The land to be included in each farm was determined by inquiries on the questionnaire and by instructions to enumerators and farm operators. For the 1964 Census of Agriculture, the enumerator and farm operator were instructed to report for each farm operator, the number of acres owned, then the number of acres rented or worked on shares, the number of acres managed for others, and lastly, the number of acres rented or leased to others. The acres owned, plus the acres rented or worked on shares, plus acres managed for others, minus acres rented or leased to others were designated as “acres in the place” or “acres in the farm.”

The approximate total land area includes all land in farms and not in farms, including cities, forests, etc., but excludes areas covered by streams, ditches, or canals more than one-eighth of a mile wide and by lakes, ponds, reservoirs, etc. 40 acres or more in area.