## STATISTICS FOR THE STATE

## State Table 18.—SAMPLING RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATED TOTALS FOR COUNTY, ECONOMIC AREA, AND STATE BY NUMBER OF FARMS REPORTING, BY LEVELS

If the estimated number of farms reporting is—			its of a complet		If the estimated number of farms reporting is-	Then the chances are about 2 in 3 that the estimated total would differ from the results of a complete tabulation of the items for all farms by less than—						
	Level	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4		Level 11	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4			
25	28 20 13 8.9 6.3	Percent 53 37 26 17 12 8.4 5.3	Percent 71 50 35 22 16 11 7.1	Percent 96 68 48 30 21 15 9.6	5,000. 10,000. 25,000. 50,000. 100,000. 250,000.	2.0 1.3 0.9 0.6	Percent 3.7 2.6 1.7 1.2 0.8 0.5	Percent 5.0 3.5 2.2 1.6 1.1	Percent 6.8 4.8 3.0 2.1 1.5			

Level 1 should be used in determining the sampling reliability of estimated number of farms and farms reporting.

If the estimated number of farms or farms reporting constitutes more than 75 percent of all farms in the universe, a better approximation to the sampling reliability may be obtained by multiplying the percent given in the tables as follows:

1. When the number of farms or farms reporting is 75 percent of all farms, multiply the percent error by 0.50.

2. When the number of farms or farms reporting is 90 percent of all farms, multiply the percent error by 0.20.

3. When the number of farms or farms reporting is 95 percent of all farms, multiply the percent error by 0.20.

## State Table 19.-INDICATED LEVEL OF SAMPLING RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATED COUNTY, ECONOMIC AREA, AND STATE TOTALS FOR SPECIFIED ITEMS

To determine sampling reliability for an item, it is necessary to use this table to find out which of the 4 levels of sampling reliability given in State Table 18 to use. Reference

	Level of sampling reliability for specified items by number of milk cows													
Item		All commercial farms						Dairy farms						
	Total	Under 1	.0 10 to	29 3	0 to 49	50 and more	Total	Under 10	10 to	29 30	to 49 5	and more		
Milk cowsnumber Whole milk soldpounds	2	1	2	1	1	1 2	2		2	1	1 2	i		
dollars  Cream soldpounds of butterfat	2		2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2		
dollars.	3		3	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	2		
	Level of sampling reliability for specified items by number of chickens on hand													
Item		All commercial farms					Poultry farms							
·	Total	Under 400	400 to 799	800 to 1,599	1,600 to 3,199	3,200 and over	Total	Under 400	400 to 799	800 to 1,599	1,600 to 3,199	3,200 and over		
Chickens on handnumber	4	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	1		
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Chickens soldnumber. Chicken eggs solddozens. Chicken eggs sold, value of salesdozens.	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1 2	2		

Note: Items whose level is indicated by an X may be approximated by using the level given for the State.