

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF FARMS, ALL LAND IN FARMS, SPECIFIED CLASSES OF FARM LAND, AND VALUE OF FARMS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1850 TO 1935

[Crop land harvested and irrigated land are for the calendar year preceding the date of the census. Leaders indicate that data are not available. Figures for divisions and States in tables 3 to 12]

ITEM	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910
Number of farms.....	6,812,350	6,288,648	6,371,640	6,448,343	6,361,602
Approximate land area of the United States <sup>1</sup> .....acres..	1,903,216,640	1,903,216,640	1,903,216,640	1,903,215,360	1,903,289,600
Proportion in farms.....percent..	55.4	51.8	48.6	50.2	46.2
All land in farms.....acres..	1,054,515,111	986,771,016	924,319,352	955,883,715	878,798,325
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	.....	.....	.....	503,073,007	478,451,750
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	295,624,176	359,242,091	344,549,267	<sup>3</sup> 348,548,549	<sup>3</sup> 311,293,382
Total woodland.....acres..	185,474,965	149,945,725	143,771,161	24,621,257	190,865,553
Irrigated land <sup>4</sup> .....acres..	.....	<sup>4</sup> 19,547,544	.....	<sup>4</sup> 19,191,716	<sup>4</sup> 14,433,285
Irrigated land from which crops were harvested.....acres..	13,034,174	<sup>4</sup> 14,633,252	.....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Farms reporting irrigated land <sup>4</sup> .....number..	296,189	<sup>4</sup> 265,147	.....	<sup>4</sup> 222,789	<sup>4</sup> 162,723
Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census:					
Number of farms.....	523,702	-82,992	-76,703	86,841	624,130
All land in farms.....acres..	67,744,095	62,451,664	-31,564,363	77,085,390	40,206,651
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	.....	.....	.....	24,621,257	63,953,263
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	-63,617,915	14,692,824	-3,999,282	37,255,167	28,075,102
Total woodland.....acres..	35,529,240	6,174,564	-23,959,633	-23,134,759	.....
Percent increase or decrease (-) from preceding census:					
Number of farms.....	8.3	-1.3	-1.2	1.4	10.9
All land in farms.....acres..	6.9	6.8	-3.3	8.8	4.8
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	.....	.....	.....	5.1	15.4
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	-17.7	4.3	-1.1	12.0	9.9
Total woodland.....acres..	23.7	4.3	-14.3	-12.1	.....
Percent of total farm land represented by—					
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	.....	.....	.....	52.6	54.4
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	28.0	36.4	37.3	36.5	35.4
Total woodland.....acres..	17.6	15.2	15.6	17.5	21.7
Average acreage per farm (based on all farms):					
All land in farms.....acres..	154.8	156.9	145.1	148.2	138.1
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	.....	.....	.....	78.0	75.2
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	43.4	57.1	54.1	54.1	48.9
Total woodland.....acres..	27.2	23.8	22.6	26.0	30.0
Value of farms (land and buildings).....	\$32,858,844,012	\$47,879,838,358	\$49,467,647,287	\$66,316,002,602	\$34,801,125,697
Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census.....	-\$15,020,994,346	-\$1,587,808,929	-\$16,848,355,315	\$31,514,876,905	\$18,186,478,206
Percent increase or decrease (-).....	-31.4	-3.2	-25.4	90.6	109.5
Average value per farm.....	\$4,823	\$7,614	\$7,764	\$10,284	\$5,471
Average value per acre.....	\$31.16	\$48.52	\$53.52	\$69.38	\$39.60

ITEM	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
Number of farms.....	5,737,372	4,564,641	4,008,907	2,659,985	2,044,077	1,449,073
Approximate land area of the United States <sup>1</sup> .....acres..	1,903,461,760	1,903,337,600	1,903,337,600	1,903,337,600	1,903,337,600	1,884,375,680
Proportion in farms.....percent..	44.1	32.7	28.2	21.4	21.4	15.6
All land in farms.....acres..	838,501,774	623,218,619	536,081,835	407,735,041	407,212,538	293,560,614
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	414,498,487	357,616,755	284,771,042	188,921,099	163,110,720	113,032,614
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	<sup>3</sup> 283,218,280	<sup>3</sup> 219,705,564	<sup>3</sup> 166,186,584	.....	.....	.....
Total woodland.....acres..	.....	.....	190,255,744	159,310,177	.....	.....
Irrigated land <sup>4</sup> .....acres..	<sup>4</sup> 7,744,467	<sup>4</sup> 3,715,758	.....	.....	.....	.....
Irrigated land from which crops were harvested.....acres..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farms reporting irrigated land <sup>4</sup> .....number..	<sup>4</sup> 113,829	<sup>4</sup> 54,136	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census:						
Number of farms.....	1,172,731	555,734	1,348,922	615,908	595,004	.....
All land in farms.....acres..	215,373,155	87,136,784	128,346,794	522,503	113,651,924	.....
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	56,881,732	72,845,713	95,849,943	25,810,379	50,078,106	.....
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	63,512,716	53,518,980	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total woodland.....acres..	.....	.....	30,945,567	.....	.....	.....
Percent increase or decrease (-) from preceding census:						
Number of farms.....	25.7	13.0	50.7	30.1	41.1	.....
All land in farms.....acres..	34.6	16.3	31.5	0.1	38.7	.....
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	15.9	25.6	50.7	15.8	44.3	.....
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	28.9	14.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total woodland.....acres..	.....	.....	19.4	.....	.....	.....
Percent of total farm land represented by—						
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	49.4	57.4	53.1	46.3	40.1	38.5
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	33.8	35.3	31.0	.....	.....	.....
Total woodland.....acres..	.....	.....	35.5	39.1	.....	.....
Average acreage per farm (based on all farms):						
All land in farms.....acres..	146.2	136.5	133.7	153.3	199.2	202.6
Improved land <sup>2</sup> .....acres..	72.2	78.3	71.0	71.0	79.8	78.0
Crop land harvested <sup>3</sup> .....acres..	49.4	48.1	41.5	.....	.....	.....
Total woodland.....acres..	.....	.....	33.2	34.9	.....	.....
Value of farms (land and buildings).....	\$16,614,647,491	\$13,279,252,649	\$10,197,096,776	\$7,444,054,462	\$6,645,045,007	\$3,271,575,426
Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census.....	\$3,335,394,842	\$3,082,155,873	\$2,753,042,314	\$799,009,455	\$3,373,469,581	.....
Percent increase or decrease (-).....	25.1	30.2	37.0	12.0	103.1	.....
Average value per farm.....	\$2,896	\$2,909	\$2,544	\$2,790	\$3,251	\$2,258
Average value per acre.....	\$19.81	\$21.31	\$19.02	\$18.26	\$16.32	\$11.14

<sup>1</sup> An increase of 1,280 acres from 1920 to 1925 resulted from reclamation of Potomac River flats in the District of Columbia; a decrease of 74,240 acres from 1910 to 1920 was due to losses of 29,440 acres in Wyoming caused by the building of the Pathfinder and Shoshone Reservoirs and 44,800 acres in Montana due to the building of several reservoirs for irrigation projects; a net decrease of 172,160 acres from 1900 to 1910 resulted from a loss in California of 281,600 acres due to the encroachment of the Salton Sea, a loss in Arizona of 19,200 acres due to the building of Roosevelt and Laguna Reservoirs, and gains due to drainage of lakes and swamps of 26,240 acres in Illinois and 102,400 acres in Indiana; an increase of 124,160 acres from 1890 to 1900 resulted from 122,880 acres in California added due to Tulare Lake being dry and 1,280 acres of Potomac River flats reclaimed in the District of Columbia; and an increase of 18,961,920 acres from 1850 to 1860 resulted from the Gadsden Purchase. Changes in the approximate land area of the individual States, other than those given above, were due for the most part to changes in boundaries occasioned by the organization of new States.

<sup>2</sup> Nominally includes all land regularly tilled or mowed; land in pasture that has been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in gardens, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries; and land occupied by buildings, yards, barnyards, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Prior to 1924 the total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except for 1919 when 14,502,932 acres of corn cut for forage were excluded (as most of this was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested as grain) and 55,180 acres in nurseries, greenhouses, and flowers.

<sup>4</sup> Prior to 1934 data are for 19 irrigation States only. For these States and comparability of data for 1934 and 1929 see table 7.

<sup>5</sup> For 1919 and 1909 the returns for crops grown under irrigation were not considered complete.