

**Fruit and nut farms**—Fruit and nut farms comprised 3.1 percent of all class 1-5 farms in 1969. They contained only 1.1 percent of the total cropland and 1.4 percent of cropland harvested. They accounted for 3.8 percent of the value of all farm products sold and 93 percent of the value of all fruits and nuts sold from class 1-5 farms. More than 80 percent of the land in bearing and nonbearing fruit orchards, citrus or other groves, vineyards, and nut trees was located on fruit and nut farms.

Fruit and nut farms were highly specialized. The sales of fruits and nuts accounted for 95 percent of the value of all farm products sold on fruit and nut farms. The acreage of land in bearing and nonbearing fruit orchards, citrus or other groves, vineyards, and nut trees made up 85 percent of the acreage of cropland harvested on fruit and nut farms.

A wide variety of fruit and nuts are grown in the various states. Four States—California, Florida, Washington, and Michigan—had 72 percent of the fruit and nut farms. When ranking fruits by acres in these four States, grapes, oranges, peaches, prunes, and pears were the principal crops in California; oranges and grapefruit were the predominant fruits in Florida; apples, pears,

cherries, grapes, and peaches were the most important fruit crops in Washington; apples, cherries, peaches, grapes, pears, and strawberries were the principal fruits when ranked by acres in Michigan.

There were approximately 17 thousand fruit farms with a value of farm products of \$20,000 and over. These farms accounted for more than 83 percent of the value of all fruits and nuts sold on class 1-5 farms. The average value of farm products sold from these farms was \$82 thousand and the average value of fruit and nuts sold was \$78 thousand. They had an average of 149 acres of land in fruit orchards, groves, vineyards, and nut trees. The data in table 8 show some of the differences in fruit and nut farms by value-of-sales classes in 1969.

**Poultry farms**—Poultry farms represented 3.3 percent of the 1.7 million class 1-5 farms and accounted for \$3.7 billion or 95 percent of the value of poultry and poultry products sold from all class 1-5 farms. The inventory of 322 million chickens 3 months old or older reported on 25.5 thousand poultry farms represented 87 percent of the total number counted on all

Class 1-5 Farms

**Table 9. Poultry Farms—Characteristics by Economic Class: 1969**

	All poultry farms	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
<b>Percent distribution:</b>						
Number of farms.....	100.0	47.0	26.9	12.9	7.3	5.9
Land in farms.....	100.0	64.9	19.2	7.8	4.2	3.8
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	68.6	16.8	7.3	4.3	3.0
Total cropland.....	100.0	65.9	19.4	7.6	4.1	3.0
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	70.5	16.8	6.7	3.6	2.4
<b>Total value of all agricultural products sold.....</b>						
Value of poultry and poultry products.....	100.0	84.9	11.4	2.7	.7	.3
Chickens 3 months old or older.....	100.0	86.9	8.6	2.7	1.0	.7
Other turkeys sold.....	100.0	95.6	3.5	.8	.1	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Average per farm:</b>						
Land in farm.....acres..	130	180	93	79	75	83
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	52,361	76,496	32,739	29,634	30,558	26,529
Land irrigated.....acres..	45	55	30	22	19	30
Value of all agricultural products sold.....dollars..	68,810	123,915	29,452	15,134	7,738	3,384
Value of poultry and poultry products sold.....dollars..	64,630	116,876	27,281	13,700	6,385	2,832
Value of machinery and equipment.....dollars..	9,534	14,105	5,532	5,633	4,978	4,383
Chickens 3 months old or older.....number..	12,629	22,618	5,450	2,939	1,374	824
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....number..	85,744	143,787	52,228	27,465	13,246	6,074
Other turkeys sold.....number..	10,499	13,377	3,100	1,627	284	70
Corn for all purposes.....acres..	40	61	25	19	14	12
Soybeans for beans.....acres..	69	36	28	19	17	17
<b>Expenditures for—</b>						
Farm production expenses.....	60,893	108,217	27,191	14,751	7,820	4,760
Livestock and poultry.....	11,935	20,905	5,800	2,950	1,397	759
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	36,143	63,721	16,896	8,779	4,139	1,935
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees.....	292	437	185	141	120	102
Commercial fertilizer purchased.....	874	1,347	526	387	279	202
Lime.....	247	319	162	121	129	121
Other agricultural chemicals.....	364	540	164	107	85	64
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	1,050	1,575	738	499	392	300
Hired farm labor.....	5,182	8,196	1,007	677	518	508
Contract labor.....	2,458	3,627	692	468	600	454
Machine hire and customwork.....	543	757	383	279	239	208
All other production expenses.....	7,857	14,205	2,713	1,871	1,472	1,552
Income from government farm programs.....dollars..	1,185	1,543	893	812	718	666
<b>Workers by number of days worked:</b>						
150 days and over.....	3	3	1	1	1	1
Under 150 days.....	5	7	4	3	3	2
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....number..	2	2	1	2	2	2
<b>Percent of farms with—</b>						
Income from government farm programs.....	24.2	25.8	23.6	22.3	21.2	22.2
Hens and pullets of laying age.....	39.2	40.8	27.6	34.7	54.7	69.5
Selling broilers and other meat-type chickens.....	48.7	45.3	62.8	55.1	35.6	13.8
Turkey hens kept for breeding.....	1.3	2.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Selling other turkeys.....	1.7	2.7	0.7	0.6	1.1	.9
<b>Percent of farms operated by—</b>						
Full owners.....	81.6	76.8	84.9	86.1	87.0	88.1
Part owners.....	14.8	19.6	12.0	10.2	9.3	6.7
Tenants.....	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.7	5.2

<sup>1</sup>Less than 0.05.