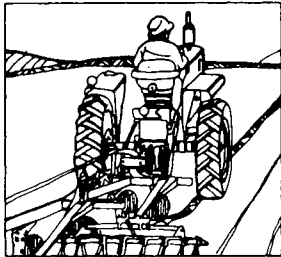
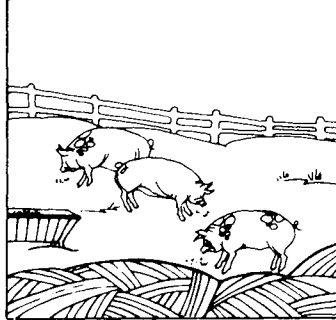


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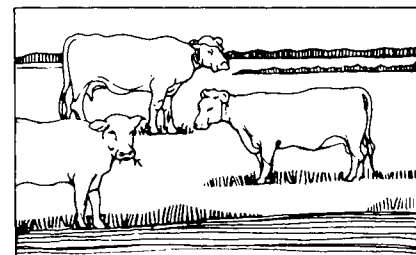
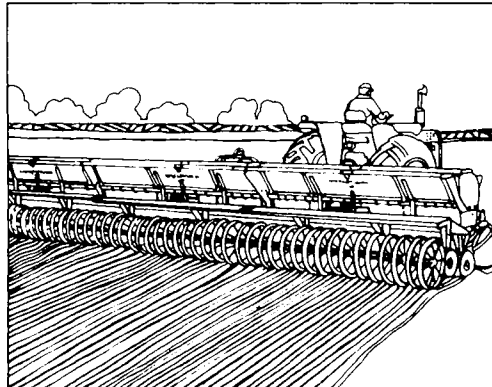
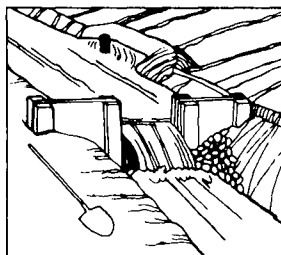
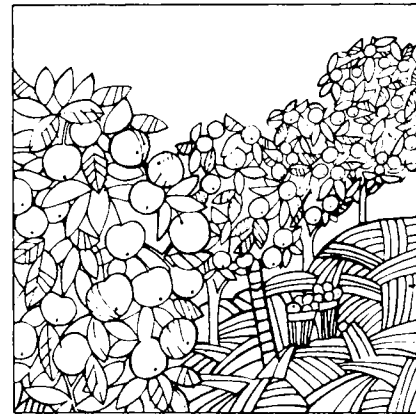
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# Section 1

## SUMMARY DATA

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# Introduction

## Authority, Area Covered, and Method

The Census of Agriculture is authorized under the provisions of Title 13, United States Code. Section 142(a) provides for the census to be taken in 1959 and each fifth year thereafter. Section 191 provides that the census shall include each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It also provides that for the Virgin Islands, Guam, and other areas over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty, census data collected by the Governor, or highest ranking Federal official, may be used. The 1969 census is the first census of agriculture conducted primarily by mail. Additional background and a description of the procedures followed is presented in sections 1 and 2 of appendix A.

## Definition of a Farm

The statistics gathered in this census relate to places qualifying as farms using the same definition as in 1964 and 1959. These are places on which agricultural operations larger than a specified minimum were conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management. For a listing of "agricultural operations," see the Leaflet Guide reproduced in appendix B.

Places of less than 10 acres were counted as farms if the sales of the agricultural products amounted, or normally would amount, to at least \$250. Places of 10 acres or more were counted as farms if the sales of agricultural products for the year amounted, or normally would amount, to at least \$50.

## Comparability of Data

For the most part, data from the 1969 census and earlier censuses are comparable. However, a difference in timing and the change from personal interview to mail enumeration affect the comparability of some of the 1969 data with those from earlier censuses.

The 1969 census forms were mailed just prior to January 1, 1970. An extensive mail, telephone, and enumerator followup procedure, described in section 2 of appendix A, extended the data-collection phase through September 1970. Crop and livestock production data are for the calendar year 1969 with the exception of a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year. Expenditures, crops irrigated, usage of agricultural chemicals and fertilizer, and sales of farm products are all reported for the calendar year. Operators were instructed to report inventory numbers for livestock, poultry, and other specified items as of December 31, 1969.

Prior censuses were taken by enumerators, each assigned to a specific geographic area. Field work for the 1964 census was completed largely in November and December of 1964 while most of the field work for 1959 was accomplished during October and November. Livestock and poultry inventories for both 1964 and 1959 were as of the time of enumeration. Other variations in time of enumeration occurred in censuses prior to 1959.

More specific information regarding comparability of the data is provided in sections 6 and 9 of appendix A.

## Coverage of the 1969 Census

Preliminary review indicates that the coverage of the 1969 Census of Agriculture at the U.S. level and for most States is equivalent to that for previous censuses. As in previous censuses the coverage for farms with sales of less than \$2,500 is less complete than the coverage for the larger farms. A more detailed discussion is given in section 5 of appendix A. A special report analyzing the coverage will be published.

## Census Forms Used

Two basic census forms were used for all States except Alaska and Hawaii. A regular form (A1) was used for farms with an expected value of sales of \$2,500 or more, and a short version (A2), for farms with an expected value of sales less than \$2,500. The short form covered only major items and omitted most of the detail found in the regular form.

In Alaska, the regular form was used for all farms. For Hawaii, a modified version of the regular form was used for all farms; the changes were principally in the crops sections, in order to cover the specialized agriculture in the islands.

## Tables for "All Farms" and "Class 1-5 Farms"

Because more detailed information was obtained for class 1-5 farms (those with sales of \$2,500 or more), two series of tables appear in this report: (1) State tables 1 to 9 and county tables 1 to 8 present data for major items for all farms; (2) State tables 10 to 30, county tables 9 to 26, and the special tables report the more detailed information for class 1-5 farms. The tabulations for class 1-5 farms do not include abnormal farms.

## Use of Sampling

The short version (A2) of the census form was mailed to a 50-percent sample of farms with an expected value of sales less than \$2,500. Consequently the data presented in the tables for "all farms" include estimates based on the 50-percent sample for most of the farms with a value of sales less than \$2,500. The data presented in the tables for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more include estimates based on the 50-percent sample for a small number of farms which received the short form and reported value of sales of \$2,500 to \$9,999. Detailed information on sampling errors is provided in section 9 of appendix A.

Data shown for earlier censuses are subject to sampling errors for selected items such as farm production expenses, farm labor, and machinery and equipment. Detailed information can be obtained in the reports of those censuses.

## The "See Text" References and Other Notes for the Tables

Section 7 of appendix A presents information for specified items for which there are problems of definition or comparability. Most, but not all, of these items are flagged with a "see text" note in the tables.

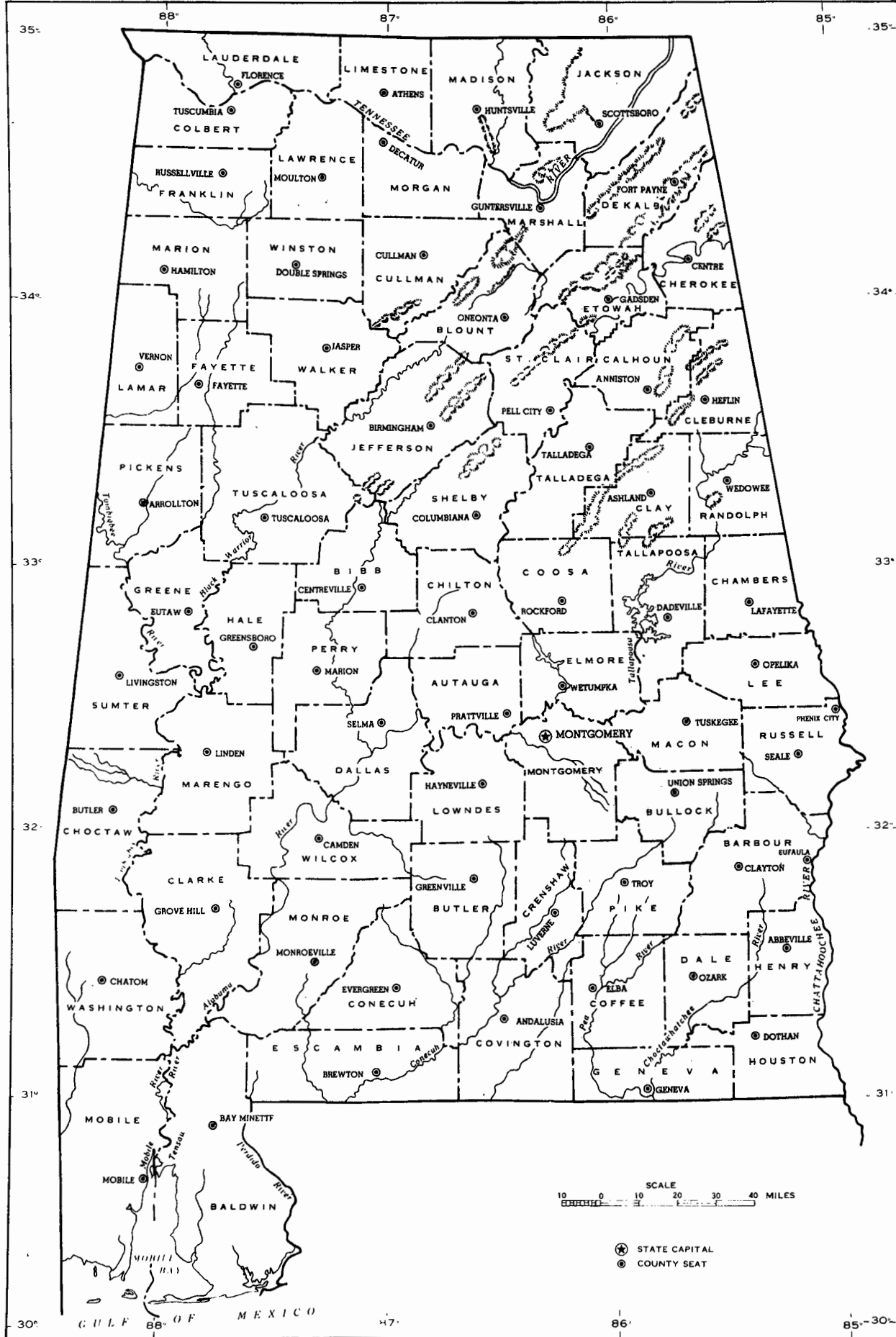
## Abbreviations and Symbols

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

X	Not applicable
NA	Not available
Z	Less than half of the unit reported
D	Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for individual farms

# ALABAMA

## Counties, County Seats, Mountains, and Rivers



# HIGHLIGHTS of the State's Agriculture: 1969 and 1964

	All farms		Class 1-5 farms	
	1969	1964	1969	1964
Number of farms . . . . . total . . . . .	72,491	92,530	29,639	31,681
Acres in farms . . . . . total . . . . .	13,654,215	15,225,500	9,913,080	10,063,523
per farm . . . . .	188.3	164.5	334.4	317.6
Acres of harvested cropland . . . . . total . . . . .	2,706,167	2,989,750	2,349,570	2,369,905
per farm . . . . .	37.3	32.3	79.3	74.8
Number of farms by size:				
1 to 49 acres . . . . .	25,150	38,721	4,790	6,433
50 to 499 acres . . . . .	41,989	48,390	20,083	20,779
500 acres and over . . . . .	5,352	5,419	4,766	4,469
1,000 acres and over . . . . .	1,978	2,141	1,860	1,905
Value of farms . . . . . total . . . . .	\$2,725,437,561	\$1,901,676,560	\$1,890,001,049	\$1,241,443,332
per farm . . . . .	37,597	20,552	63,767	39,186
Value of machinery and equipment on farms . . . . . total . . . . .	\$395,386,299	(NA)	\$283,092,896	(NA)
per farm . . . . .	5,454	(NA)	9,551	(NA)
Machinery and equipment on farms—specified items (number):				
Automobiles . . . . .	57,402	82,133	26,276	32,342
Motortrucks (including pickups) . . . . .	67,368	69,515	38,341	36,125
Tractors other than garden tractors and motortillers . . . . .	75,069	71,925	45,204	43,462
Value of all farm products sold . . . . . total . . . . .	\$670,344,834	\$537,095,000	\$634,906,733	\$488,976,890
per farm . . . . .	9,247	5,805	21,421	15,434
Crops . . . . . total . . . . .	172,022,989	230,405,966	158,063,363	199,936,386
per farm . . . . .	2,373	2,490	5,333	6,311
Livestock, poultry, and their products . . . . . total . . . . .	486,672,953	293,282,888	466,015,046	277,413,548
per farm . . . . .	6,714	3,170	15,723	8,756
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold:				
Less than \$2,500 . . . . .	43,934	60,821	1,113	(NA)
Less than \$1,000 . . . . .	29,427	41,934	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499 . . . . .	14,507	18,887	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 and over (Classes 1-5) . . . . .	28,526	31,681	28,526	31,681
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	15,137	19,591	15,137	19,591
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	9,650	9,703	9,650	9,703
\$40,000 and over . . . . .	3,739	2,415	3,739	2,415
\$60,000 and over . . . . .	1,974	1,146	1,974	1,146
\$100,000 and over . . . . .	732	412	732	412
Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—				
Less than \$2,500 . . . . .	\$34,374,860	\$45,763,162	\$1,481,111	(NA)
\$2,500 and over (Classes 1-5) . . . . .	633,425,622	488,976,890	633,425,622	\$488,976,890
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	77,101,433	98,203,645	77,101,433	98,203,645
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	203,359,738	192,947,491	203,359,738	192,947,491
\$40,000 and over . . . . .	352,964,451	197,825,754	352,964,451	197,825,754
\$100,000 and over . . . . .	173,317,132	82,095,196	173,317,132	82,095,196
Farm production expenses—specified items:				
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . .	\$186,650,479	\$121,625,000	\$183,623,664	\$117,697,006
Commercial fertilizer . . . . .	52,267,395	46,556,500	45,371,351	38,240,339
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business . . . . .	27,840,377	24,069,500	22,370,218	20,159,527
Farm labor, contract labor, machine hire and customwork . . . . .	61,489,906	50,778,000	54,814,294	45,644,392

CHART 1A—ALL FARMS

**CHANGES in the State's Agriculture: 1969 from 1964**

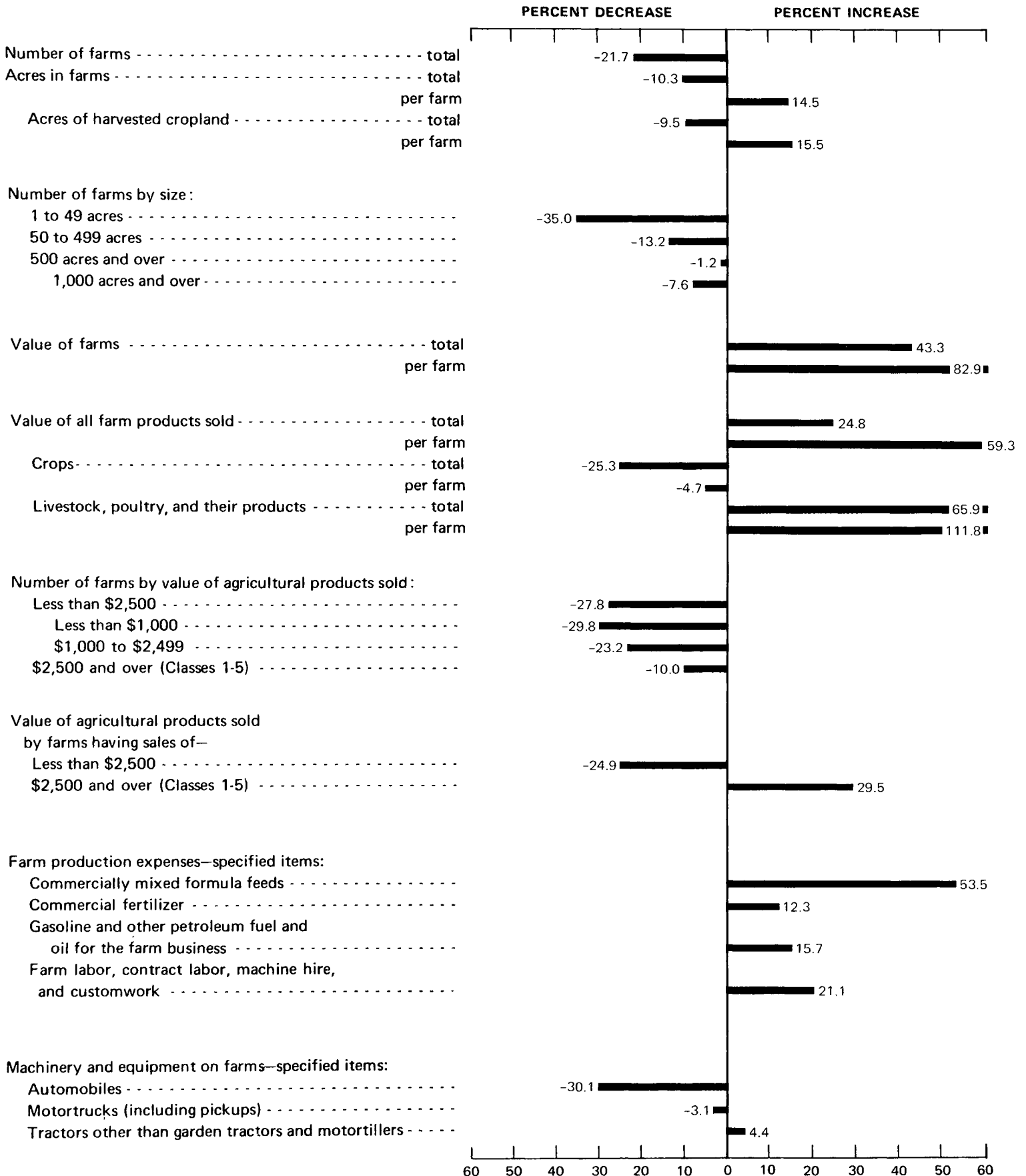


CHART 1B—CLASS 1-5 FARMS

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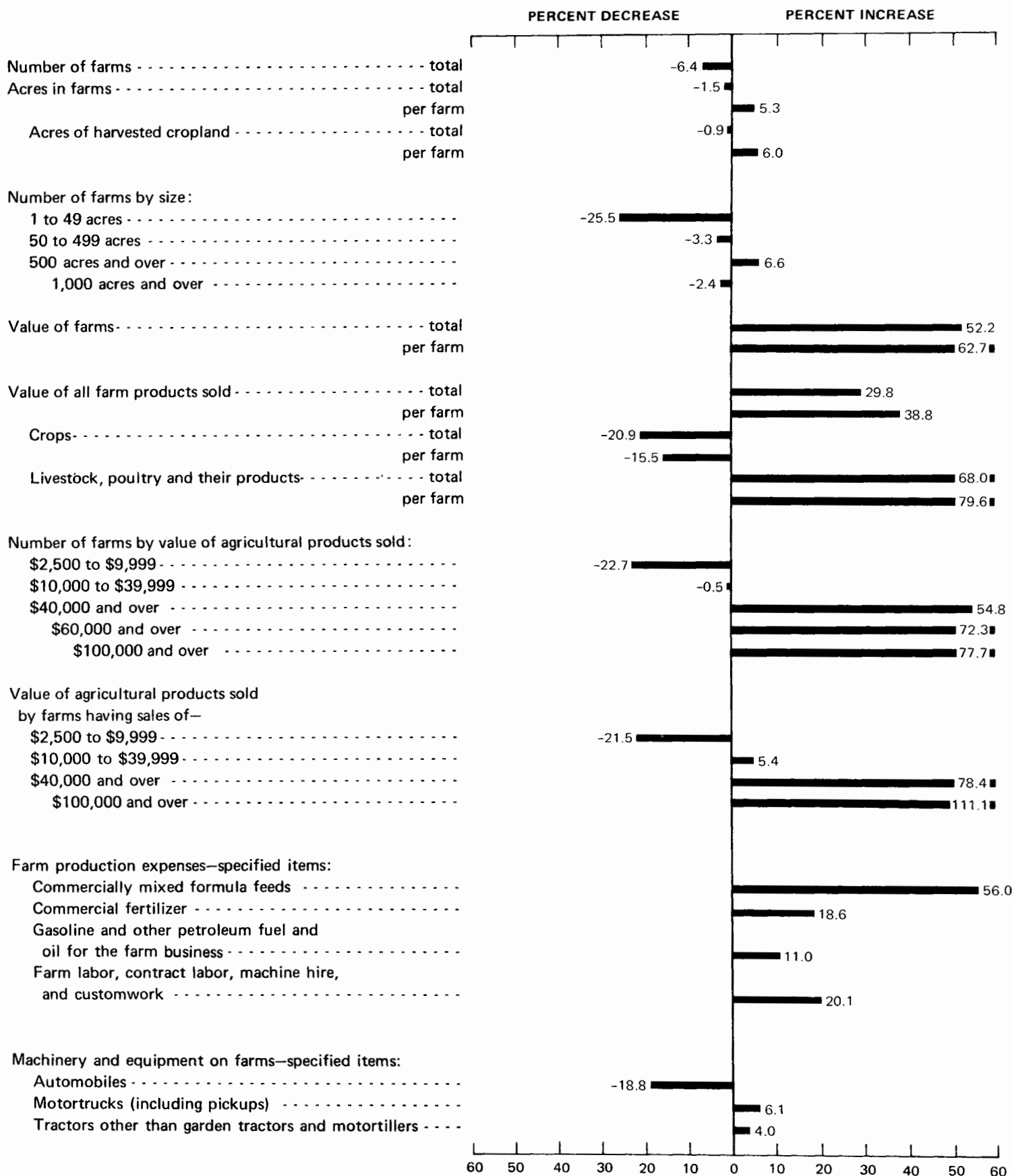
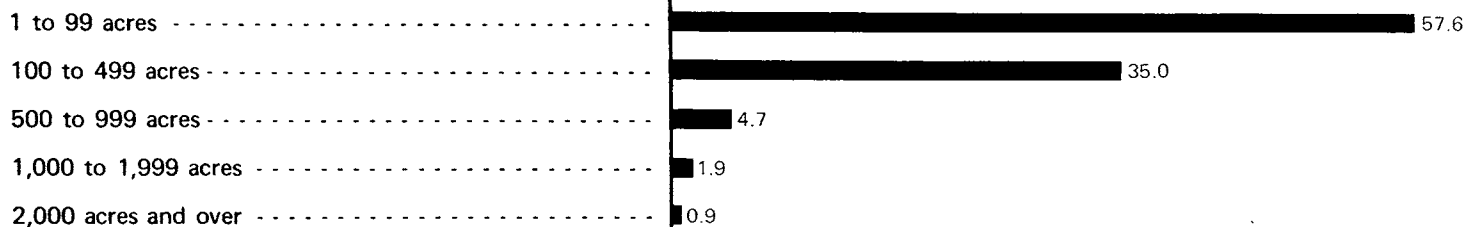




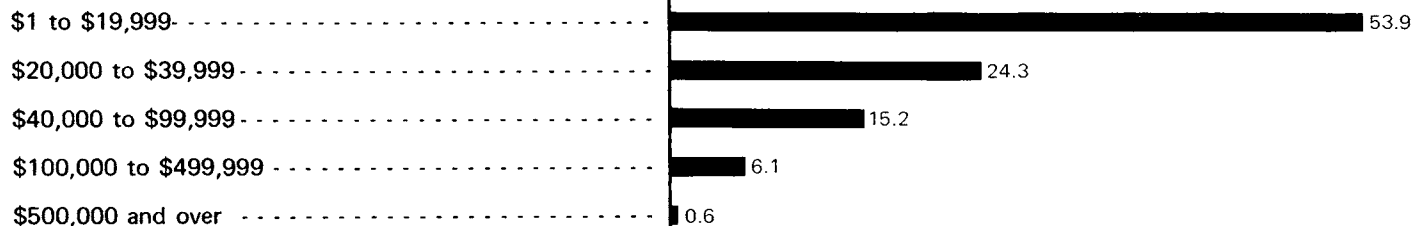
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**PROFILE of the State's Agriculture: 1969**

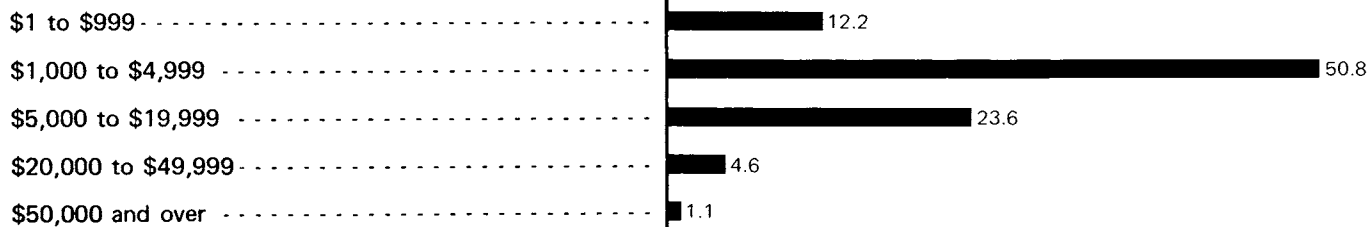
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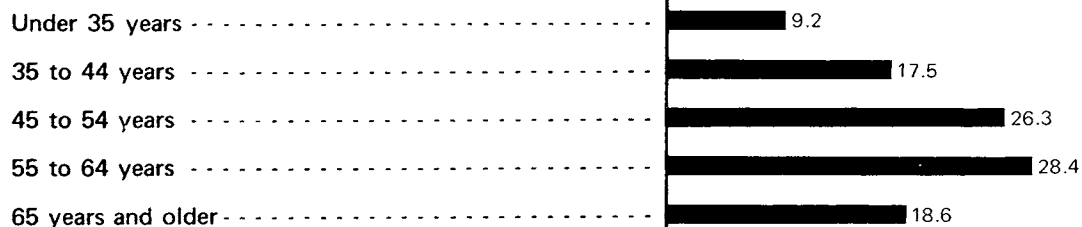
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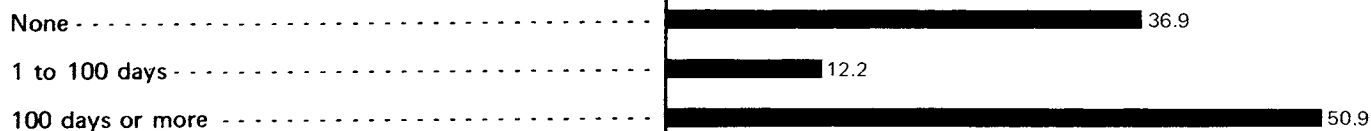
Farms by value of machinery and equipment:



Farm operators by age:



Farm operators working off their farms:



Farm operators by tenure:

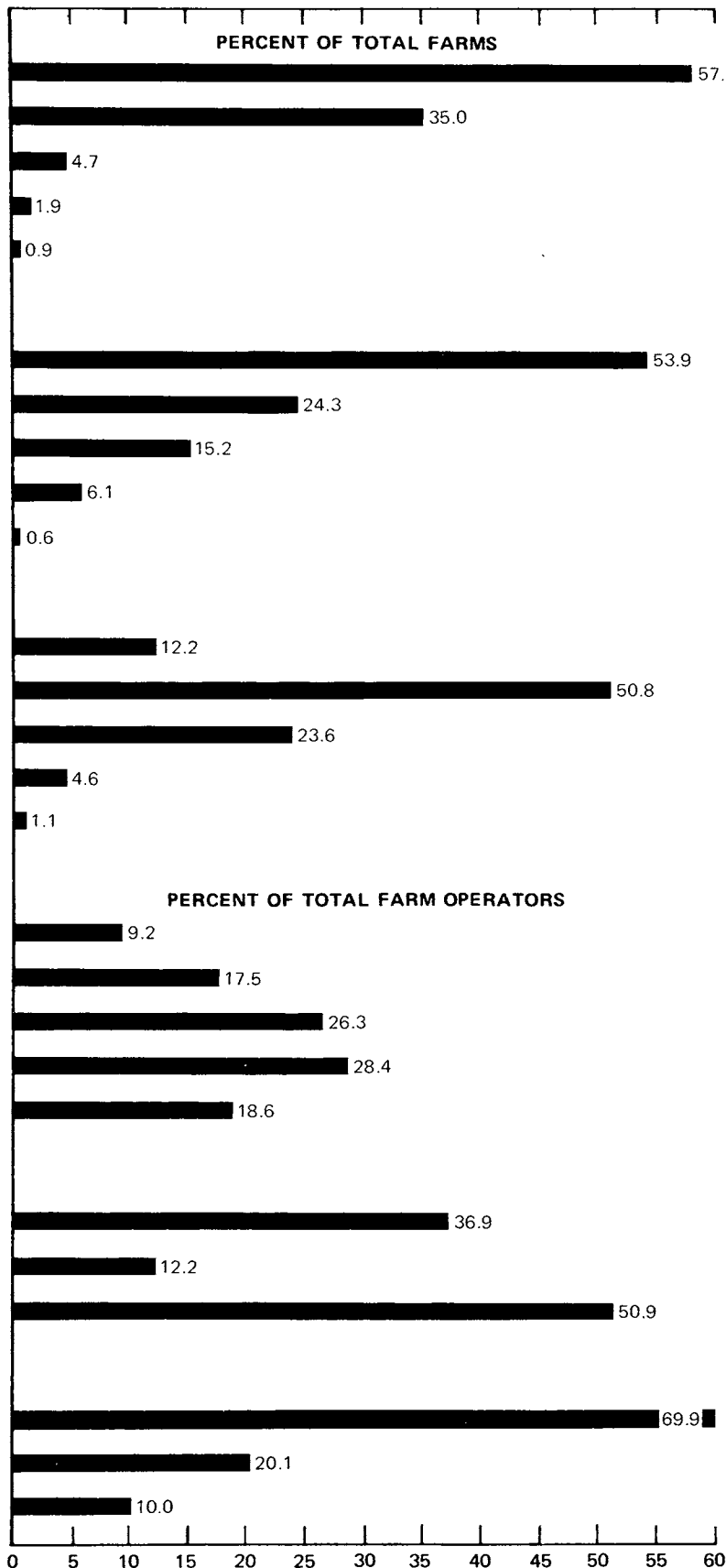
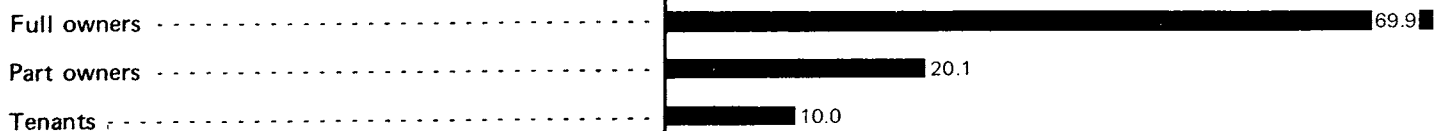


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**PROFILE of the State's Agriculture: 1969**—Continued

