



Item	Operators of part-retirement farms	
	Number	Percent of all part-time farm operators
Operators of part-retirement farms, total.....	404,110	100.0
Farm operators:		
Working off their farms, total.....	69,817	17.3
1 to 99 days.....	37,336	9.2
100 to 199 days.....	9,899	2.4
200 or more days.....	22,582	5.6
With other members of family working off farm.....	15,031	3.7
With income from sources other than farm operated and off-farm work.....	55,095	13.6
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....	52,086	12.9
Not working off their farms or not reporting as to work off their farms, total.....	334,293	82.7
With other members of family working off farm.....	44,763	11.1
With income from sources other than farm operated.....	279,367	69.1
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....	181,482	44.9

The scale of operations of part-retirement farms is not large. Over one-fourth had no cropland harvested and three-fourths had less than 20 acres of cropland harvested. Less than 6 percent of the farms had 50 acres or more of cropland harvested. Less

than 40 percent of the farms had tractors, other than garden, and less than 4 percent had hired farm workers. About half of the farms used some commercial fertilizer and the average amount used per farm reporting was 2.3 tons. Almost all of the farms reported one or more of the six items for farm expenditures, and the average expenditure for feed for livestock and poultry; purchase of livestock and poultry; hired farm labor; gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business; machine hire; and seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees was \$410. Cattle were reported on 68 percent of the farms; milk cows, on 46 percent; hogs and pigs, on 39 percent; and chickens on 69 percent.

Corn and hay comprised almost two-thirds of the total acreage of cropland harvested. The sale of cattle and calves accounted for over a fourth of the total value of farm products sold, and the sale of hogs, dairy products, and eggs accounted for another fourth of total sales.

By definition, all of the operators of part-retirement farms were 65 years of age and over. Their average age was 71.1 years.

More than 93 percent of the part-retirement operators own all or part of the farms they operate. The average value of farm land and buildings per farm was \$11,034.