

# 1960 SAMPLE SURVEY OF AGRICULTURE

**Table 1.—NUMBER OF FARMS BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, BY TYPE OF FARM, AND BY SIZE OF FARM: 1960 AND 1959**

[Data are estimates; see table B for sampling errors]

| Classification   | Number of farms |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | 1960<br>(1,000) | 1959<br>(1,000) |
| All farms.....   | 3,253           | 3,704           |
| Economic class of farm:  |                 |                 |
| Commercial farms:  |                 |                 |
| Class I.....   | 106             | 102             |
| Class II.....  | 228             | 210             |
| Class III.....   | 490             | 482             |
| Class IV.....  | 591             | 653             |
| Class V.....   | 543             | 617             |
| Class VI.....  | 307             | 348             |
| Other farms:   |                 |                 |
| Part-time.....   | 674             | 882             |
| Part-retirement.....   | 311             | 404             |
| Abnormal.....  | 3               | 3               |
| Commercial farms by type of farm:  |                 |                 |
| Cash-grain farms.....  | 414             | 398             |
| Tobacco farms.....   | 214             | 190             |
| Cotton farms.....  | 220             | 242             |
| Field-crop farms other than tobacco, cotton, and cash-grain.....               | 45              | 37              |
| Vegetable farms.....   | 25              | 21              |
| Fruit-and-nut farms.....   | 52              | 61              |
| Poultry farms.....   | 80              | 103             |
| Dairy farms.....   | 399             | 428             |
| Livestock farms other than poultry and dairy farms, and livestock ranches..... | 517             | 616             |
| Livestock ranches.....   | 41              | 67              |
| General farms.....   | 225             | 212             |
| Miscellaneous farms.....   | 33              | 37              |
| Farms by size, total.....  | 3,253           | 3,704           |
| Under 10 acres.....  | 150             | 241             |
| 10 to 49 acres.....  | 608             | 811             |
| 50 to 69 acres.....  | 213             | 258             |
| 70 to 99 acres.....  | 355             | 400             |
| 100 to 139 acres.....  | 348             | 394             |
| 140 to 179 acres.....  | 342             | 378             |
| 180 to 219 acres.....  | 217             | 226             |
| 220 to 259 acres.....  | 179             | 189             |
| 260 to 499 acres.....  | 484             | 471             |
| 500 to 999 acres.....  | 211             | 200             |
| 1,000 or more acres.....   | 146             | 136             |

**Table 2.—FARMS REPORTING AND ACREAGE OF LAND IN FARMS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO USE: 1960 AND 1959**

[Data are estimates; see table B for sampling errors]

| Item  | 1960 sample survey<br>(1,000) | 1959 census<br>(1,000) |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of farms.....                              | 3,253                         | 3,704                  |
| Land in farms..... acres.....                     | 1,133,907                     | 1,120,158              |
| Cropland harvested..... farms reporting.....      | 2,950                         | 3,197                  |
| ..... acres.....                                  | 317,980                       | 311,285                |
| Total pastureland..... acres.....                 | 634,100                       | 622,539                |
| Other land..... acres.....                        | 181,827                       | 186,334                |
| Irrigated land in farms..... farms reporting..... | 313                           | 307                    |
| ..... acres.....                                  | 35,835                        | 33,022                 |

**Table 3.—NUMBER OF FARMS OPERATED BY PART OWNERS AND TENANTS WITH OPERATOR RENTING LAND FROM A RELATIVE: 1960**

[Data are estimates; see table B for sampling errors]

| Tenure of farm operator            | Total number of farm operators<br>(1,000) | Operators renting land from own or wife's grandparent, brother, or sister<br>(1,000) |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Part owners.....                   | 818                                       | 260  |
| All tenants.....                   | 674                                       | 211  |
| Cash tenants.....                  | 105                                       | 31   |
| Share-cash tenants.....            | 128                                       | 51   |
| Crop-share tenants.....            | 222                                       | 61   |
| Croppers (South only).....         | 89  | 11   |
| Livestock-share tenants.....       | 103                                       | 43   |
| Other and unspecified tenants..... | 27  | 14   |

**Table 4.—ESTIMATED TOTAL VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD, AND TOTAL CASH OPERATING EXPENSES OF FARM OPERATOR BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1960**

| Economic class of farm | Total value of farm products sold |                               | Total cash operating expenses <sup>1</sup> |                  | Total value of farm products sold minus total cash operating expenses |                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|---|-------------------------------|
|                        | Total<br>(\$1,000)                | Average per farm<br>(dollars) | Total<br>(\$1,000)                         | Average per farm | Total<br>(\$1,000)  | Average per farm<br>(dollars) |
| All farms.....         | 30,146,890                        | 9,268                         | 19,017,532                                 | 5,847            | 11,129,359  | 3,422                         |
| Commercial farms.....  | 29,164,445                        | 12,882                        | 18,370,409                                 | 8,114            | 10,794,037  | 4,768                         |
| Class I.....           | 10,050,195                        | 95,235                        | 7,685,146                                  | 72,824           | 2,365,050   | 22,411                        |
| Class II.....          | 5,919,950                         | 26,014                        | 3,573,237                                  | 15,702           | 2,346,713   | 10,312                        |
| Class III.....         | 6,667,950                         | 13,599                        | 3,719,623                                  | 7,586            | 2,948,327   | 6,013                         |
| Class IV.....          | 4,188,364                         | 7,090                         | 2,247,407                                  | 3,804            | 1,940,957   | 3,286                         |
| Class V.....           | 1,913,975                         | 3,528                         | 960,935                                    | 1,772            | 953,040   | 1,757                         |
| Class VI.....          | 424,011                           | 1,379                         | 184,061                                    | 599              | 239,950   | 781                           |
| Other farms.....       | 982,445                           | 994                           | 647,123                                    | 655              | 335,322   | 339                           |
| Part-time.....         | 580,237                           | 861                           | 393,754                                    | 584              | 186,484   | 277                           |
| Part-retirement.....   | 288,313                           | 927                           | 151,496                                    | 487              | 136,816   | 440                           |
| Abnormal.....          | 113,895                           | 34,640                        | 101,873                                    | 30,983           | 12,022  | 3,656                         |

<sup>1</sup> Includes expenditures for livestock and poultry, feed, bulbs, plants, seeds, custom machine work, cash wages, marketing costs, repair and maintenance of buildings and machinery; fuel oil, electricity for farm business; taxes, interest on mortgage debt, crop and livestock insurance; fertilizer and lime, sprays, insecticides, and miscellaneous farm supplies. Does not include cash rent, depreciation of buildings and machinery, nor expenditures for purchase of machinery. It does not include cash expenses paid by landlords.

**Table 5.—FARMS REPORTING AND AMOUNT OF INCOME FARM OPERATOR FAMILIES RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN FARM OPERATED: 1960**

[Data are estimates; see table B for sampling errors]

| Source of income  | Farms reporting  |                                 | Amount of income            |  |   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
|   | Total<br>(1,000) | Per-<br>cent of<br>all<br>farms | Total<br>dollars<br>(1,000) | Average<br>per farm<br>operator<br>family<br>(dollars) | Average<br>per farm<br>operator<br>family<br>reporting<br>(dollars) |
| Total off-farm income.....  | 2,534            | 77.9                            | 7,415,924                   | 2,280  | 2,926   |
| Cash wages, salaries.....   | 1,454            | 44.7                            | 4,175,654                   | 1,284  | 2,872   |
| Nonfarm business or professional practice.....  | 317              | 9.7                             | 1,131,464                   | 348  | 3,567   |
| Custom work.....  | 521              | 16.0                            | 243,497                     | 75   | 467   |
| Roomers and boarders.....   | 25               | 0.8                             | 11,794                      | 4  | 472   |
| Rental of farm property to others.....  | 386              | 11.8                            | 397,948                     | 122  | 1,031   |
| Rental of nonfarm property.....   | 133              | 4.1                             | 134,551                     | 41   | 1,012   |
| Interest, dividends, and regular payments from trust funds.....                         | 459              | 14.1                            | 314,176                     | 97   | 684   |
| Federal Social Security, pensions, retirement pay, veteran payments, and annuities..... | 546              | 16.8                            | 595,440                     | 183  | 1,090   |
| Unemployment income, workmen's compensation, and old age assistance.....                | 109              | 3.3                             | 61,519                      | 19   | 564   |
| Contributions for family support from persons outside family.....                       | 18               | 0.6                             | 8,856                       | 3  | 492   |
| Other (oil leases, soil bank payments, etc.).....                                       | 365              | 11.2                            | 341,025                     | 105  | 934   |