

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.