

significant contribution to this gain is the increase in retail dairy prices. Of all class 1-5 farms selling dairy products, 91 percent sold whole milk to plants or dealers. The number of farms selling the greatest dollar amount of dairy products occurred on farms with 30 to 49 milk cows. These farms average \$18,940 per farm. Although there were 206,300 farms reporting less than 30 milk cows, these farms sold only 23 percent of the total value of dairy products sold on class 1-5 farms.

Table 13. Value of Dairy Products Sold by Number of Milk Cows Per Farm: 1969

| | Farms reporting | Dollars | Percent | Average value |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Total, class 1-5 farms..... | 360,102 | \$5,417,798,133 | 100 | \$15,045 |
| Milk cows per farm: | | | | |
| 1 to 4..... | 22,129 | 21,796,822 | (¹) | 985 |
| 5 to 9..... | 29,854 | 58,072,750 | 1 | 1,945 |
| 10 to 19..... | 82,021 | 414,567,969 | 8 | 5,054 |
| 20 to 29..... | 73,212 | 746,651,195 | 14 | 10,198 |
| 30 to 49..... | 84,118 | 1,593,158,549 | 29 | 18,940 |
| 50 to 99..... | 38,467 | 1,351,953,750 | 25 | 35,146 |
| 100 to 199..... | 7,367 | 553,399,552 | 10 | 75,119 |
| 200 and over..... | 2,485 | 595,935,103 | 11 | 239,813 |
| None..... | 20,449 | 82,262,443 | 2 | 4,023 |

¹Less than 0.5 percent.

Poultry Production

Poultry and poultry products—Developments in the poultry industry during the past two decades have resulted in significant changes in poultry production in the United States. With new and rapidly changing technology and the advent of large-scale specialized farms, production and distribution trends have shifted substantially within the framework of the poultry farm.

The last 10 years have witnessed a 26.4 percent decline in the number of all farms, a 16.1 percent decrease in the number of class 1-5 farms, and a reduction of 39.0 percent in the number of class 1-5 poultry farms (farms whose sales of chickens, chicken eggs, and all other poultry products accounted for 50 percent or more of total sales).

The total value of poultry and poultry products sold increased substantially between 1959 and 1969. On class 1-5 farms, these sales rose from \$2.3 billion in 1959 to \$3.9 billion in 1969, an increment of 72.2 percent. This represents an average value of \$19,868 in sales for farms reporting these sales in 1969. (Data for the number of farms reporting any poultry or poultry products sold is not available for 1959). Poultry-type farms accounted for \$3.7 billion or 95.2 percent of total poultry sales on class 1-5 farms in 1969; whereas, in 1959, these farms accounted for \$1.8 billion or about 81.0 percent of the sales.

There are currently three major components of the farm poultry industry—chickens for the production of eggs, broilers for meat, and turkeys for meat. Each of these components has undergone substantial change in terms of numbers of farms reporting, numbers of poultry and the proportion kept or raised on specialized poultry-type farms.

Chickens 3 months old or older—Chickens in the 3 months old or older classification consist almost entirely of hens and pullets of laying age and of pullets 3 months old that are not yet of laying age. Chickens in the 4 months old or older classification which were enumerated in earlier censuses have been considered as comparable in the tables and text throughout this chapter.

Table 14. Selected Poultry—Inventory, Number Sold, Value of Sales: 1959 to 1969

| | All farms | | | Class 1-5 farms | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | All | | Poultry farms | | Poultry farms | |
| | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 | 1969 | 1964 | 1959 |
| Number of farms..... | 2,730,250 | 3,157,857 | 3,710,503 | 1,733,683 | 1,817,440 | 2,067,063 | 57,545 | 76,322 | 94,374 |
| Chickens 3 months old or older ¹farms.. | 471,284 | 1,210,669 | 2,207,809 | 293,340 | 679,576 | 1,213,130 | 25,466 | 41,778 | 65,314 |
| Number, 1,000.. | 371,008 | 343,162 | 369,867 | 363,209 | 319,861 | 317,315 | 321,619 | 233,126 | 159,468 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....farms.. | 33,753 | 35,128 | 42,185 | 32,348 | 34,477 | (NA) | 28,013 | 33,048 | (NA) |
| Number, 1,000.. | 2,429,773 | 1,915,374 | 1,419,260 | 2,427,378 | 1,912,264 | (NA) | 2,401,938 | 1,888,063 | (NA) |
| Turkeys sold.....farms.. | (NA) | 41,862 | 88,399 | 5,425 | 23,274 | (NA) | 3,696 | 6,357 | (NA) |
| Number, 1,000.. | (NA) | 104,750 | 80,396 | 103,455 | 103,966 | (NA) | 100,842 | 100,037 | (NA) |
| Poultry and poultry products sold.....farms.. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 196,643 | (NA) | (NA) | 57,545 | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$1,000.. | (NA) | 3,062,913 | 2,363,500 | 3,906,912 | 3,017,128 | 2,268,905 | 3,719,120 | 2,715,319 | 1,825,064 |

¹Comparable data for 1964 and 1959 is for "chickens 4 months old or older."

Table 15. Chickens 3 Months Old or Older—Inventory—by Number Per Farm: 1969 and 1964

| | Farms reporting | | | Percent distribution | | Inventory | | | Percent distribution | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| | 1969 ¹ | 1964 ² | Percent change | 1969 | 1964 | 1969 ¹ (1,000) | 1964 ² (1,000) | Percent change | 1969 | 1964 |
| Total, all farms..... | 471,087 | 1,210,669 | -61.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 364,242 | 343,162 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Chickens per farm: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 99..... | 337,827 | 896,701 | -62.3 | 71.7 | 74.1 | 9,789 | 25,052 | -60.9 | 2.6 | 7.3 |
| 100 to 399..... | 88,766 | 223,133 | -60.2 | 18.8 | 18.4 | 16,356 | 41,782 | -60.9 | 4.4 | 12.2 |
| 400 to 1,599..... | 22,530 | 62,394 | -63.9 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 14,831 | 40,966 | -63.8 | 4.0 | 11.9 |
| 1,600 to 3,199..... | 3,867 | 9,734 | -60.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 8,968 | 22,401 | -60.0 | 2.4 | 6.5 |
| 3,200 to 9,999..... | 9,183 | 12,910 | -28.9 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 55,121 | 71,940 | -23.4 | 14.9 | 21.0 |
| 10,000 to 19,999..... | 5,068 | 3,738 | 35.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 66,708 | 48,263 | 38.2 | 18.0 | 14.1 |
| 20,000 to 49,999..... | 2,870 | 1,577 | 82.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 81,547 | 45,004 | 81.2 | 22.0 | 13.1 |
| 50,000 to 99,999..... | 631 | 344 | 83.4 | 0.1 | (³) | 41,566 | 21,914 | 89.7 | 11.2 | 6.4 |
| 100,000 and over..... | 345 | 138 | 50.0 | 0.1 | (³) | 74,856 | 25,840 | 189.7 | 20.2 | 7.5 |

¹Detail will not equal total because abnormal farms have been excluded.

²Comparable data for 1964 is for chickens 4 months old and older.

³Less than 0.05 percent.