

Other Published Data

Most data for 1969 covering the characteristics of farm operators are available for States and counties in volume I, Area Reports, for the individual States. Data on farm operators by size of farms are included in chapter 2 of this volume, by tenure in part 1 of this chapter, by economic class of farm in chapter 7, and by type of farm in chapter 8. Table 1 summarizes the kind and source of other published data from the 1969 Census of Agriculture.

For additional information on the 1964 Census of Agriculture and earlier census data on characteristics of farm operators and members of farm-operator households, see the volumes for the respective years.

Definitions and Explanations

Farm operator—The number of farm operators is considered to be the same as the number of farms. Many persons are counted as farm operators in the census of agriculture who do not consider farming their principal occupation. The 1969 Census of Agriculture tabulated 2.7 million farms and farm operators. However, only 1.4 million persons reported their principal occupation to be "farmer or farm manager" in the 1970 Census of Population, with 948,000 additional persons reporting their principal occupation to be "farm laborer or farm foreman". A "farm operator" may spend a few hours a week on a "farm"

producing only a few hundred dollars worth of farm products while partly or fully employed elsewhere, or be working full time as operator of a "farm" producing hundreds of thousand of dollars worth of farm products a year.

Residence—Farm operators were classified by residence on the basis of their reporting whether or not they lived on the farm operated. Data as to residence of the farm operators have been collected for the last seven censuses of agriculture, beginning with 1940. Except for 1964, when the instructions were to include operators who lived on the farm "any time" during the year, the inquiries have been similar and no time limitations were used. The instructions used for 1964 did not have a significant effect on the comparability of the data with other censuses.

Years on Present Farm (Year Began Operation of Present Farm)—The data for years on present farm reflect the continuity of operators on particular farms. The year began operation refers to the first year during which the farm operator was in charge of any part of his place. It does not refer to years of farm experience. The "farm" as it existed in 1969 in many cases was very different from when the operator first started to operate it. Data obtained from this inquiry are as follows: (a) Operators by number of years on present farm and (b) operators by year began operation of present farm. When the data are presented in terms of the replies to the inquiry on the report forms, the term "year began" is used.



Table 1. Other Published Data for Operator Characteristics: 1969

Where found	Geographical area for which available	Period	Classification	Subject covered
<u>Volume I</u>				
<u>State tables:</u>				
<u>All Farms</u>				
3.....	State.....	1969 to 1959....	Total farms.....	All farm operators and Negro farm operators by age, residency, and off farm work
9.....	State.....	1969.....	Selected economic class groups.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
<u>Class 1-5 Farms</u>				
12.....	State.....	1969 to 1959....	Total class 1 to 5 farms.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
24.....	State.....	1969.....	Total class 1-5 farms.....	Farm operators by age, residency, off farm work, and farm characteristics by tenure of operator
25.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by age of operator.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
26.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by size.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
27.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by economic class.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
28.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
29.....	State.....	1969.....	Farms by type and economic class.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
30.....	State.....	1969.....	Large-scale farms by type.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
<u>County tables:</u>				
<u>All Farms</u>				
3.....	County and State.....	1969 to 1964....	Total farms.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
<u>Class 1-5 Farms</u>				
12.....	County and State.....	1969 to 1964....	Total class 1-5 farms.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure, and off farm work
<u>Volume II</u>				
<u>Class 1-5 Farms</u>				
Chapter 2.....	United States.....		Farms by size.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure
Chapter 7.....	United States.....		Farms by economic class.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure
Chapter 8.....	United States.....		Farms by type.....	Farm operators by age, residency, color, tenure