Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of Interior and used under permit were not included as land in farms. That land totaled approximately 170 million acres in 1974. However, grazing lands leased to farm and ranch operators by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and by State and local governments were included as land in farms. That land totaled approximately 17 million acres in 1974.

### Land-Use Classification, 1850 to 1920

From 1850 to 1920, land in farms was classified as improved or unimproved. Improved land included land in crops; pasture that had been cleared or tilled; fallow land; orchards, nurseries, vineyards, and gardens; and land occupied by buildings.

From 1879 to 1919, cropland harvested was the sum of the acreages of individual crops harvested (see table 3).

### Land in Farms by Use

The acreage in each farm was allocated by the farm operator among the various land-use categories. Any acreage which had two or more used during the year was classified by the first use listed on the report form. For example, if a crop was harvested from an acreage and the same acreage was then pastured, the acreage was included as land from which crops were harvested but not as cropland pasture.

Uses for All Farms

The section of report form 74-A2 that requested information on land use from farms with sales under $2,500 is shown in facsimile of section 6.

**Cropland harvested**—This category (also referred to as harvested cropland) included land from which crops were harvested, land from which hay (including wild hay) was cut, and land in small fruits, orchards, vineyards, nurseries, and greenhouses. Land from which two or more crops were harvested was to be counted only once. However, in the crop sections the acreage of each crop was individually counted. (See volume II, part 6, for further discussion of double cropping.) (Item 1 of section 6 on form 74-A2 is comparable with item 2a of section 18 on form 74-A1.)

**Cropland used only for pasture or grazing**—Farm operators were to include all land used only for pasture or grazing that could have been used for crops without additional improvement, and all land planted to crops that was pastured before the crops reached maturity. All cropland used for rotation pasture and land in government diversion programs that was pastured was to be included. However, cropland that was pastured before or after crops were harvested was not to be included. (Item 2 of section 6 on form 74-A2 is comparable with item 2b of section 18 on form 74-A1.)

**All other cropland**—This classification included cropland used only for soil improvement crops, land on which all crops failed, cultivated summer fallow, idle cropland, and land planted with crops to be harvested after the year covered by the census. (Item 3 of section 6 on form 74-A2 is comparable with the sum of items 2c, 2d, 2e, and 2f of section 18 on form 74-A1.)

**Woodland**—Woodland included natural or planted woodlots or timber tracts and cutover and deforested land with young growth which had or would have value for wood products. Land covered by sagebrush or mesquite was to be reported as other pasture or other land. (Item 4 of section 6 on form 74—A2 is comparable with items 3a plus 3b of section 18 on form 74-A1.)

**All other land**—All other land for all farms included pastureland other than cropland and woodland pasture; rangeland; land occupied by buildings, roads, ditches, and ponds; and wasteland. This classification is comparable with the sum of the figures in prior censuses for other pasture and all other land. (Item 5

## Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1850 to 1974

**All Farms**

| | Farms | | | | Acres | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1] | | | | Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1] | | Average | |
| | Total | Percent of all farms | Farms | Percent | Total | Percent of all land in farms | Number | Percent | Per farm (based on all farms) | Per farm reporting |
| Land in farms.....United States 1974.. | 2,314,013 | 100.0 | -416,237 | -15.2 | 1,017,030,357 | 100.0 | -45,862,144 | -4.3 | 439.5 | 439.5 |
| United States 1969.. | 2,730,250 | 100.0 | -427,607 | -13.5 | 1,062,892,501 | 100.0 | -47,294,499 | -4.3 | 389.3 | 389.3 |
| United States 1964.. | 3,157,857 | 100.0 | -552,646 | -14.9 | 1,110,187,000 | 100.0 | -13,320,574 | -1.2 | 351.6 | 351.6 |
| United States 1959.. | 3,710,503 | 100.0 | -1,078,522 | -22.6 | 1,123,507,574 | 100.0 | -38,033,722 | -3.3 | 302.8 | 302.8 |
| conterminous United States 1954.. | 4,782,416 | 100.0 | -599,746 | -11.1 | 1,158,191,511 | 100.0 | -374,341 | (Z) | 242.2 | 242.2 |
| United States 1950.. | 5,388,437 | 100.0 | -477,007 | -8.1 | 1,161,419,720 | 100.0 | 16,950,488 | 1.5 | 215.5 | 215.5 |
| conterminous United States 1945.. | 5,859,169 | 100.0 | -237,630 | -3.9 | 1,141,615,364 | 100.0 | 80,762,990 | 7.6 | 194.8 | 194.8 |
| United States 1940.. | 6,102,417 | 100.0 | -715,551 | -10.5 | 1,065,113,774 | 100.0 | 6,337,263 | .6 | 174.5 | 174.5 |
| conterminous United States 1935.. | 6,812,350 | 100.0 | 523,702 | 8.3 | 1,054,515,111 | 100.0 | 67,744,095 | 6.9 | 154.8 | 154.8 |
| United States 1930.. | 6,295,103 | 100.0 | -82,992 | -1.3 | 990,111,984 | 100.0 | 62,451,664 | 6.8 | 157.3 | 157.3 |
| conterminous United States 1925.. | 6,371,640 | 100.0 | -76,703 | -1.2 | 924,319,352 | 100.0 | -31,564,363 | -3.3 | 145.1 | 145.1 |
| United States 1920.. | 6,453,991 | 100.0 | 86,841 | 1.4 | 958,676,612 | 100.0 | 77,085,390 | 8.8 | 148.5 | 148.5 |
| United States 1910.. | 6,366,044 | 100.0 | 624,130 | 10.9 | 881,431,469 | 100.0 | 40,206,551 | 4.8 | 138.5 | 138.5 |
| United States 1900.. | 5,739,657 | 100.0 | 1,172,731 | 25.7 | 841,201,546 | 100.0 | 215,373,155 | 34.6 | 146.6 | 146.6 |
| conterminous United States 1890.. | 4,564,641 | 100.0 | 555,734 | 13.9 | 623,218,619 | 100.0 | 87,136,784 | 16.3 | 136.5 | 136.5 |
| conterminous United States 1880.. | 4,008,907 | 100.0 | 1,348,922 | 50.7 | 536,081,835 | 100.0 | 128,346,794 | 31.5 | 133.7 | 133.7 |
| conterminous United States 1870.. | 2,659,985 | 100.0 | 615,908 | 30.1 | 407,735,041 | 100.0 | 522,503 | .1 | 153.3 | 153.3 |
| conterminous United States 1860.. | 2,044,077 | 100.0 | 595,004 | 41.1 | 407,212,538 | 100.0 | 113,651,924 | 38.7 | 199.2 | 199.2 |
| conterminous United States 1850.. | 1,449,073 | 100.0 | - | - | 293,560,614 | 100.0 | - | - | 202.6 | 202.6 |

[1]Except for 1964 and 1969, data represent differences for conterminous United states.

## Table 3. **Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1850 to 1974** –Continued

| | Farms | | | | Acres | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1] | | | | Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1] | | Average | |
| | Total | Percent of all farms | Farms | Percent | Total | Percent of all land in farms | Number | Percent | Per farm (based on all farms) | Per farm reporting |
| Harvested cropland[2]..... United States 1974.. | 1,954,700 | 84.5 | -264,931 | -11.9 | 303,001,943 | 29.8 | 29,985,943 | 11.0 | 130.9 | 155.0 |
| United States 1969.. | 2,219,631 | 81.3 | -482,063 | -17.8 | 273,016,000 | 25.7 | -13,875,974 | -4.8 | 100.0 | 123.0 |
| United States 1964.. | 2,701,694 | 85.6 | -499,621 | -15.6 | 286,891,974 | 25.8 | -24,584,167 | -7.9 | 90.9 | 106.2 |
| United States 1959.. | 3,201,315 | 86.3 | -907,341 | -22.1 | 311,476,141 | 27.7 | -21,585,230 | -6.5 | 83.9 | 97.3 |
| conterminous United States 1954.. | 4,104,241 | 85.8 | -630,157 | -13.3 | 332,870,479 | 28.7 | -11,528,101 | -3.3 | 69.6 | 81.1 |
| United States 1949.. | 4,738,230 | 87.9 | -629,092 | -11.7 | 344,564,497 | 29.7 | -8,467,215 | -2.4 | 63.9 | 72.7 |
| conterminous United States 1944.. | 5,363,490 | 91.5 | -349,765 | -6.1 | 352,865,765 | 30.9 | 31,623,335 | 9.8 | 60.2 | 65.8 |
| United States 1939.. | [3]5,713,255 | [3]93.7 | -655,933 | -10.3 | 321,434,288 | 30.2 | 25,618,254 | 8.7 | 52.7 | [3]56.2 |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | 6,369,188 | 93.5 | 407,496 | 6.8 | 295,624,176 | 28.0 | -63,617,915 | -17.7 | 43.4 | 46.4 |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | 5,961,692 | 94.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 359,242,091 | 36.4 | 14,692,824 | 4.3 | 57.1 | 60.3 |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 344,549,267 | 37.3 | -4,054,462 | -1.2 | 54.1 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1919.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 348,603,729 | 36.5 | 37,310,347 | 12.0 | 54.1 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1909.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 311,293,382 | 35.4 | 28,075,102 | 9.9 | 48.9 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1899.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 283,218,280 | 33.8 | 63,512,716 | 28.9 | 49.4 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1889.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 219,705,564 | 35.3 | 53,518,980 | 32.2 | 48.1 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1879.. | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 166,186,584 | 31.0 | - | - | 41.5 | (NA) |
| Cropland used only for pasture..... United States 1974.. | 1,111,813 | 48.0 | -259,655 | -18.9 | 82,736,164 | 8.1 | -5,484,489 | -6.2 | 35.8 | 74.4 |
| United States 1969.. | 1,371,468 | 50.2 | 167,152 | 13.9 | 88,220,653 | 8.3 | 30,801,789 | 53.6 | 32.3 | 64.3 |
| United States 1964.. | 1,204,316 | 38.1 | -303,298 | -20.1 | 57,418,864 | 5.2 | -8,097,734 | -12.4 | 18.2 | 47.7 |
| United States 1959.. | 1,507,614 | 40.6 | -335,784 | -18.2 | 65,516,598 | 5.8 | -724,944 | -1.1 | 17.7 | 43.5 |
| conterminous United States 1954.. | 1,842,661 | 38.5 | -272,339 | -12.9 | 66,069,838 | 5.7 | -3,262,006 | -4.7 | 13.8 | 35.9 |
| United States 1949.. | 2,115,708 | 39.3 | [4]470,465 | [4]28.6 | 69,487,805 | 6.0 | [4]21,882,660 | [4]46.1 | 12.9 | 32.8 |
| Plowed within 7 years..... conterminous United States 1944.. | 1,644,535 | 28.1 | [4]-1,646,052 | [4]-50.0 | 47,449,184 | 4.2 | [4]-83,930,756 | [4]-63.9 | 8.1 | 28.9 |
| Plowable pasture..... conterminous United States 1939.. | 3,290,587 | 54.0 | 425,793 | 14.9 | 131,379,940 | 12.4 | 32,800,902 | 33.3 | 21.5 | 39.9 |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | 2,864,794 | 42.1 | 159,818 | 5.9 | 98,579,038 | 9.3 | -10,580,876 | -9.7 | 14.5 | 34.4 |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | 2,704,976 | 43.0 | 140,457 | 5.5 | 109,159,914 | 11.1 | -4,407,584 | -3.9 | 17.4 | 40.4 |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | 2,564,519 | 40.2 | - | - | 113,567,498 | 12.3 | - | - | 17.8 | 44.3 |
| Cropland not harvested and not pastured.. United States 1974.. | 524,016 | 22.6 | -652,847 | -55.5 | 54,300,980 | 5.3 | -43,451,972 | -44.5 | 23.5 | 103.6 |
| United States 1969.. | 1,176,863 | 43.1 | -155,783 | -11.7 | 97,752,952 | 9.2 | 7,831,590 | 8.7 | 35.8 | 83.1 |
| United States 1964.. | 1,332,646 | 42.2 | 235,920 | 21.5 | 89,921,362 | 8.1 | 18,826,760 | 26.5 | 28.5 | 67.5 |
| United States 1959.. | 1,096,726 | 29.6 | -194,725 | -15.0 | 71,094,602 | 6.3 | 10,224,931 | 16.8 | 19.2 | 64.8 |
| conterminous United States 1954.. | 1,289,674 | 27.0 | -262,538 | -16.9 | 60,708,644 | 5.2 | -3,398,900 | -5.3 | 12.7 | 47.1 |
| United States 1949.. | [3]1,552,212 | [3]28.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 64,262,792 | 5.5 | 13,728,267 | 27.2 | 11.9 | [3]41.3 |
| conterminous United States 1944.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 50,379,277 | 4.4 | -27,129,396 | -35.0 | 8.6 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1939.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 77,508,673 | 7.3 | -42,202,082 | -35.3 | 12.7 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 119,710,755 | 11.4 | 65,716,956 | 121.7 | 17.6 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 53,993,799 | 5.5 | 7,083,164 | 15.1 | 8.6 | (NA) |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 46,910,635 | 5.1 | - | - | 7.4 | (NA) |
| Cultivated summer fallow[5]..... 17 States 1964.. | 225,259 | 7.1 | 29,604 | 15.1 | 36,980,931 | 3.3 | 6,262,004 | 20.4 | 11.7 | 164.2 |
| 17 States 1959.. | 195,655 | 20.2 | -18,756 | -8.7 | 30,718,927 | 4.4 | 2,087,524 | 7.3 | 31.7 | 157.0 |
| 17 States 1954.. | 214,411 | 18.2 | 7,370 | 3.6 | 28,631,403 | 4.1 | 3,016,860 | 11.8 | 24.3 | 133.5 |
| 17 States 1949.. | 207,041 | 15.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 25,614,543 | 3.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 19.6 | 123.7 |
| With no harvested cropland[5]..... 17 States 1959.. | 2,934 | 3.0 | -3,115 | -51.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 17 States 1954.. | 6,049 | .5 | 631 | 11.6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 17 States 1949.. | 5,418 | .4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| Other cropland..... conterminous United States 1954.. | 1,140,171 | 23.8 | -269,646 | -19.1 | 32,077,241 | 2.8 | -6,415,760 | -16.7 | 6.7 | 28.1 |
| conterminous United States 1949.. | 1,409,817 | 26.2 | (NA) | (NA) | 38,493,001 | 3.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 7.2 | 28.7 |
| Total for 31 States[6]..... 31 States 1954.. | 902,370 | 25.0 | -232,148 | -20.5 | 18,411,700 | 4.0 | -6,101,255 | -24.9 | 5.1 | 20.4 |
| 31 States 1949.. | 1,134,518 | 27.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 24,512,955 | 5.2 | (NA) | (NA) | 6.0 | 21.6 |
| Land used only for crops not harvested and not pastured (soil-improvement crops, new seedings, and crop failure)[6]..... 31 States 1954.. | 305,850 | 8.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 4,953,061 | 1.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 1.4 | 16.2 |
| With no harvested cropland[6]..... 31 States 1954.. | 19,991 | .6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Cropland idle[6]..... 31 States 1954.. | 696,498 | 19.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 13,458,639 | 3.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 3.7 | 19.3 |
| Soil-improvement crops..... United States 1964.. | 706,944 | 22.4 | (NA) | (NA) | 28,545,234 | 2.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 9.0 | 40.4 |
| conterminous United States 1959.. | 330,191 | 8.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 16,375,535 | 1.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 4.4 | 49.6 |
| Other cropland..... United States 1959.. | 738,489 | 19.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 24,000,140 | 2.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 6.5 | 32.5 |
| Crop failure..... United States 1964.. | 157,504 | 5.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 6,296,009 | .6 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.0 | 40.0 |
| conterminous United States 1944.. | 385,727 | 6.6 | -218,677 | -36.2 | 10,297,172 | .9 | -10,282,845 | -50.0 | 1.8 | 26.7 |
| conterminous United States 1939.. | 604,404 | 9.9 | -644,848 | -51.6 | 20,580,017 | 1.9 | -43,101,760 | -67.7 | 3.4 | 34.1 |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | 1,249,252 | 18.3 | 697,930 | 126.6 | 63,681,777 | 6.0 | 50,975,194 | 401.2 | 9.3 | 51.0 |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | 551,322 | 8.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 12,706,583 | 1.3 | -311,366 | -2.4 | 2.0 | 23.0 |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 13,017,949 | 1.4 | - | - | 2.0 | (NA) |
| Cropland idle..... United States 1964.. | 581,453 | 18.4 | (NA) | (NA) | 18,099,188 | 1.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 5.7 | 31.1 |
| Cropland, idle or fallow..... conterminous United States 1944.. | 1,107,224 | 18.9 | -544,995 | -33.0 | 40,082,105 | 3.5 | -16,846,551 | -29.6 | 6.8 | 36.2 |
| conterminous United States 1939.. | 1,652,219 | 27.1 | -379,747 | -18.7 | 56,928,056 | 5.4 | 899,678 | 1.6 | 9.3 | 34.5 |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | 2,031,966 | 29.8 | 647,374 | 46.8 | 56,028,978 | 5.3 | 14,741,762 | 35.7 | 8.2 | 27.6 |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | 1,384,592 | 22.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 41,287,216 | 4.2 | 7,394,530 | 21.8 | 6.6 | 29.8 |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 33,892,686 | 3.7 | - | - | 5.3 | (NA) |
| Woodland pastured..... United States 1964.. | 954,693 | 30.2 | -145,037 | -13.2 | 82,209,659 | 7.4 | -10,358,564 | -11.2 | 26.0 | 86.1 |
| United States 1959.. | 1,099,730 | 29.6 | -401,040 | -26.7 | 92,568,223 | 8.2 | -28,740,935 | -23.7 | 24.9 | 84.2 |
| conterminous United States 1954.. | 1,500,401 | 31.4 | -196,041 | -11.6 | 121,151,635 | 10.5 | -13,563,340 | -10.1 | 25.3 | 80.7 |
| United States 1949.. | 1,696,910 | 31.5 | 179,612 | 11.8 | 135,133,592 | 11.6 | 39,639,729 | 41.7 | 25.1 | 79.6 |
| conterminous United States 1944.. | 1,516,830 | 25.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 95,075,246 | 8.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 16.2 | 62.7 |
| conterminous United States 1934.. | 2,186,106 | 32.1 | 254,738 | 13.2 | 108,095,711 | 10.3 | 22,773,811 | 26.7 | 15.9 | 49.4 |
| conterminous United States 1929.. | 1,931,368 | 30.7 | 153,484 | 8.6 | 85,321,900 | 8.6 | 8,617,954 | 11.2 | 13.6 | 44.2 |
| conterminous United States 1924.. | 1,777,884 | 27.9 | - | - | 76,703,946 | 8.3 | - | - | 12.0 | 43.1 |

[1]Except for 1964 and 1969, data represent differences for conterminous United States.
[2]Prior to 1924, total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except for 1919 when 14,502,932 acres of corn cut for forage were excluded.
[3]Alaska and Hawaii not included.
[4]Changes from 1944 to 1949 and from 1939 to 1944 due mostly to change in definition; see text.
[5]Negligible in other States than those for which data are shown (17 States are identified in 1964 volume II, table 18).
[6]Those States for which separate inquiry were carried for land used only for crops not harvested and not pastured.

## Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1850 to 1974—Continued

| All Farms | | Farms: Total | Farms: Percent of all farms | Farms: Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1]: Farms | Farms: Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1]: Percent | Acres: Total | Acres: Percent of all land in farms | Acres: Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1]: Number | Acres: Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census[1]: Percent | Acres: Average: Per farm (based on all farms) | Acres: Average: Per farm reporting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Woodland not pastured | United States 1964 | 973,519 | 30.8 | -213,216 | -18.0 | 63,766,772 | 5.7 | -7,869,294 | -11.0 | 20.2 | 65.5 |
| | United States 1959 | 1,186,735 | 32.0 | -191,486 | -13.9 | 71,636,066 | 6.4 | -4,547,227 | -6.0 | 19.3 | 60.4 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 1,377,651 | 28.8 | -272,213 | -16.5 | 75,820,772 | 6.5 | -9,278,663 | -10.9 | 15.9 | 55.0 |
| | United States 1949 | 1,650,882 | 30.6 | -39,328 | -2.3 | 85,426,913 | 7.4 | 13,838,252 | 19.4 | 15.9 | 51.7 |
| | conterminous United States 1944 | 1,689,192 | 28.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 71,261,183 | 6.2 | (NA) | (NA) | 12.2 | 42.2 |
| | conterminous United States 1934 | 1,909,067 | 28.0 | 297,869 | 18.5 | 77,379,254 | 7.3 | 12,755,429 | 19.7 | 11.4 | 40.5 |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | 1,611,198 | 25.6 | -25,442 | -1.6 | 64,623,825 | 6.5 | -2,443,390 | -3.6 | 10.3 | 40.1 |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | 1,636,640 | 25.7 | - | - | 67,067,215 | 7.3 | - | - | 10.5 | 41.0 |
| Other pasture: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not cropland and not woodland | United States 1964 | 1,488,254 | 47.1 | -126,688 | -7.8 | 490,306,987 | 44.2 | 24,082,185 | 5.2 | 155.3 | 329.5 |
| | United States 1959 | 1,614,942 | 43.5 | -383,129 | -19.2 | 466,224,802 | 41.5 | 4,904,558 | 1.1 | 125.7 | 288.7 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 1,996,849 | 41.8 | -65,594 | -3.2 | 459,878,925 | 39.7 | 44,229,405 | 10.6 | 96.2 | 230.3 |
| | United States 1949 | 2,063,076 | 38.3 | [2]-865,370 | [2]-29.6 | 416,802,416 | 35.9 | [2]-65,367,148 | [2]-13.6 | 77.4 | 202.0 |
| Improved pasture | United States 1964 | 502,217 | 15.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 36,099,022 | 3.3 | 12,853,925 | 55.3 | 11.4 | 71.9 |
| | United States 1959 | 357,437 | 9.6 | -29,754 | -7.7 | 23,366,793 | 2.1 | 6,031,516 | 34.8 | 6.3 | 65.4 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 387,191 | 8.1 | - | - | 17,335,277 | 1.5 | - | - | (Z) | 44.7 |
| Not cropland plowed within 7 years and not woodland | conterminous United States 1944 | 2,927,813 | 50.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 481,016,668 | 42.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 82.1 | 164.3 |
| Not plowable and not woodland | conterminous United States 1934 | 2,019,431 | 29.6 | 254,428 | 14.4 | 311,225,652 | 29.5 | 41,552,942 | 15.4 | 45.7 | 154.1 |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | 1,765,003 | 28.1 | 153,078 | 9.5 | 269,672,710 | 27.3 | 51,985,565 | 23.9 | 42.9 | 152.8 |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | 1,611,925 | 25.3 | - | - | 217,687,145 | 23.6 | - | - | 34.2 | 135.0 |
| All other land | United States 1974 | 1,735,590 | 75.0 | -338,270 | -16.3 | 484,463,643 | 47.6 | -7,425,878 | -1.5 | 209.4 | 279.1 |
| | United States 1969 | 2,073,860 | 76.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 491,889,521 | 46.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 180.2 | 237.2 |
| Other Land: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House lots, roads, wasteland, etc. | United States 1964 | 2,802,715 | 88.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 39,671,382 | 3.6 | -5,319,760 | -11.8 | 12.6 | 14.2 |
| | United States 1959 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 44,991,142 | 4.0 | 2,435,125 | 5.8 | 12.1 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 4,276,159 | 89.4 | -415,429 | -8.9 | 41,691,218 | 3.6 | -3,572,766 | -7.9 | 8.7 | 9.7 |
| | United States 1949 | 4,695,184 | 87.1 | -599,185 | -11.3 | 45,741,705 | 3.9 | 1,695,943 | 3.9 | 8.5 | 9.7 |
| | conterminous United States 1944 | 5,290,773 | 90.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 43,568,041 | 3.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 7.4 | 8.2 |
| | conterminous United States 1934 | 6,003,964 | 88.1 | 1,252,653 | 26.4 | 43,900,525 | 4.2 | -856,252 | -1.9 | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | 4,751,311 | 75.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 44,756,777 | 4.5 | -13,076,869 | -22.6 | 7.1 | 9.4 |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 57,833,646 | 6.3 | - | - | 9.1 | (NA) |
| House lots, roads, wasteland, etc., and pasture other than plowable and woodland[3] | conterminous United States 1939 | 5,222,744 | 85.7 | - | - | 393,543,673 | 37.1 | - | - | 64.5 | 75.4 |
| Total cropland[4] | United States 1974 | 2,157,511 | 93.2 | -364,148 | -14.4 | 440,039,087 | 43.3 | -18,950,518 | -4.1 | 190.2 | 204.0 |
| | United States 1969 | 2,521,659 | 92.4 | -385,606 | -13.3 | 458,989,605 | 43.2 | 24,757,405 | 5.7 | 168.1 | 182.0 |
| | United States 1964 | 2,907,265 | 92.1 | -524,279 | -15.3 | 434,232,200 | 39.1 | -13,855,141 | -3.1 | 137.5 | 149.4 |
| | United States 1959 | 3,431,544 | 92.5 | -992,604 | -22.5 | 448,087,341 | 39.9 | -12,085,243 | -2.6 | 120.8 | 130.6 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 4,418,915 | 92.4 | -627,748 | -12.4 | 459,648,961 | 39.7 | -18,188,977 | -3.8 | 96.1 | 104.0 |
| | United States 1949 | [5]5,046,663 | [5]93.8 | [6]-521,155 | [6]-9.4 | 478,315,094 | 41.2 | [6]27,143,712 | [6]6.0 | 88.8 | [3]94.7 |
| Cropland other than cropland pasture not plowed within 7 years[7] | conterminous United States 1944 | 5,567,818 | 95.0 | [6]-423,485 | [6]-7.1 | 450,694,226 | 39.5 | [6]-79,436,817 | [6]-15.0 | 76.9 | 80.9 |
| Land available for crops[8] | United States 1939 | [5]5,991,309 | [5]98.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 530,555,551 | 49.8 | 16,217,074 | 3.2 | 86.9 | [5]88.5 |
| | conterminous United States 1934 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 513,913,969 | 48.7 | -8,481,835 | -1.6 | 75.4 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 522,395,804 | 52.9 | 17,368,404 | 3.4 | 83.1 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 505,027,400 | 54.6 | - | - | 79.3 | (NA) |
| Land pastured | United States 1964 | 2,448,026 | 77.5 | -397,762 | -14.0 | 629,935,510 | 56.7 | 5,625,887 | 0.9 | 199.5 | 257.3 |
| | United States 1959 | 2,845,788 | 76.7 | -753,151 | -20.9 | 624,309,623 | 55.6 | -24,561,321 | -3.8 | 168.3 | 219.4 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 3,596,951 | 75.2 | -448,973 | -11.1 | 647,100,398 | 55.9 | 27,404,059 | 4.4 | 135.3 | 179.9 |
| | United States 1949 | [5]4,045,924 | [5]75.2 | -388,962 | -8.8 | 621,423,813 | 53.5 | -3,844,759 | -0.6 | 115.3 | [5]153.2 |
| | conterminous United States 1944 | 4,434,886 | 75.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 623,541,098 | 54.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 106.4 | 140.6 |
| | conterminous United States 1934 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 517,900,401 | 49.1 | 53,745,877 | 11.6 | 76.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 464,154,524 | 47.0 | 56,195,935 | 13.8 | 73.8 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 407,958,589 | 44.1 | - | - | 64.0 | (NA) |
| Woodland | United States 1974 | 949,945 | 41.1 | -278,007 | -22.6 | 92,527,627 | 9.1 | -19,485,748 | -17.4 | 40.0 | 97.4 |
| | United States 1969 | 1,227,952 | 45.0 | -366,968 | -23.0 | 112,013,375 | 10.5 | -33,963,056 | -23.3 | 41.0 | 91.2 |
| | United States 1964 | 1,594,920 | 50.5 | -283,640 | -15.1 | 145,976,431 | 13.1 | -18,227,858 | -11.1 | 46.2 | 91.5 |
| | United States 1959 | 1,878,560 | 50.6 | -510,555 | -21.4 | 164,204,289 | 14.6 | -33,288,162 | -16.9 | 44.3 | 87.4 |
| | conterminous United States 1954 | 2,388,256 | 49.9 | -347,505 | -12.7 | 196,972,407 | 17.0 | -22,842,003 | -10.4 | 41.2 | 82.5 |
| | United States 1949 | [5]2,735,761 | [5]50.8 | 56,018 | 2.1 | 220,560,505 | 19.0 | 53,477,981 | 32.2 | 40.9 | [5]80.3 |
| | conterminous United States 1944 | 2,679,743 | 45.7 | -222,413 | -7.7 | 166,336,429 | 14.6 | 29,158,771 | 21.3 | 28.4 | 62.1 |
| | conterminous United States 1939 | 2,902,156 | 47.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 137,177,658 | 12.9 | -48,297,307 | -26.0 | 22.5 | 47.3 |
| | conterminous United States 1934 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 185,474,965 | 17.6 | 35,529,240 | 23.7 | 27.2 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1929 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 149,945,725 | 15.2 | 6,174,564 | 4.3 | 23.8 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1924 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 143,771,161 | 15.6 | -23,959,633 | -14.3 | 22.6 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1919 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 167,730,794 | 17.5 | -23,134,759 | -12.1 | 26.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1909 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 190,865,553 | 21.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 30.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1879 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 190,255,744 | 35.5 | 30,945,567 | 19.4 | 33.2 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1869 | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 159,310,177 | 39.1 | - | - | 34.9 | (NA) |
| Improved land[9] | conterminous United States 1920 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 503,073,007 | 52.6 | 24,621,257 | 5.1 | 78.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1910 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 478,451,750 | 54.4 | 63,953,263 | 15.4 | 75.2 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1900 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 414,451,487 | 49.4 | 56,881,732 | 15.9 | 72.2 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1890 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 357,616,755 | 57.4 | 72,845,713 | 25.6 | 78.3 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1880 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 284,771,042 | 53.1 | 95,849,943 | 50.7 | 71.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1870 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 188,921,099 | 46.3 | 25,810,379 | 15.8 | 71.0 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1860 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 163,110,720 | 40.1 | 50,078,106 | 44.3 | 79.8 | (NA) |
| | conterminous United States 1850 | (NA) | (NA) | - | - | 113,032,614 | 38.5 | - | - | 78.0 | (NA) |

[1]Except for 1964 and 1969, data represent differences for conterminous United States.
[2]Change from 1944 to 1949 due mostly to change in definition; see text.
[3]Includes pasture other than plowable and woodland; also wasteland, house lots, barnyards, feedlots, lanes, roads, etc.
[4]Includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland not harvested and not pastured.
[5]Alaska and Hawaii not included.
[6]Changes from 1944 to 1949 and from 1939 to 1944 due mostly to change in definition; see text.
[7]Includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture plowed within 7 years, and cropland not harvested and not pastured.
[8]Includes cropland harvested; crop failure; cropland, idle or fallow; and plowable pasture.
[9]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 all land occupied by buildings, yards, barnyards, etc. See text.