in farms .....	1 122 439	951 068	1 142 088	14 014	365 314	60 521	702 239
acres, 1982 .....	853	463	370	24	53	94	199
acres, 1978 .....	832	469	404	18	60	130	196
Harvested cropland .....	135 791	53 356	56 283	1 526	8 514	29 539	16 704
acres, 1982 .....	128 804	50 978	81 128	3 216	13 974	43 159	20 779
acres, 1978 .....							
<b>1982 FARMS BY SIZE</b>							
1 to 9 acres .....	257	51	52	7	11	9	25
10 to 49 acres .....	318	129	109	9	22	10	68
50 to 139 acres .....	186	125	110	8	17	19	66
140 to 219 acres .....	143	76	65	4	11	13	37
220 to 499 acres .....	229	106	95	5	12	29	49
500 acres or more .....	370	145	87	8	19	23	37
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>							
Full owners .....	1 112	413	317	33	60	43	181
farms, 1982 .....	(NA)	428	321	22	56	62	181
acres, 1982 .....	508 549	142 453	918 087	7 716	873 750	6 254	30 367
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	692 250	954 145	9 324	323 208	18 748	602 865
Part owners .....	254	162	138	6	18	42	72
farms, 1982 .....	(NA)	164	142	7	24	48	63
acres, 1982 .....	588 650	177 006	94 663	(D)	10 821	26 190	(D)
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	298 535	146 134	2 350	20 163	30 002	93 619
Tenants .....	137	57	63	2	14	18	29
farms, 1982 .....	(NA)	59	72	6	10	30	26
acres, 1982 .....	51 783	65 617	17 652	(D)	6 236	5 659	(D)
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	20 283	41 809	2 340	21 943	11 771	5 755