

Labor use and gross sales per man-equivalent.—Poultry farms in general are somewhat more than one-man operations. The average poultry farm requires one and one-sixth men. The labor requirement declines rather sharply with reduced sales per farm. The man-equivalent per farm for Class I farms was almost four times that required for Class V and VI farms.

The average gross sales per man-equivalent was \$8,300 for all poultry farms. Both the gross sales and the income above specified expenses decreased with the decrease in size of operation, as measured by economic class of farm. For all poultry farms in the United States, the average gross income per man-equivalent for farms in each economic class from I to VI was, in that order—\$19,000; \$11,000; \$6,500; \$4,000; \$2,400; and \$800. These ratios were similar in the separate subregions. For comparison, the sales per man-equivalent for farms in Classes I and VI for subregion 15 were \$20,000 and \$800; in subregion 82, \$21,000 and \$900.

Table 31.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PER FARM, FOR POULTRY FARMS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR SELECTED POULTRY SUBREGIONS: 1954

Subregions and item	Average number per farm by economic class of farm						
	Total	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<b>United States:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	7	17	10	7	6	5	4
Milk cows.....	2	3	2	2	2	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	4	11	5	4	3	2	1
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	696	1,993	1,157	706	493	326	181
<b>Subregion 2:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	3	4	5	2	2	2	2
Milk cows.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	1	1	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,484	4,514	1,539	963	703	494	179
<b>Subregion 3:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	1	2	1	2	1	(Z)	1
Milk cows.....	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Hogs and pigs.....	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	5
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,091	2,840	1,814	1,042	618	308	202
<b>Subregion 4:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	3	7	3	2	1	2	1
Milk cows.....	1	3	2	1	(Z)	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,178	2,504	1,509	981	601	377	219
<b>Subregion 5:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1
All cattle and calves.....	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Milk cows.....	1	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,965	4,563	2,948	1,520	918	526	298
<b>Subregion 14:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Milk cows.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Hogs and pigs.....	1	4	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,324	725	2,332	1,234	752	643	170
<b>Subregion 15:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	2	5	2	1	2	2	1
Milk cows.....	1	1	1	(Z)	1	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	4	7	4	3	2	3	1
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,308	1,711	1,763	1,183	650	467	240
<b>Subregion 16:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	7	33	14	6	4	2	2
Milk cows.....	2	6	5	1	1	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	5	9	7	5	5	3	2
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	839	3,004	1,366	906	551	366	175
<b>Subregion 18:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	14	38	22	10	8	4	3
Milk cows.....	3	5	5	3	2	1	2
Hogs and pigs.....	6	10	9	5	4	3	2
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	208	426	229	174	155	139	140

Z 0.5 or less.

Table 31.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PER FARM, FOR POULTRY FARMS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR SELECTED POULTRY SUBREGIONS: 1954—Continued

Subregions and item	Average number per farm by economic class of farm						
	Total	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<b>Subregion 26:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All cattle and calves.....	11	32	16	10	7	6	3
Milk cows.....	2	3	2	3	3	2	2
Hogs and pigs.....	5	10	7	5	4	3	2
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	123	149	140	149	102	90	81
<b>Subregion 33:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All cattle and calves.....	5	14	7	5	5	4	4
Milk cows.....	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Hogs and pigs.....	4	5	5	3	3	3	3
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	423	2,036	577	317	327	262	258
<b>Subregion 42:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All cattle and calves.....	8	23	12	6	5	4	6
Milk cows.....	2	4	2	2	1	1	2
Hogs and pigs.....	4	5	5	3	3	2	2
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	285	819	349	228	214	202	167
<b>Subregion 82:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	1
All cattle and calves.....	11	15	14	11	9	6	5
Milk cows.....	4	4	6	4	4	2	2
Hogs and pigs.....	3	10	2	3	1	1	2
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	90	61	34	112	105	153	113
<b>Subregion 115:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	1	3	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	1
Milk cows.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Hogs and pigs.....	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,892	4,686	2,273	1,313	782	522	332
<b>Subregion 116:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	5	11	4	4	2	1	3
Milk cows.....	1	2	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1
Hogs and pigs.....	1	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,358	1,843	1,911	1,174	797	636	318
<b>Subregion 117:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	3	5	4	4	2	1	1
Milk cows.....	1	(Z)	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Hogs and pigs.....	1	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	1,758	3,972	2,327	1,303	696	517	371
<b>Subregion 118:</b>							
Horses and mules.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
All cattle and calves.....	6	19	7	6	4	4	3
Milk cows.....	2	3	2	2	2	1	1
Hogs and pigs.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	(Z)
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	824	2,131	1,335	939	529	325	301

Z 0.5 or less.

Work off farm.—About three-fifths of the operators of poultry farms spent full-time on their farms. Of the operators of Class I farms, three-fourths reported no work other than on their own farms but of the operators of Class V farms, more than half reported work off their farm. Differences among subregions are pronounced in this respect. The proportion reporting no off-farm work was highest in subregions 5 and 116 where it exceeded two-thirds, with less than one-fifth of the operators of Class I farms reporting no off-farm work. At the other extreme were subregions 18 and 26 where full-time operators represented little more than half of all operators.

Farm mechanization and home conveniences.—Poultry farms are preeminently single-enterprise farms engaged in some phase of the production of poultry or eggs. Generally, feed is bought ready to use and little home-grown feed is provided. Therefore, machinery for preparing soil and harvesting crops is not the large item on poultry farms that it is on many other types of farms. About half the poultry farms have tractors and motortrucks; three-fourths have automobiles.