

for chickens 4 months old and over. The livestock and poultry were kept largely for consumption on the place, as the total sales of all farm products for places of 10 or more acres did not exceed \$50 and for places of less than 10 acres, did not exceed \$250 in 1959.

Proportion of 1959 Census Totals Represented by Places Not Qualifying as Farms, 1959.—The number of places not qualifying as farms in 1959 but qualifying in 1954, was equivalent to 6.3 percent of the number of farms shown by the 1959 census. In the North, such places were equivalent to 3.2 percent; in the South, to 9.2 percent; and in the West, to 7.4 percent of the farms counted in the census.

For some groups of census farms, the places not qualifying according to the 1959 definition were equivalent to a significant part of the corresponding census totals. The number of places under 10 acres in size were equivalent to 54 percent of the census total for farms under 10 acres in size. Places operated by persons 65 years old and over were equivalent to 10 percent of census farm operators 65 years old and over.

The acreage of land in farms, cropland harvested, the acreage of corn and hay, and the number of cattle and hogs on these places is equal to only a fraction of 1 percent of the corresponding total for census farms.

Effect of Change in Definition Upon the Comparisons of 1959 Census With Prior Census Data.—The change in the farm definition affects the comparison of the number of farms and farm operators and the number of farms reporting for the 1959 and the 1954 Censuses of Agriculture. The change affects not only the comparison but also the distribution of the number of farms, by such classifications as size of farm, age of operator, operators by days of work off farm, operators by tenure, operators by color, etc. The change in the definition of a farm affected significantly the change from 1954 to 1959 in the (a) number of farms under 10 acres and 10 to 29 acres in size as well as the proportion of

the farms in these size groups, (b) the number of farms operated by full owners and the distribution of farms by tenure of operators, (c) the number and distribution of farm operators by color, (d) the number of farm operators 65 years old and over and the distribution of farm operators by age, (e) the number of farm operators working off their farms 200 days or more and the distribution of farm operators by days worked off their farms, and (f) the number of farm operators reporting income from other sources greater than the sale of agricultural products.

The change in the definition of a farm affects the change in the number of farms reporting cattle, hogs and pigs, and chickens 4 months old and over on hand and also the change in the number of farms reporting cropland harvested, and corn harvested for all purposes. The change in definition, however, has no significant effect upon the number of cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, chickens 4 months old and over, or the acreage of cropland harvested, corn harvested for all purposes, or the acreage of hay cut.

Farm Operator.—The term "farm operator" is used to designate a person who operates a farm, either doing the work himself or directly supervising the work. He may be the owner; a member of the owner's household, a hired manager, or a tenant, renter, or sharecropper. If he rents land to others or has land worked on shares by others, he is considered as operator only of the land which he retains for his own operation. In the case of a partnership, only one partner is counted as an operator. The number of farm operators is considered to be the same as the number of farms.

Enumeration of Land Located in More Than One County.—Land in an individual farm may be located in two or more counties. In each case, the entire farm was enumerated in only one county. If the farm operator lived on the farm, the farm was enumerated in the county in which the farm operator lived. If the farm operator did not live on the farm, the figures for the farm were included in the county in which the farm headquarters

