### Table 16. Irrigation: 1978, 1974, and 1969

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<th>1978</th>
<th>1974</th>
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<td>Farms irrigated in census year, farms.</td>
<td>24,054</td>
<td>20,341</td>
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<td>Proportion of farms, percent.</td>
<td>36.5</td>
<td>30.1</td>
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<td>Irrigated land, acres.</td>
<td>5,697,779</td>
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<td>Average per farm, acres.</td>
<td>237</td>
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<td>Irrigated land by acres irrigated.</td>
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<td>1 to 9 acres, farms.</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>312</td>
<td>257</td>
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<td>10 to 49 acres, farms.</td>
<td>1,660</td>
<td>(NA)</td>
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<td>50 to 99 acres, farms.</td>
<td>2,353</td>
<td>2,430</td>
<td>2,887</td>
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<td>100 to 199 acres, farms.</td>
<td>71,637</td>
<td>(NA)</td>
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<td>200 to 499 acres, farms.</td>
<td>3,918</td>
<td>4,186</td>
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<td>500 to 999 acres, farms.</td>
<td>283,387</td>
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<td>1,000 acres or more, farms.</td>
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<td>Cropland, acres.</td>
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