

State Table 1.—FARMS, ACREAGE, AND VALUE: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1959

[Data on value of land and buildings for 1959, 1954, and 1950 are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.]

Item (For definitions and explanations, see text)	Census of—								
	1959 ¹ (Oct.-Nov.)	1954 (Oct.-Nov.)	1950 (April 1)	1945 (January 1)	1940 (April 1)	1935 (January 1)	1930 (April 1)	1925 (January 1)	1920 (January 1)
Farms	33,670	38,740	40,284	41,498	43,663	45,113	41,674	40,592	42,106
Approximate land area (see text)	52,933,120	52,972,160	52,972,160	52,997,120	52,977,120	53,346,560	53,346,560	53,346,560	53,346,560
Proportion in farms	28.8	27.1	25.0	23.6	19.4	18.7	17.5	15.2	15.7
Land in farms	15,232,401	14,364,471	13,224,192	12,503,332	10,297,745	9,951,661	9,346,908	8,116,147	8,375,873
Average size of farm	452.4	370.8	328.3	301.3	235.8	220.6	224.3	199.9	198.9
Value of land and buildings :									
Average per farm	48,076	31,662	22,471	11,888	7,768	6,814	10,012	9,197	13,811
Average per acre	125.98	94.49	72.31	39.46	32.94	30.89	44.64	46.00	69.43
Land in farms according to use: ¹									
Cropland harvested	29,251	33,697	36,150	37,301	39,936	41,117	39,203	NA	NA
acres	3,832,164	3,727,616	3,647,885	3,441,661	2,935,350	2,668,685	3,150,097	2,578,799	2,706,312
1 to 9 acres	2,317	3,428	4,237	4,744	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 to 19 acres	2,240	2,681	3,057	3,227	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 to 29 acres	2,097	2,750	3,236	3,525	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 to 49 acres	3,685	4,934	5,893 ¹	6,166	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50 to 99 acres	7,839	9,663	10,026	10,171	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
100 to 199 acres	6,153	5,817	5,583	5,626	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 or more acres	4,920	4,424	4,118	3,842	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
200 to 499 acres	3,669	3,350	3,096	2,996	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
500 to 999 acres	1,002	847	807	688	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,000 or more acres	249	227	215	158	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cropland used only for pasture ²	16,458	19,063	17,138	15,320	25,048	9,243	12,407	10,194	NA
acres	666,311	545,073	484,625	322,286	779,080	352,806	379,451	363,740	NA
Cropland not harvested and not pastured	8,977	10,344	11,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	1,285,530	1,202,831	1,097,245	825,651	993,713	1,263,105	923,168	1,135,537	NA
Cultivated summer fallow	6,006	7,082	6,828	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	917,462	995,837	863,269	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes	1,703	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	190,196	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other cropland (idle and crop failure)	3,162	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	177,872	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Woodland pastured	3,870	4,812	5,992	5,273	NA	7,595	6,346	5,773	NA
acres	1,218,793	1,165,167	1,242,638	946,253	NA	840,103	736,456	646,139	NA
Woodland not pastured	2,088	2,112	2,505	1,190	NA	1,594	1,455	1,381	NA
acres	304,594	262,451	309,415	113,881	NA	111,178	123,452	97,422	NA
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland) ³	14,599	16,171	17,595	22,538	NA	24,858	19,399	17,646	NA
acres	7,074,136	6,712,298	5,625,500	6,229,520	NA	3,871,423	3,275,894	2,543,895	NA
Improved pasture	6,136	5,929	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	382,024	248,495	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.)	NA	36,151	37,852	39,273	NA	40,957	36,152	NA	NA
acres	850,873	749,035	816,884	624,080	NA	844,361	758,390	750,615	NA
Cropland, total ⁴	31,318	35,941	37,999	39,301	42,700	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	5,784,005	5,475,520	5,229,755	4,589,598	4,708,143	4,284,596	4,452,716	4,078,076	NA
Land pastured, total	27,511	31,926	33,225	35,494	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	8,959,240	8,422,538	7,352,763	7,498,059	NA	5,064,332	4,391,801	3,553,774	NA
Woodland, total	5,125	6,171	7,406	6,038	6,822	NA	NA	NA	NA
acres	1,523,387	1,427,618	1,552,053	1,060,134	691,683	951,281	859,908	743,561	820,876
Irrigated land in farms	25,383	28,218	29,413	28,571	29,898	NA	NA	NA	25,283
acres	2,576,580	2,324,571	2,137,227	2,026,280	1,895,048	NA	NA	NA	NA
Irrigated cropland harvested	22,515	25,133	26,740	NA	28,201	28,350	327,953	NA	NA
acres	2,064,976	1,854,573	1,703,601	NA	1,578,741	1,388,200	1,634,321	NA	NA

NA Not available. ¹For the Censuses of 1959 and 1954, in the Census year; for all other Censuses, in the calendar year preceding the Census. ²Total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except that corn cut for forage was excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain. ³Not fully comparable for the various Census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text. ⁴Includes irrigated cropland not harvested and not pastured. ⁵Acreage of irrigated crops; acreage counted more than once where two or more crops were harvested from the same land.