

**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	2 240 976	2 257 775	986 796 579	1 014 777 234	326 306 462	317 145 955	49 002 433	50 349 906
with harvested cropland	1 809 756	1 904 602	789 600 979	809 763 384	326 306 462	317 145 955	48 048 440	49 080 497
with irrigated land	278 277	280 779	246 603 071	251 648 772	70 846 456	67 888 524	49 002 433	50 349 906
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	187 665	151 233	728 391	554 891	271 293	232 884	116 432	94 088
with harvested cropland	89 327	75 658	409 113	339 962	271 293	232 884	97 584	80 223
with irrigated land	36 205	28 289	165 927	129 709	97 406	80 149	116 432	94 088
10 to 49 acres	449 252	391 554	12 095 265	10 948 637	4 476 554	4 490 765	972 694	999 972
with harvested cropland	311 445	296 039	8 620 549	8 435 803	4 476 554	4 490 765	871 579	901 732
with irrigated land	64 081	60 559	1 540 638	1 501 136	877 305	892 355	972 694	999 972
50 to 69 acres	142 545	141 778	8 286 437	8 257 019	2 976 699	3 118 091	403 330	427 703
with harvested cropland	111 406	115 700	6 489 534	6 748 498	2 976 699	3 118 091	375 767	397 728
with irrigated land	12 076	12 544	698 852	726 830	396 058	412 825	403 330	427 703
70 to 99 acres	201 230	213 977	16 550 846	17 608 127	6 509 546	7 052 685	714 892	805 219
with harvested cropland	166 550	182 120	13 713 416	14 998 600	6 509 546	7 052 685	680 276	763 787
with irrigated land	15 346	16 832	1 254 417	1 377 219	714 171	791 327	714 892	805 219
100 to 139 acres	195 336	209 765	22 730 777	24 445 359	8 952 510	9 684 543	824 666	904 320
with harvested cropland	164 804	181 705	19 210 906	21 209 217	8 952 510	9 684 543	794 123	859 133
with irrigated land	13 356	14 409	1 552 169	1 677 112	879 510	935 260	824 666	904 320
140 to 179 acres	172 541	193 527	27 203 904	30 529 586	12 204 934	13 624 094	1 179 906	1 352 623
with harvested cropland	150 241	172 428	23 695 732	27 208 127	12 204 934	13 624 094	1 141 313	1 310 554
with irrigated land	13 600	15 431	2 144 290	2 432 966	1 277 869	1 435 124	1 179 906	1 352 623
180 to 219 acres	114 392	125 789	22 614 564	24 869 432	10 237 665	11 177 968	854 120	968 969
with harvested cropland	101 373	113 695	20 044 505	22 484 435	10 237 665	11 177 968	833 881	941 083
with irrigated land	8 477	9 569	1 675 746	1 892 979	988 171	1 090 732	854 120	968 969
220 to 259 acres	97 093	108 065	23 103 089	25 707 629	11 491 919	12 552 896	985 001	1 093 873
with harvested cropland	88 326	99 509	21 019 717	23 672 402	11 491 919	12 552 896	967 634	1 073 005
with irrigated land	8 025	8 993	1 909 919	2 139 543	1 171 964	1 266 887	985 001	1 093 873
260 to 499 acres	315 025	347 777	113 073 882	124 642 460	60 480 234	64 508 416	5 822 167	6 376 153
with harvested cropland	291 167	324 362	104 706 544	116 397 257	60 480 234	64 508 416	5 748 904	6 272 010
with irrigated land	32 615	36 663	11 957 078	13 428 526	7 498 336	8 015 122	5 822 167	6 376 153
500 to 999 acres	203 925	213 209	140 550 269	146 697 837	77 556 520	75 170 339	9 405 023	9 616 030
with harvested cropland	190 813	200 039	131 557 755	137 679 087	77 556 520	75 170 339	9 318 169	9 490 541
with irrigated land	32 087	33 999	22 675 656	23 971 141	13 873 410	13 640 997	9 405 023	9 616 030
1,000 to 1,999 acres	97 395	97 800	132 440 136	133 085 648	64 507 620	58 213 940	10 060 116	10 027 646
with harvested cropland	90 269	90 957	122 660 705	123 696 482	64 507 620	58 213 940	9 975 030	9 912 026
with irrigated land	21 953	22 633	30 407 462	31 311 134	16 275 046	15 262 751	10 060 116	10 027 646
2,000 acres or more	64 577	63 301	467 464 019	467 430 609	66 640 968	57 319 934	17 664 086	17 683 310
with harvested cropland	54 035	52 390	317 472 503	306 893 514	66 640 968	57 319 934	17 244 180	17 079 075
with irrigated land	20 456	20 858	170 620 917	171 060 477	26 797 210	24 064 995	17 664 086	17 683 310
5,000 acres or more	19 456	19 611	335 059 655	338 984 182	21 881 303	19 283 204	8 526 604	8 777 868
with harvested cropland	13 822	13 790	200 058 313	194 061 704	21 881 303	19 283 204	8 212 912	8 553 544
with irrigated land	6 977	7 239	130 329 809	130 217 022	11 431 706	10 300 544	8 526 604	8 777 868

**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	2 240 976	2 257 775	2 314 013	54 367	57 988	59 371
acres	986 796 579	1 014 777 234	1 017 030 357	52 910 625	53 624 951	8 944 660
Harvested cropland	1 809 756	1 904 602	1 954 700	40 294	45 891	48 919
acres	326 306 462	317 145 955	303 001 943	2 861 357	3 102 963	2 340 928
Full owners	1 325 773	1 297 902	1 423 953	33 965	34 150	38 781
acres	342 448 434	331 920 878	359 375 934	42 175 419	42 924 391	3 872 510
with harvested cropland	985 976	1 021 644	1 136 593	23 243	25 161	30 476
acres	86 861 630	80 640 428	89 205 543	986 361	931 890	791 635
Part owners	656 249	681 112	628 224	13 093	15 026	12 316
acres	530 703 476	561 138 719	535 300 914	9 350 636	8 539 689	3 538 803
with harvested cropland	603 083	637 146	586 236	11 164	13 307	11 238
acres	193 219 488	187 442 844	168 303 308	1 407 216	1 579 289	1 123 743
Tenants	258 954	278 761	261 836	7 309	8 812	8 274
acres	113 644 669	121 717 637	122 353 509	1 384 370	2 160 871	1 533 347
with harvested cropland	220 697	245 812	229 869	5 887	7 423	7 205
acres	46 225 344	49 062 683	45 493 092	467 780	591 784	425 550
Percent of tenancy	11.6	12.3	11.3	13.4	15.2	13.9
Operator characteristics:						
Operators by place of residence <sup>2</sup> :						
On farm operated	1 581 101	1 585 704	1 502 488	31 597	33 906	33 982
Not on farm operated	429 322	421 790	371 833	14 132	13 749	10 928
Not reported	230 553	250 281	439 692	8 638	10 333	14 461
Operators by principal occupation <sup>2</sup> :						
Farming	1 234 787	1 269 305	1 427 368	26 387	30 054	36 936
Other	1 006 189	988 470	851 902	27 980	27 934	22 435
Operators by days of work off farm <sup>2</sup> :						
None	861 798	942 803	829 843	19 077	22 388	21 734
Any	1 187 374	1 203 286	1 011 476	29 487	31 403	25 950
1 to 49 days	156 421	181 471	134 205	3 458	4 500	3 838
50 to 99 days	67 312	71 000	62 716	2 327	2 711	2 555
100 to 149 days	74 300	72 852	61 615	2 519	2 597	2 231
150 to 199 days	114 497	107 918	94 969	3 427	3 663	3 276
200 days or more	774 844	770 045	657 971	17 756	17 932	14 050
Not reported	191 804	111 686	437 951	5 803	4 197	11 687

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 .....	127 176	(NA)	(NA)	3 350	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 years .....	192 714	(NA)	(NA)	4 399	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 years .....	360 458	(NA)	(NA)	7 035	(NA)	(NA)
10 years or more .....	1 097 660	(NA)	(NA)	20 150	(NA)	(NA)
Average years on present farm .....	17.3	(NA)	(NA)	16.6	(NA)	(NA)
Not reported .....	462 968	(NA)	(NA)	19 433	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group<sup>2</sup>:</b>						
Under 25 years .....	62 336	66 575	52 418	629	787	771
25 to 34 years .....	293 810	285 420	239 674	4 713	4 912	3 330
35 to 44 years .....	443 420	433 900	400 059	8 786	8 754	7 064
45 to 54 years .....	505 412	549 159	577 064	11 636	12 953	13 635
55 to 64 years .....	536 402	552 175	588 584	14 292	15 880	17 262
65 years and over .....	399 596	370 546	421 471	14 311	14 702	17 309
Average age .....	50.5	50.3	51.7	54.6	54.3	56.3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male .....	2 119 377	2 144 976	(NA)	49 348	52 425	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	951 437 904	979 434 374	(NA)	52 149 157	52 823 823	(NA)
Female .....	121 599	112 799	(NA)	5 019	5 563	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	35 358 675	35 342 860	(NA)	761 468	801 128	(NA)
<b>Operators of Spanish origin .....</b>						
farms .....	16 183	17 572	(NA)	4 239	3 576	(NA)
acres .....	8 872 066	11 426 343	(NA)	1 265 780	1 874 214	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family .....	1 945 639	1 965 860	(NA)	47 919	51 249	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	642 380 423	673 187 925	(NA)	7 550 982	8 445 504	(NA)
Partnership .....	223 274	232 538	(NA)	4 224	4 785	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	151 860 157	158 078 005	(NA)	1 180 719	1 278 489	(NA)
Corporation .....	59 792	50 231	(NA)	1 387	1 380	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	127 308 766	120 120 499	(NA)	1 028 877	1 071 340	(NA)
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders .....	1 810	1 275	(NA)	42	32	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	12 193 725	11 068 495	(NA)	89 857	155 217	(NA)
10 or less stockholders .....	50 842	43 138	(NA)	1 126	1 205	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	100 664 435	92 933 845	(NA)	591 933	704 225	(NA)
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders .....	1 143	1 130	(NA)	34	30	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	5 979 237	5 537 275	(NA)	278 555	135 872	(NA)
10 or less stockholders .....	5 997	4 688	(NA)	185	113	(NA)
farms .....			(NA)			(NA)
acres .....	8 471 369	10 580 884	(NA)	68 532	76 026	(NA)
<b>Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....</b>						
farms .....	12 271	9 146	(NA)	837	574	(NA)
acres .....	65 247 233	63 390 805	(NA)	43 150 047	42 829 618	(NA)

<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 .....	121 599	16 183	54 367	33 250	7 211	8 000	5 906
number, 1982 .....							
number, 1978 .....	112 799	17 572	57 988	37 351	6 899	7 942	5 806
Land in farms .....	35 358 675	8 872 066	52 910 625	3 474 573	46 151 992	1 378 641	1 905 419
acres, 1982 .....							
acres, 1978 .....	35 342 860	11 426 343	53 624 951	4 112 400	45 399 285	1 248 382	2 864 884
Harvested cropland .....	82 052	10 564	40 294	24 495	4 727	7 112	3 960
farms, 1982 .....							
farms, 1978 .....	83 174	12 703	45 891	29 822	4 868	7 119	4 282
acres, 1982 .....	6 113 289	1 266 975	2 861 357	1 251 468	705 378	580 439	324 072
acres, 1978 .....	6 086 298	1 731 407	3 102 963	1 400 533	623 898	618 640	459 892
<b>1982 FARMS BY SIZE</b>							
1 to 9 acres .....	17 671	2 754	9 443	4 291	778	3 252	1 122
10 to 49 acres .....	32 979	4 549	18 410	12 068	1 879	2 572	1 891
50 to 139 acres .....	32 944	3 051	14 276	10 563	1 595	1 020	1 098
140 to 219 acres .....	13 984	1 408	4 662	3 037	786	332	507
220 to 499 acres .....	14 129	1 886	4 317	2 415	903	422	577
500 acres or more .....	9 892	2 535	3 259	876	1 270	402	711
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>							
Full owners .....	96 816	10 032	33 965	20 695	4 701	4 769	3 800
farms, 1982 .....							
farms, 1978 .....	(NA)	10 324	34 150	22 072	4 104	4 534	3 440
acres, 1982 .....	17 529 211	2 564 499	42 175 419	1 637 799	39 475 354	345 612	716 654
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	3 487 258	42 924 391	1 866 401	39 275 547	463 828	1 318 615
Part owners .....	16 251	3 877	13 093	8 788	1 761	1 322	1 222
farms, 1982 .....							
farms, 1978 .....	(NA)	4 599	15 026	10 372	1 896	1 450	1 308
acres, 1982 .....	15 049 433	5 101 923	9 350 836	1 420 338	6 195 390	800 914	934 194
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	6 231 052	8 539 689	1 792 340	5 140 501	484 801	1 122 047
Tenants .....	8 532	2 274	7 309	3 767	749	1 909	884
farms, 1982 .....							
farms, 1978 .....	(NA)	2 649	8 812	4 907	889	1 958	1 067
acres, 1982 .....	2 780 031	1 205 644	1 384 370	416 436	481 248	232 115	254 571
acres, 1978 .....	(NA)	1 708 033	2 160 871	453 659	983 237	299 753	424 222