

TABLE 22.—Number of Farms With Chickens on Hand, by Size of Flock, for the United States: 1940 to 1964

Size of flock	Number of farms with chickens 4 months old and over					
	1964	1959 ¹	1954 ²	1950 ²	1945 ^{1, 2}	1940 ²
Total.....	1,210,669	2,207,809	3,418,204	4,215,616	4,896,374	5,150,055
1 to 99.....	896,701	1,575,262	2,443,112	3,203,033	3,505,759	4,116,697
100 to 399.....	223,133	483,618	827,975	924,524	1,282,587	972,841
400 or more.....	90,835	148,929	147,117	88,059	108,028	60,517
400 to 1,599.....	62,394	115,020	127,968	77,124	(NA)	55,944
1,600 to 3,199.....	9,734	17,833	12,669	7,745	(NA)	3,634
3,200 or more.....	18,707	16,076	6,480	3,190	(NA)	939
3,200 to 9,999.....	12,910	13,575	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10,000 or more.....	5,797	2,501	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10,000 to 19,999....	3,738	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20,000 to 49,999....	1,577	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50,000 to 99,999....	344	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100,000 or more.....	138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.
¹Data are estimates based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.
²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.

less than 100 chickens 4 months old and over, did not report any hens and roosters sold for slaughter in 1964. About two-thirds of the hens and roosters for slaughter were sold from the 17,000 farms having 3,200 or more chickens 4 months old and over in 1964.

Broilers comprised 91 percent of all chickens sold from farms in 1964. Information on the sale of broilers was first secured in the census of 1954.

The following data indicates the growth of the broiler production enterprise during the last 10 years.

Subject	1964	1959	1954
Farms selling broilers	35,128	41,743	48,931
Millions of broilers sold.....	1,915	1,414	792

The number of farms producing broilers for sale has been declining, while the number of

broilers produced has increased rapidly. The production of broilers for sale is highly concentrated on a relatively small number of specialized broiler farms. In 1964, 4,400 farms sold 43 percent of all broilers and approximately 10,000 farms accounted for two-thirds of all broilers sold. Actually, the control over broiler production is much more concentrated than these data indicate as production control is highly concentrated in the hands of contractors who contract with groups of farmers for the production of broilers and who often operate large size broiler producing units under their own control. The five leading broiler producing States—Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi—produced 58 percent of all broilers in 1964 as compared with 36 percent in 1954.

TABLE 23. Farms and Number of Broilers Sold by Number of Broilers Sold per Farm, for the United States: 1954 to 1964

Farms with number of broilers sold—	Farms						Number of broilers sold					
	Total			Percent distribution			Total (1,000)			Percent distribution		
	1964	1959	1954 ¹	1964	1959	1954 ¹	1964	1959	1954 ¹	1964	1959	
All farms, total....	35,128	42,185	50,094	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,915,374	1,419,260	796,207	100.0	100.0	
Under 2,000.....	329	954	5,541	0.9	2.3	11.1	419	1,151	(NA)	(¹)	0.1	
2,000 to 3,999.....	1,008	2,388	7,062	2.9	5.7	14.1	2,778	6,497	(NA)	0.1	0.5	
4,000 to 7,999.....	1,828	4,473	9,400	5.2	10.6	18.8	10,397	25,287	(NA)	0.5	1.8	
8,000 to 15,999.....	4,345	8,347	12,483	12.4	19.8	24.9	50,988	96,769	(NA)	2.7	6.8	
16,000 to 29,999.....	6,868	10,334	19,6	19.6	24.5	27.8	150,836	222,889	(NA)	7.9	15.7	
30,000 to 59,999.....	10,460	9,587	13,921	29.8	22.7	27.8	433,297	384,480	(NA)	22.6	27.1	
60,000 to 99,999.....	5,890	3,848	1,687	16.8	9.1	3.4	438,118	277,524	(NA)	22.9	19.6	
100,000 or more.....	4,400	2,254		12.5	5.3		828,541	404,663	(NA)	43.3	28.5	

NA Not available. ¹Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included. ²Less than 0.05 percent.