

Table 6. All Nonresident Farm Operators by Class, Type, Years on Present Farm, Age of Operator: 1969

	Class of farm			Type of farm ¹			Years on present farm			Age of operator					
	Total (1,000)	Nonresident		Total (1,000)	Nonresident		Total (1,000)	Nonresident		Total (1,000)	Nonresident				
		Number (1,000)	Percent of total		Number (1,000)	Percent of total		Number (1,000)	Percent of total		Number (1,000)	Percent of total			
Total.....	2,730	458	16.8	Total.....	2,730	458	16.8	Total.....	1,729	375	21.7	Total.....	2,730	458	16.8
Class 1.....	222	28	12.6	Cash-grain.....	505	114	22.6	Less than 2.....	101	73	72.3	Under 25.....	53	19	35.8
Class 2.....	331	30	9.1	Tobacco.....	184	35	19.0	3 to 5.....	166	81	48.8	25 to 34.....	274	63	23.0
Class 3.....	395	45	11.4	Cotton.....	74	18	24.3	6 to 9.....	249	76	30.5	35 to 44.....	553	96	17.4
Class 4.....	390	64	16.4	Other field crop.....	39	8	20.5	10 to 14.....	223	41	18.4	45 to 54.....	724	119	16.4
Class 5.....	395	79	20.0	Vegetable.....	30	6	20.0	15 to 19.....	233	33	14.2	55 to 64.....	704	100	14.2
Class 6.....	193	40	20.7	Fruit and Nut.....	72	19	26.4	20 to 24.....	281	28	10.0	65 and over.....	453	61	13.5
Part-time.....	575	140	24.4	Livestock.....	1,421	181	12.7	25 to 29.....	180	16	8.9	Average age.....	51.2	48.4	-
Part-retirement.....	227	30	13.2	General.....	219	36	16.4	30 and over.....	296	26	8.8				
Abnormal.....	2	1	50.0	Miscellaneous.....	186	41	22.0								

¹Type classification for farms with less than \$2,500 of sales based on acreage and production factors for crop-type farms; poultry, dairy, livestock and livestock ranch types not classified separately.

Table 7. Year Operator Began Operating Present Farm, Percent Distribution for All Farms: 1969

	Total	1968	1965	1960	1955	1950	1945	1940	Before 1940
		and 1969	to 1967	to 1964	to 1959	to 1954	to 1949	to 1944	
United States.....	100.0	8.3	11.7	15.4	12.5	12.6	14.7	9.4	15.4
Northeast.....	100.0	6.6	10.4	14.2	12.9	13.4	14.5	10.4	17.5
North Central.....	100.0	7.2	10.7	14.7	13.1	13.1	15.8	10.3	15.3
South.....	100.0	9.4	12.7	16.1	11.8	12.2	13.7	8.5	15.7
West.....	100.0	9.7	13.5	16.8	12.9	12.0	13.7	8.1	13.2

Table 8. Year Operator Began Operating Present Farm, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969

	Total	1968	1965	1960	1955	1950	1945	1940	Before 1940
		and 1969	to 1967	to 1964	to 1959	to 1954	to 1949	to 1944	
United States.....	100.0	6.2	10.0	14.7	13.2	12.5	16.4	10.3	15.7
Northeast.....	100.0	5.3	9.0	13.7	13.5	14.1	15.5	11.5	17.4
North Central.....	100.0	5.4	9.2	14.1	13.5	13.8	17.2	11.1	15.7
South.....	100.0	7.1	11.0	15.6	12.5	13.3	15.6	9.3	15.7
West.....	100.0	7.4	11.5	15.8	13.2	12.7	15.4	9.2	14.7

Table 9. Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution for All Farms: 1969

	Total	Less than 5 years		
		Total	2 years or less	5 to 9 years
Total.....	100.0	20.0	8.3	15.4
Full owners.....	100.0	20.3	8.5	14.9
Part owners.....	100.0	12.1	4.2	13.9
Tenants.....	100.0	34.5	15.6	20.7

Table 10. Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969

	Total	Less than 5 years		
		Total	2 years or less	5 to 9 years
Total.....	100.0	16.2	6.2	14.7
Full owners.....	100.0	15.8	6.1	13.6
Part owners.....	100.0	10.0	3.2	13.2
Tenants.....	100.0	30.9	12.9	21.4

The proportion of farm operators reporting that they had lived on their present place 10 years or more increased by 10.0 percent between 1950 and 1954, and by another 11.5 percent between 1954 and 1959. However, there has been little change since 1959. The data for years on present farm vary considerably by region, as shown in the table 11.

Table 11. All Farm Operators by Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution: 1969

	All farms operators reporting	Years on present farm		
		Less than 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over
United States:				
1969.....	100.0	20.0	15.4	64.6
1964.....	100.0	20.5	15.7	63.8
1959.....	100.0	17.7	17.5	64.8
1954 ¹	100.0	21.6	25.1	53.3
1950.....	100.0	36.7	20.0	43.3
North:				
1969.....	100.0	17.8	14.6	67.6
1964.....	100.0	18.4	15.9	65.8
1959.....	100.0	16.2	17.2	66.6
1954.....	100.0	18.7	25.0	56.3
1950.....	100.0	31.8	21.0	47.2
South:				
1969.....	100.0	22.0	16.1	61.9
1964.....	100.0	22.0	15.2	62.8
1959.....	100.0	18.7	17.3	64.0
1954.....	100.0	24.0	24.9	51.1
1950.....	100.0	41.0	18.7	40.3
West:				
1969.....	100.0	23.2	16.8	60.0
1964.....	100.0	24.0	17.4	58.7
1959.....	100.0	20.1	19.3	60.5
1954 ¹	100.0	22.8	26.9	50.3
1950.....	100.0	36.2	22.2	41.6

¹Alaska and Hawaii not included.

Several major tables related to year began operation, as reported in the 1969 census, are included in this part of chapter 3. These include year began by tenure and residence; year began, value of sales and residence by type of organization; year began, value of sales, and residence by class of farm; and year began, value of sales, and residence by age of operator. This is the first census for which these data have been tabulated in this manner.

Age of Farm Operator

From 1945 to 1964, the changes in age of operator were slight but there was a tendency toward older operators. This tendency

Table 12. Farm Characteristics by Age of Farm Operator, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969

	Total	Age of farm operator				
		Under 35 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over
Number of farm operators.....	100.0	12.3	20.2	28.2	26.4	13.0
Land in farms.....	100.0	10.3	21.4	30.4	24.8	13.1
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	11.7	22.4	30.8	24.2	10.8
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	13.1	23.8	31.0	23.7	8.5
Value of farm products sold.....	100.0	12.1	24.4	31.8	23.1	8.6
Days worked off farm by operator.....	100.0	16.3	25.1	30.9	22.2	5.5
Number of chickens 3 months old and over....	100.0	10.7	25.5	33.1	24.2	6.5
Number of cattle and calves on hand.....	100.0	11.1	23.2	30.5	24.0	11.1
Number of hogs and pigs on hand.....	100.0	17.9	26.2	29.9	20.3	5.8
Acres of corn harvested for all purposes....	100.0	15.5	25.4	30.7	21.7	6.7
Acres of sorghum harvested for grain.....	100.0	14.5	24.3	29.9	23.5	7.8
Acres of wheat harvested.....	100.0	11.0	22.2	31.2	25.7	9.8
Acres of cotton harvested.....	100.0	12.0	22.6	30.5	26.4	8.6