

Several factors other than size of operations were related to the amount of debt for groups of farm operators. Age of farm operators, tenure of farm operators, the length of time farm operators had operated their farms, and type of farm were related to the amount of debt per farm. Younger farmers had larger debts than older farmers. Farm operators who had been operating their farms for 15 or more years had smaller debts

then farm operators who had been operating their farms for fewer years. Part owners had larger debts than full owners and full owners had larger debts than tenants. Operators of cash-grain; livestock farms other than poultry, dairy, and livestock ranches; and dairy farms had the largest debts; while operators of other field-crop and vegetable farms had the smallest debts.

**Table 14. AVERAGE PER FARM OF INDEBTED OPERATORS, FOR VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, OPERATOR'S SHARE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD AND OPERATOR'S CASH INCOME BY SOURCE, BY TYPE OF FARM, BY TENURE, BY AGE OF OPERATOR, AND BY YEARS ON FARM, FOR ALL FARMS**

Subject	Number of farms (1,000)	Value of land and buildings		Value of farm products sold (dollars)	Operators cash income			Operators debt (dollars)
		Operated (dollars)	Owed (dollars)		Net farm (dollars)	Off farm (dollars)	Total net (dollars)	
All farms.....	2,040	67,039	38,523	14,698	2,969	4,754	7,724	14,255
Type of farm:								
Cash-grain.....	345	97,560	40,340	15,151	3,678	5,114	8,792	15,569
Tobacco.....	161	25,922	16,127	5,886	1,628	2,831	4,459	4,896
Cotton.....	141	65,321	30,713	14,243	2,583	3,053	5,636	11,856
Other field-crop.....	33	97,973	54,233	32,504	5,482	4,232	9,714	23,056
Vegetable.....	25	98,645	40,731	33,517	3,210	4,005	7,216	14,779
Fruit and nut.....	51	121,694	99,082	20,457	2,873	8,879	11,753	24,712
Poultry.....	64	41,275	34,104	34,609	5,694	4,966	10,660	14,738
Dairy.....	287	54,110	34,405	16,247	3,631	2,967	6,599	15,890
Livestock other than poultry, dairy, and livestock ranches.....	568	56,497	35,470	13,899	2,860	5,280	8,140	13,510
Livestock ranches.....	63	184,913	117,291	14,751	1,881	7,507	9,389	31,201
General.....	188	64,352	36,801	12,949	2,662	5,026	7,688	14,356
Miscellaneous.....	113	33,188	29,518	6,070	878	6,772	7,650	8,866
Tenure:								
Full owners.....	1,057	38,480	35,901	8,550	2,065	5,423	7,488	11,440
Part owners.....	603	100,261	52,280	22,091	4,183	8,654	12,837	20,805
Managers.....	17	478,652	393,301	107,017	16,145	7,638	23,784	76,691
Tenants.....	364	76,114	7,086	16,080	2,980	3,149	6,129	8,712
Age of operator:								
Not reported.....	3	90,922	51,662	29,181	5,648	4,930	10,579	16,157
Under 35.....	326	66,636	29,643	14,869	2,984	4,996	7,981	15,223
35 to 44.....	572	71,998	35,934	16,458	3,210	5,348	8,559	17,009
45 to 54.....	588	68,366	42,483	15,668	3,262	4,755	8,018	14,806
55 to 64.....	390	64,073	42,676	12,822	2,641	4,005	6,647	11,014
65 and over.....	163	52,292	40,877	8,885	1,767	3,972	5,738	8,388
Years on the farm:								
Not reported.....	40	61,107	38,462	10,863	1,888	4,151	6,039	7,825
Under 2.....	181	56,336	31,296	10,601	2,191	5,398	7,590	15,775
2 to 4.....	188	49,182	25,549	11,328	2,043	5,783	7,827	14,709
5 to 9.....	393	62,832	32,924	13,593	2,611	5,069	7,680	14,775
10 to 14.....	301	70,634	38,991	15,819	3,203	5,031	8,234	15,358
15 to 19.....	318	68,428	38,427	16,795	3,401	4,317	7,719	14,037
20 to 29.....	391	77,424	46,858	16,750	3,586	4,490	8,077	14,365
30 and over.....	228	74,029	49,808	15,380	3,187	3,656	6,843	11,578

**Table 15. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM OPERATORS WITH OPERATOR DEBT AND FARM OPERATORS WITH NO OPERATOR DEBT, BY TYPE OF FARM, FOR COMMERCIAL FARMS**

Operators of cotton farms and dairy farms represented a higher percentage of farm operators of commercial farms with debt than farm operators of the same type of farms represented of debt free farm operators.

Subject	Farm operators with operator debt	Farm operators with no operator debt
Number of commercial operators.....(1,000) ..	Number 1,487	Number 812
All commercial farms.....	Percent 100.0	Percent 100.0
Type of farm:		
Cash-grain.....	18.3	18.8
Tobacco.....	8.1	10.5
Cotton.....	8.1	6.0
Other field-crop.....	1.9	1.0
Vegetable.....	1.2	1.5
Fruit and nut.....	2.2	3.3
Poultry.....	3.8	3.4
Dairy.....	18.2	12.5
Livestock other than poultry, dairy, and livestock ranches.....	23.2	27.9
Livestock ranches.....	3.0	3.2
General.....	9.5	8.6
Miscellaneous.....	2.5	3.5