

percent of the tobacco farms reported an expenditure of \$5,000 or more for hired labor. Almost 50 percent of the farms spent less than \$1,000.

The sale of tobacco accounted for 80 percent of the value of all farm products sold. There were 9.5 thousand tobacco farms with a value of farms products sold of \$20,000 or more. Although these farms accounted for only 10.5 percent of all tobacco farms, they accounted for almost 40 percent of the value of all tobacco sold. Over 70 percent of the tobacco farms had sales of less than \$10,000. They accounted for 36 percent of the value of all tobacco sold. The data in table 4 show some of the significant differences among value-of-sales classes of tobacco farms in 1969.

Cotton farms—The total number of class 1-5 cotton farms declined by almost 66 percent between 1964 and 1969. There

were approximately 41 thousand class 1-5 farms in 1969, compared with 117 thousand such farms in 1964. The steady decline in the number of cotton-type farms had been accompanied by a corresponding increase in size of the remaining cotton farms. There has been a decrease in the percent of cotton harvested on cotton farms from 1964 to 1969. In 1964, 75 percent of the acres of cotton harvested was on cotton farms compared with only 48 percent in 1969. The decrease in the number of cotton farms has been accompanied by changes in tenure of cotton farm operators. Almost 42 percent of the cotton farms were tenant operated in 1964 compared to approximately 30 percent operated by tenants in 1969. In 1969, 42 percent of the farm operators were part owners compared with 37 percent in 1964.

Cotton farms comprised 2.3 percent of class 1-5 farms in 1969 and contained 3.5 percent of the total cropland. They accounted for 2.3 percent of the value of all farm products sold, 4 percent of the cropland harvested on class 1-5 farms, and 53

Class 1-5 Farms

Table 6. Other Field-Crop Farms—Characteristics by Economic Class: 1969

	All other field-crop farms	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Percent distribution:						
Number of farms.....	100.0	23.0	21.5	20.9	18.7	16.0
Land in farms.....	100.0	56.6	20.2	12.0	7.1	4.1
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	63.0	17.5	10.3	5.6	3.6
Total cropland.....	100.0	58.2	20.7	11.5	6.2	3.4
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	60.7	20.3	11.1	5.3	2.6
Total value of all agricultural products sold.....	100.0	76.4	13.0	6.5	2.9	1.2
Value of other field crops.....	100.0	74.6	14.0	7.0	3.1	1.3
Acres of Irish potatoes harvested.....	100.0	75.3	15.0	6.5	2.2	1.0
Average per farm:						
Land in farm.....acres..	414	1,019	389	237	158	107
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	128,178	351,572	104,500	63,030	38,518	28,491
Total cropland.....acres..	284	719	273	157	94	61
Cropland harvested.....acres..	204	538	192	108	58	34
Land irrigated.....acres..	258	486	151	90	49	25
Value of all agricultural products sold.....dollars..	43,547	141,335	28,367	14,548	7,273	3,554
Value of other field crops.....dollars..	35,138	116,831	21,160	10,949	5,446	2,711
Value of machinery and equipment.....dollars..	25,003	67,265	20,723	12,189	7,427	5,001
Commercial fertilizer used.....acres..	192	500	165	93	50	28
Corn harvested for all purposes.....acres..	55	126	63	41	26	17
Peanuts for nuts harvested.....acres..	65	188	93	55	31	18
Irish potatoes harvested.....acres..	109	208	69	42	22	13
Irish potatoes irrigated.....acres..	124	189	56	34	20	14
Expenditures for—						
Farm production expenses.....	36,041	119,144	22,078	11,329	5,350	3,418
Livestock and poultry.....	2,959	8,790	2,107	1,058	649	393
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	1,101	2,883	1,044	711	446	296
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees.....	2,512	7,115	1,936	1,056	530	350
Commercial fertilizer purchased.....	4,460	12,911	3,305	1,824	977	579
Lime.....	545	1,246	471	303	186	132
Other agricultural chemicals.....	2,240	6,171	1,327	707	373	223
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	1,832	4,907	1,614	943	515	352
Hired farm labor.....	10,072	29,958	3,001	1,474	729	508
Contract labor.....	5,844	11,593	2,604	1,641	1,013	654
Machine hire and customwork.....	1,973	5,167	1,432	939	636	410
All other production expenses.....	14,689	48,893	8,891	4,389	1,959	1,441
Income from government farm programs.....dollars..	4,057	10,311	2,952	1,735	1,087	725
Workers by number of days worked:						
150 days and over.....	5	7	1	1	1	1
Under 150 days.....	11	20	9	7	5	4
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....number..						
	3	5	3	2	2	1
Percent of farms with—						
Income from government farm programs.....	54.7	62.7	60.8	55.8	46.6	42.8
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers....	90.2	97.3	95.2	91.5	84.3	78.1
Fertilizer used.....	93.8	99.5	98.7	96.8	88.1	81.9
Average per acre:						
Irish potatoes harvested.....hundredweight..	222	233	201	184	155	114
Fertilizer per acre of potatoes fertilized.....pounds..	1,124	1,103	1,138	1,238	1,320	1,345
Percent of farms operated by—						
Full owners.....	34.7	19.7	26.8	33.8	44.7	56.3
Part owners.....	43.0	63.6	51.3	41.9	29.9	19.0
Tenants.....	22.3	16.7	22.0	24.4	25.4	24.7