

FARMERS AND FARM PRODUCTION

Off-farm income per farm reporting.—Comparison of data in Table 44, on off-farm income of farm-operator families per farm reporting, shows (1) that the income received from most of the sources is remarkably uniform from class to class outside of Class I, (2) that average total income from nonfarm work is substantially higher for part-time (Class VII), residential (Class VIII), and Class V farm operators, than for those in Classes II-IV, (3) that income received from interest, dividends, trust

funds or royalties is considerably larger for Class I farm operators than for others, and (4) that income received by wife from farm work is low in Class I and part-time (Class VII) farms and high in Class III and IV. (This is considered significant as there is assumed to be an inverse relation between income earned by the wife in farm work and the level of living of the family on the farm.)

Table 44.—AVERAGE OFF-FARM INCOME OF FARM-OPERATOR FAMILIES BY FARMS REPORTING SPECIFIED SOURCES, BY CLASS OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

| Source of income | United States, total (dollars) | Group I | | | Group II | | | | Group III | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Total (dollars) | Class I (dollars) | Class II (dollars) | Total (dollars) | Class III (dollars) | Class IV (dollars) | Class V (dollars) | Total (dollars) | Class VI (dollars) | Part-time (dollars) | Residential (dollars) |
| Average off-farm income per farm-operator family: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income received by farm operator: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income from off-farm business or self-employment: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm customwork..... | 762 | 1,089 | 2,874 | 597 | 664 | 599 | 687 | 774 | 480 | 322 | 916 | 316 |
| Farm trucking or hauling..... | 860 | 981 | | 981 | 765 | 369 | 1,016 | 942 | 950 | 510 | 516 | 1,566 |
| Nonfarm business..... | 2,249 | 3,390 | 4,666 | 2,691 | 2,054 | 2,010 | 2,229 | 1,919 | 2,161 | 838 | 2,609 | 2,323 |
| Income from working for others for wages or salary: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm work..... | 712 | 1,540 | 3,739 | 713 | 592 | 578 | 628 | 564 | 470 | 288 | 689 | 462 |
| Nonfarm work..... | 2,220 | 1,445 | 2,186 | 1,309 | 1,770 | 1,275 | 1,521 | 2,433 | 2,632 | 845 | 2,878 | 2,811 |
| Income from rental of farm real estate..... | 821 | 1,659 | 1,937 | 1,490 | 953 | 1,408 | 847 | 649 | 482 | 402 | 483 | 474 |
| Income from rental of nonfarm real estate..... | 701 | 689 | 688 | 689 | 663 | 813 | 627 | 529 | 748 | 366 | 946 | 650 |
| Income from roomers and boarders..... | 421 | 674 | 508 | 775 | 364 | 412 | 316 | 370 | 445 | 371 | 462 | 445 |
| Income from interest, dividends, a trust fund, or royalties..... | 505 | 773 | 1,283 | 621 | 438 | 576 | 391 | 263 | 413 | 111 | 196 | 861 |
| Income from veteran's pensions and compensation, veteran's school allotment, serviceman's family allotment..... | 743 | 543 | 277 | 646 | 758 | 788 | 578 | 947 | 764 | 831 | 620 | 843 |
| Income from retirement pay, unemployment compensation, old age pension, annuities, alimony, regular contributions or welfare received..... | 654 | 594 | 544 | 604 | 594 | 635 | 517 | 629 | 671 | 580 | 673 | 704 |
| Any other personal income..... | 527 | 420 | 718 | 344 | 708 | 516 | 722 | 983 | 386 | 1,594 | 207 | 456 |
| Income received by wife: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| From farm work..... | 254 | 243 | 78 | 272 | 360 | 458 | 600 | 102 | 176 | 295 | 79 | 111 |
| From nonfarm work..... | 1,204 | 1,136 | 1,306 | 1,079 | 1,254 | 1,189 | 1,263 | 1,304 | 1,178 | 1,015 | 1,435 | 1,036 |
| Income received by other family members: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| From farm work..... | 356 | 825 | 870 | 813 | 291 | 423 | 211 | 277 | 241 | 295 | 274 | 195 |
| From nonfarm work..... | 1,391 | 1,297 | 911 | 1,449 | 1,535 | 1,617 | 1,419 | 1,564 | 1,282 | 1,366 | 1,368 | 1,197 |

Table 45.—FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY, EDUCATION, AND FAMILY INCOME AFTER TAXES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

| Item | United States, total |
|---|----------------------|
| Farm operators by age: | |
| Total operators..... | 4,760,050 |
| Under 35 years..... | 613,801 |
| 35 to 64 years..... | 3,209,546 |
| 65 years and over..... | 936,703 |
| Farm operators by number of persons in family: | |
| Total operators..... | 4,760,050 |
| 1.9 persons or less..... | 244,520 |
| 2.0 to 4.9 persons..... | 3,126,786 |
| 5.0 to 5.9 persons..... | 573,472 |
| 6.0 or more persons..... | 815,272 |
| Farm operators by education: | |
| Total operators..... | 4,760,050 |
| Not completing eighth grade..... | 1,535,263 |
| Completing eighth grade but not completing high school..... | 2,083,240 |
| Completing high school..... | 1,081,407 |
| Operators not reporting as to education..... | 60,140 |
| Farm operators by family income after taxes: | |
| Total operators..... | 4,760,050 |
| Negative income..... | 189,133 |
| \$0 to \$999..... | 1,031,746 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999..... | 1,003,694 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999..... | 840,136 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999..... | 605,229 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999..... | 322,017 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999..... | 212,970 |
| \$6,000 to \$7,499..... | 137,102 |
| \$7,500 to \$9,999..... | 90,835 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 85,550 |
| Operators not reporting family income..... | 241,638 |

Table 46.—PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY, EDUCATION, AND FAMILY INCOME AFTER TAXES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

| Item | United States, total |
|---|----------------------|
| Farm operators by age: | |
| Total operators..... | 100.0 |
| Under 35 years..... | 12.9 |
| 35 to 64 years..... | 67.4 |
| 65 years and over..... | 19.7 |
| Farm operators by number of persons in family: | |
| Total operators..... | 100.0 |
| 1.9 persons or less..... | 5.1 |
| 2.0 to 4.9 persons..... | 65.7 |
| 5.0 to 5.9 persons..... | 12.0 |
| 6.0 or more persons..... | 17.1 |
| Farm operators by education: | |
| Total operators..... | 100.0 |
| Not completing eighth grade..... | 32.3 |
| Completing eighth grade but not completing high school..... | 43.8 |
| Completing high school..... | 22.7 |
| Operators not reporting as to education..... | 1.3 |
| Farm operator by family income after taxes: | |
| Total operators..... | 100.0 |
| Negative income..... | 4.0 |
| \$0 to \$999..... | 21.7 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999..... | 21.1 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999..... | 17.6 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999..... | 12.7 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999..... | 6.8 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999..... | 4.5 |
| \$6,000 to \$7,499..... | 2.9 |
| \$7,500 to \$9,999..... | 1.9 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 1.8 |
| Operators not reporting family income..... | 5.1 |