



Figure 46.

OFF-FARM EMPLOYMENT AND PART-TIME FARMING

In the 1954 Census of Agriculture, 60.7 percent of the farm operators reported that they or some member of their family living with them received income from sources other than from the farm operated. Of all farm operators, 27.9 percent reported working off their farms 100 or more days during the year, and 29.8 percent reported other income of the family greater than value of farm products sold from the farm operated.

Considerations in the tenure arrangements of these farm operators, partially or primarily dependent on other employment

or other income, are quite different from those of operators wholly or primarily dependent on agriculture.

Farm operators with other employment and other income include: (1) Farmers who work at nonfarm jobs during slack seasons; (2) farmers who supplement their farming with part-time work off the farm; (3) persons, employed full time at nonfarm jobs, who live in rural areas convenient to their place of employment and have sufficient agricultural production to qualify as farms; and (4) persons, both farm and nonfarm, who retire on the land and augment their retirement income with some agricultural activity.