

FARM TENURE—CLASS 1-5 FARMS

Farm and Operator Characteristics

Number of farms—Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1969 accounted for almost two-thirds of all farms. Over one-half of all full-owner farms, seven-eighths of all part-owner farms, and three-fourths of all tenant farms had sales of \$2,500 and over.

	Class		Percent distribution		
	All farms	Class 1-5 farms	All farms	Class 1-5 farms	Class 1-5 farms as a percent of total farms
Total	2,730,250	1,733,683	100.0	100.0	63.5
Full owners ..	1,705,720	881,121	62.5	50.8	51.7
Part owners ..	671,607	581,271	24.6	33.5	86.5
Tenants	352,923	271,291	12.9	15.6	76.9

Part-owner farms comprised one-third of the class 1-5 farms; however, they had 58 percent of the land in farms and 54 percent of the cropland harvested. The average size of part-owner farms is three times that of full-owner farms and almost double the size of tenant farms. Data for land in farms, value, and land ownership are shown in table 6 for class 1-5 farms.

Table 6. Land in Farms, Value, and Ownership for Class 1-5 Farms, by Tenure, for the United States: 1969

	All farms	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants
Farms.....Number..	1,733,683	881,121	581,271	271,291
Percent..	100.0	50.8	33.5	15.6
Land in farms...acre..	918,312,613	263,270,262	528,436,481	126,605,870
Per farm....acre..	529.7	298.8	909.1	466.7
Value of land and buildings,dollars..	179,481,133,630	59,826,422,590	88,594,719,217	31,059,991,823
Per farm,dollars..	103,526	67,898	152,415	114,489
Per acre,dollars..	195.45	227.24	167.65	245.32
Owned land....farms..	1,471,901	881,121	581,271	9,509
acres..	582,203,840	287,883,304	290,426,376	3,894,160
Rented land...farms..	857,606	5,044	581,271	271,291
acres..	382,891,621	1,173,503	252,621,753	128,896,365
Land rented out				
farms..	188,541	123,564	49,223	15,754
acres..	46,582,848	25,786,545	14,611,648	6,184,655
Owned land,farms..	171,195	121,536	40,150	9,509
acres..	40,294,465	24,613,042	11,787,263	3,894,160
Subrented land				
farms..	27,760	5,044	13,725	8,991
acres..	6,288,383	1,173,503	2,824,385	2,290,495

Geographic distribution—The distribution of class 1-5 farms among the various tenure groups and the types of rental arrangements vary by State and region. The proportion of full owners was highest in the Northeast and lowest in the North Central region. In comparison, part owners were represented in nearly equal proportions in all four regions. Proportionately, tenants were lowest in the Northeast and highest in the North Central region.

The rental arrangement by which tenants lease their land is often related to the use and type of the land rented. Cash-rental arrangements were common in all areas, but especially in the West where extensive acreages of pastureland are leased. Crop-share leasing is used extensively in the North Central and in the South regions. In the share-type arrangements, the

landlords generally share some of the costs of production. The most common share arrangements will specify that the landlord will receive one-third, two-fifths, or one-half of the products produced depending on the inputs contributed by the landlord.

About three-fourths of the livestock-share tenants were located in the North Central region. This type of leasing arrangement is often used by older owner-operators who have sizable cattle or hog operations in which they wish to maintain a direct participating interest. The following table shows the regional distribution of tenure for class 1-5 farms.

	Percent distribution by tenure				
	U.S.	Northeast	North Central	South	West
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full owners ..	50.8	60.0	48.0	52.9	52.6
Part owners ..	33.5	32.4	34.4	32.1	34.6
Tenants	15.6	7.7	17.6	15.0	12.8
Cash	3.0	4.2	2.3	3.3	4.6
Share-cash .	2.2	0.3	3.3	1.3	1.0
Crop-share .	4.8	0.5	5.6	4.7	3.6
Livestock-share	1.6	0.3	2.6	0.8	0.5
Other and unspecified	4.0	2.4	3.8	5.0	3.1

Size of farms—Class 1-5 farms were substantially larger than farms with sales of less than \$2,500. As was true for all farms, part-owner farms were much larger than farms in the other tenure groups. More than one-third of the part-owner farms were 500 acres and over, compared to 10 percent for full-owner farms and 18 percent for tenant farms. Data for size of farms for class 1-5 farms are shown in the table below.

	Percent distribution by size of farm			
	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 to 9 acres	3.1	4.6	0.4	4.0
10 to 49 acres	7.5	10.7	2.8	7.5
50 to 69 acres	3.8	5.2	2.0	3.2
70 to 99 acres	7.9	11.3	3.7	6.1
100 to 139 acres	9.8	12.9	6.0	7.8
140 to 179 acres	11.1	13.7	6.9	11.8
180 to 219 acres	7.6	8.1	6.8	7.4
220 to 259 acres	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.0
260 to 499 acres	21.9	16.3	28.5	25.9
500 to 999 acres	11.8	6.8	19.5	11.9
1,000 to 1,999 acres ..	5.1	2.5	9.5	4.0
2,000 acres and over ..	3.4	1.4	6.8	2.3

Value of land and buildings—The value of land and buildings provides another measure of the resources available for agricultural production within each tenure category. Of the total \$179.5 billion of value, part-owners reported \$88.6 billion, full owners \$59.8 billion, and tenants \$31.1 billion. Part owners reported a value of \$152,000 per farm. This value was almost 2 1/2 times the average value of full-owner farms.