

Table 3. RATIO OF DEBT TO VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AND TO INCOME OF OPERATORS, FOR COMMERCIAL FARMS

Subject	Percentage of farm operators indebted	Operator debt as percent of—			
		Value of land and buildings owned	Operator's share of farm products sold minus cash rent	Operator's net cash farm income	Operator's total net cash income
Commercial farms.....	64.7	37	100	435	21.5
Economic class:					
Class I.....	79.8	38	71	447	309
Class II.....	77.1	41	102	374	237
Class III.....	73.2	39	117	400	216
Class IV.....	65.5	36	142	472	173
Class V.....	58.4	34	190	669	133
Class VI.....	46.8	23	179	637	104
Tenure of operator:					
Full owners.....	56.7	32	113	454	193
Part owners.....	74.4	40	105	482	257
Managers.....	69.2	19	72	465	328
Tenants.....	68.4	126	74	283	152
Type of farm:					
Cash-grain.....	64.2	39	128	397	195
Tobacco.....	58.7	29	91	262	121
Cotton.....	71.0	39	97	450	229
Other field-crop.....	77.7	42	77	414	249
Vegetable.....	60.1	38	44	454	241
Fruit and nut.....	55.1	25	114	779	287
Poultry.....	67.4	43	42	252	144
Dairy.....	72.8	47	104	432	248
Livestock other than poultry, dairy, and live-stock ranches.....	60.3	39	94	404	204
Livestock ranches.....	63.2	26	215	1,491	400
General.....	67.1	39	116	484	222
Miscellaneous.....	56.3	26	80	522	160
Age of operator:					
Not reported.....	42.8	33	66	288	153
Under 35.....	80.4	52	109	438	228
35 to 44.....	78.6	48	107	472	235
45 to 54.....	69.2	35	99	423	210
55 to 64.....	50.4	26	90	396	189
65 and over.....	37.5	20	83	423	182
Years on the farm:					
Not reported.....	46.8	20	66	364	177
Under 2.....	74.0	48	140	550	252
2 to 4.....	74.0	58	121	563	245
5 to 9.....	73.7	47	115	514	241
10 to 14.....	70.0	41	103	438	214
15 to 19.....	69.3	37	90	390	207
20 to 29.....	59.9	31	93	390	198
30 and over.....	47.8	24	79	353	187

Approximately 35 percent of farm operators of commercial farms had no debts in early 1966. About 32 percent of indebted operators of commercial farms had debts equaling or exceeding 750 percent of their net cash farm income. Included in this 32 percent were farm operators who had net cash operating losses in 1965. More than half of the debts of commercial farm operators were for those that had debts equaling or exceeding 750 percent of their net cash income in 1965.

Table 4. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM OPERATORS WITH OPERATOR DEBT AND FARM OPERATORS WITH NO OPERATOR DEBT, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR COMMERCIAL FARMS

Subject	Amount of debt for farms with ratio of total debt to net cash farm income of farm operator of—				
	All farms, total debt	1 to 149 percent	150 to 749 percent	750 percent or more	Net cash operating loss
All commercial farms...	(million dollars) 25,755	(million dollars) 1,915	(million dollars) 10,195	(million dollars) 9,777	(million dollars) 3,868
Class I and II.....	13,589	1,075	5,678	4,969	1,867
Class III and IV.....	9,456	672	3,857	3,629	1,298
Class V and VI.....	2,710	168	660	1,179	703

Subject	All farm operators	Farm operators with operator debt	Farm operators with no operator debt
Number of commercial operators..... (1,000)...	Number 2,298	Number 1,487	Number 812
All commercial farms.....	Percent 100.0	Percent 100.0	Percent 100.0
Economic class:			
Class I.....	6.4	7.9	3.7
Class II.....	12.3	14.7	8.0
Class III.....	20.2	22.9	15.4
Class IV.....	23.1	23.4	22.6
Class V.....	20.2	18.3	23.8
Class VI.....	17.6	12.8	26.6

Farm Operator Debt

Some groups of farm operators had no debts, others had large debts in 1966. Approximately two-thirds of all farm operators had debts at the time of the survey in 1966.

The proportion of farm operators with debt was higher for farm operators with a value of farm products sold of \$10,000 or more than it was for farm operators with a value of farm products sold of less than \$10,000. The proportion of farm operators with debt was higher for part owners than for full owners.

Almost four-fifths of the farm operators under 45 years of age were indebted. Less than half of the farm operators 45 years old and over had debts.

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Commercial farms.....	64.7
Age of operator:	
Not reported.....	42.8
Under 35.....	80.4
35 to 44.....	78.6
45 to 54.....	69.2
55 to 64.....	50.4
65 and over.....	37.5