

Table 7. Land Use: 1997, 1992, and 1987

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

| All farms | 1997 | Percent of total in 1997 | 1992 | 1987 |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Farms | 1 911 859 | 100.0 | 1 925 300 | 2 087 759 |
| Land in farms | 931 795 255 | 100.0 | 945 531 506 | 964 470 625 |
| Total cropland | 1 661 395 | 86.9 | 1 697 137 | 1 848 574 |
| Harvested cropland | 431 144 896 | 46.3 | 435 365 878 | 443 318 233 |
| Farms by acres harvested: | 1 410 606 | 73.8 | 1 491 786 | 1 643 633 |
| 1 to 9 acres | 309 395 475 | 33.2 | 295 936 976 | 282 223 880 |
| 10 to 19 acres | 674 025 | 35.3 | 702 678 | 767 229 |
| 20 to 29 acres | 220 041 | 11.5 | 237 828 | 251 578 |
| 30 to 49 acres | 168 018 | 8.8 | 171 794 | 191 912 |
| 50 to 99 acres | 124 456 | 6.5 | 126 841 | 140 651 |
| 100 to 199 acres | 161 510 | 8.4 | 166 215 | 183 088 |
| 200 to 499 acres | 196 580 | 10.3 | 208 505 | 240 572 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 175 196 | 9.2 | 196 753 | 236 389 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 189 243 | 9.9 | 216 110 | 253 322 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 105 079 | 5.5 | 110 003 | 104 993 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 70 483 | 3.7 | 57 737 | 41 128 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 52 768 | 2.8 | 46 040 | 33 935 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 17 715 | .9 | 11 697 | 7 193 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing | 754 170 | 39.4 | 782 903 | 818 137 |
| Other cropland | 64 466 542 | 6.9 | 66 806 427 | 64 979 914 |
| Cropland in cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured | 435 619 | 22.8 | 632 708 | 794 743 |
| Cropland on which all crops failed | 57 282 879 | 6.1 | 72 622 475 | 96 114 439 |
| Cropland in cultivated summer fallow | 153 177 | 8.0 | 222 413 | 268 893 |
| Cropland idle | 13 531 246 | 1.5 | 16 756 701 | 19 633 855 |
| 1 to 9 acres | 51 673 | 2.7 | 82 570 | 77 246 |
| 10 to 19 acres | 3 449 446 | .4 | 5 981 284 | 3 638 244 |
| 20 to 29 acres | 81 702 | 4.3 | 128 062 | 160 477 |
| 30 to 49 acres | 20 905 910 | 2.2 | 26 777 926 | 35 322 271 |
| 50 to 99 acres | 232 961 | 12.2 | 367 684 | 476 260 |
| 100 to 199 acres | 19 396 277 | 2.1 | 23 106 564 | 37 520 069 |
| 200 to 499 acres | 743 011 | 38.9 | 759 282 | 813 594 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 71 465 431 | 7.7 | 73 962 004 | 79 894 498 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 352 217 | 18.4 | 378 243 | 427 861 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 29 693 909 | 3.2 | 36 176 661 | 40 549 421 |
| 2,000 acres or more | 531 846 | 27.8 | 524 779 | 547 077 |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres | 41 771 522 | 4.5 | 37 785 343 | 39 345 077 |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured | 550 619 | 28.8 | 538 442 | 611 665 |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. | 396 884 553 | 42.6 | 410 834 565 | 410 329 126 |
| Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ¹ | 1 142 618 | 59.8 | 1 119 345 | 1 319 669 |
| Land in Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ¹ | 32 300 375 | 3.5 | 25 369 059 | 30 928 768 |
| Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ¹ | 225 410 | (X) | 166 278 | 66 105 |
| Land in Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ¹ | 29 489 059 | (X) | 22 792 319 | 9 870 669 |

¹Data for 1987 are for Conservation Reserve Program only.