

farms from the 1959 Coverage Check were plus 2.0 percent for total land in farms and plus 0.3 percent for cropland harvested. The procedure used to determine the acres of cropland harvested in the 1964 Coverage Check was less intensive than that used in 1959, in that data were obtained on a tract-by-tract basis rather than on a field-by-field basis. It is possible that this component of total net error for cropland harvested may have been overestimated as a result of the procedures used.

4. No attempt was made in the coverage check to measure reporting error for the individual data items used to calculate total value of farm products sold for each correctly counted farm. However, data on sales were obtained for farms classified as overenumerated, underenumerated, and missed, and on this basis it is estimated that there was a relative net error of 2.9 percent for total value of farm products sold (table 12).

Table 11. COMPONENTS OF NET ERROR FOR NUMBER OF FARMS BY SIZE OF FARM: 1964

Component	Number of farms (000)						Percent of estimated total					
	Total	Less than 10 acres	10-49 acres	50-99 acres	100-219 acres	220 acres or more	Total	Less than 10 acres	10-49 acres	50-99 acres	100-219 acres	220 acres or more
Estimated total.	3,559	241	768	616	890	1,044	100	100	100	100	100	100
Reported in census....	3,158	183	637	542	824	971	89	76	83	88	93	93
Plus net difference for correctly counted farms ¹	0	-12	-21	-5	-2	+40	0	-5	-3	-1	(Z)	+4
Minus overcounted farms.....	-79	-10	-27	-14	-14	-13	-2	-4	-4	-2	-2	-1
Plus undercounted farms.....	+23	+5	+8	+4	+4	+2	+1	+2	+1	+1	(Z)	(Z)
Plus missed farms.....	+456	+76	+170	+89	+78	+44	+13	+32	+22	+14	+9	+4

Note: Numbers and percents may not add to totals due to rounding.

(Z) Less than 0.5 percent.

¹Minus if number in census greater than number in evaluation survey.

Table 12. COMPONENTS OF NET ERROR FOR TOTAL LAND, CROPLAND HARVESTED, AND VALUE OF SALES: 1964

Component	Total land		Cropland harvested		Value of farm products sold ¹	
	Acres (1,000)	Percent of estimated total	Acres (1,000)	Percent of estimated total	Dollars (1,000,000)	Percent of estimated total
Estimated total.....	1,181,706	100.0	305,333	100.0	36,354	100.0
Reported in census.....	1,110,187	93.9	286,892	94.0	35,306	97.1
Plus net difference for correctly counted farms.....	+33,447	+2.8	+10,715	+3.5	(NA)	(NA)
Minus amount on overcounted farms.....	-13,445	-1.1	-4,697	-1.5	-470	-1.3
Plus amount on undercounted farms.....	+2,801	+0.2	+1,099	+0.4	+121	+0.3
Plus amount on missed farms.....	+48,716	+4.1	+11,324	+3.7	+1,396	+3.8

Note: Numbers and percents may not add to totals due to rounding.

¹Coverage check did not measure reporting error for correctly counted farms. Estimated total reflects only errors resulting from overcounted, undercounted, and missed farms.