

GENERAL REPORT

the term was considered as applying to all young chickens sold. Generally, when less than 2,000 broilers were reported as sold on an individual farm, they were counted as other chickens sold. During the office processing, inconsistencies indicating misunderstanding regarding the classification of broilers and other chickens were corrected on the basis of related data on the questionnaire. If the number was large enough to significantly affect county totals, the farm operator was contacted either by letter or by telephone to determine the correct classification.

An accurate enumeration of broilers sold is difficult because of the varied contract arrangements under which broilers are

produced. A large proportion of the broilers is produced under contract made by the farm operator with a processor, feed dealer, or other person. The contracts vary from producer to producer. A farmer may produce one lot of broilers under one type of contract arrangement and additional lots under another type. Usually more than one lot of broilers is produced during the year, and the farm operator may not always recall all the lots sold. To help in obtaining as complete an enumeration as possible, in 1959 lists of large broiler producers were prepared and checks were made to see that all these producers were included in the census.

