

**Table 17. Correctly Counted Farms by Year Began Operation in Census and in Coverage Check**

(Thousands of farms. Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Census classification for year began operation	Number of farms	Coverage check classification						
		Year began operation not reported	Year began operation reported					1944 or earlier
			Total	1960 to 1964	1955 to 1959	1950 to 1954	1945 to 1949	
Number of farms.....	2,973	16	2,957	570	502	438	478	969
Year began operation not reported.....	152	1	151	32	27	22	22	48
Year began operation reported.....	2,821	15	2,806	538	475	416	455	922
1960 to 1964.....	571	1	570	416	61	33	26	34
1955 to 1959.....	467	3	464	52	292	56	22	41
1950 to 1954.....	409	1	408	22	58	236	46	47
1945 to 1949.....	442	2	440	24	24	40	280	72
1944 or earlier.....	933	8	925	24	40	51	81	728

**Table 18. Indexes of Response Variance and Bias for Selected Items**

(Computed from unrounded figures)

Item	Net difference rate	Index of net shift relative to coverage check	Gross difference rate	Index of inconsistency	Percent in coverage check class identically reported in census	Item	Net difference rate	Index of net shift relative to coverage check	Gross difference rate	Index of inconsistency	Percent in coverage check class identically reported in census
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Size of farm <sup>1</sup>						Tenure					
Under 10 acres.....	-0.42	-8.39	1.55	15.66	88.73	Full owner.....	-2.77	-5.15	9.81	19.83	93.45
10 to 49 acres.....	-0.69	-3.93	3.74	12.65	91.39	Part owner or manager.....	+3.58	+11.88	10.52	25.94	76.60
50 to 69 acres.....	+0.15	+2.30	2.96	24.35	76.35	Tenant.....	-0.81	-5.05	5.78	20.93	84.61
70 to 99 acres.....	-0.32	-3.37	3.37	19.18	84.08	Residence <sup>2</sup>					
100 to 139 acres...	+0.23	+2.01	3.99	20.07	81.35	On place.....	-1.14	-1.27	7.98	47.84	96.21
140 to 179 acres...	+0.07	+0.61	3.76	18.98	82.88	Not on place.....	+1.14	+11.72	7.98	47.84	53.26
180 to 219 acres...	-0.36	-5.24	2.88	21.79	81.86	Year began operation <sup>3</sup>					
220 to 259 acres...	+0.35	+6.06	2.32	22.13	76.71	1960 to 1964.....	-1.13	-5.89	9.82	31.00	77.34
260 to 499 acres...	+0.43	+2.87	3.84	15.35	85.64	1955 to 1959.....	+0.39	+2.29	12.66	45.45	61.44
500 to 999 acres...	+0.23	+3.50	1.61	13.48	85.85	1950 to 1954.....	+0.31	+2.06	12.57	50.18	56.60
1,000 to 1,999 acres	+0.20	+6.65	0.82	14.46	83.11	1945 to 1949.....	+0.54	+3.35	11.95	44.57	61.49
2,000 acres and over.....	+0.15	+9.00	0.27	8.52	87.50	1944 or earlier...	-0.11	-0.33	13.91	31.51	78.99
Cropland harvested											
None.....	+0.08	+0.63	5.03	22.30	80.34						
1 to 9 acres.....	-1.90	-14.02	6.65	26.78	82.54						
10 to 19 acres.....	+0.67	+6.12	6.29	33.10	68.26						
20 to 49 acres.....	-0.42	-2.27	7.02	23.23	82.01						
50 to 99 acres.....	+0.30	+1.85	6.35	23.37	79.68						
100 acres and over.	+1.27	+4.56	3.44	8.62	91.52						

<sup>1</sup>Census size class based on edited census response.

<sup>2</sup>For farms reporting in census only.

<sup>3</sup>For farms reporting in both census and coverage check only.