

farms. The average inventory of these chickens for poultry farms reporting was 12.6 thousand. Poultry farms, representing 87 percent of all class 1-5 farms selling broilers, accounted for nearly 99 percent of all broiler sales from class 1-5 farms. There were 2.4 billion broilers sold from poultry farms. About 98 percent of all turkey sales from class 1-5 farms were from poultry farms, and accounted for 68 percent of all class 1-5 farms selling turkeys. The average number of turkeys sold from poultry farms was 16 thousand turkeys per farm. About 70 percent of all poultry farms were located east of the Mississippi River.

There were 27 thousand poultry farms with sales of farm products of \$40,000 or more. The average value of farm products sold per farm from these large poultry farms was \$124 thousand as compared with \$20 thousand per farm for all other poultry farms. These 27 thousand farms accounted for 85 percent of all farm products sold by poultry farms and 81 percent of all poultry and poultry products sold from all class 1-5 farms. The expenditure for livestock and poultry feed on

these farms made up 83 percent of the livestock and poultry feed expenditure for all poultry farms and 25 percent of the livestock and feed expenditure for all class 1-5 farms.

Many poultry farms were relatively small operations. There were 7.6 thousand poultry farms with a value of all farm products sold of less than \$10,000. These farms comprised 13.3 percent of all poultry farms but accounted for only 1.1 percent of the total value of sales of all agricultural products and about 1.0 percent of the total value of sales of all poultry and poultry products from poultry farms.

Over 55 percent of the operators of these small-scale poultry farms were 55 years old or older, and 81.3 percent of the operators on these farms worked off their farms 100 days or more. About 12 percent of these farms had farm-related income from customwork and other agricultural services. Table 9 depicts some of the characteristics of poultry farms in 1969 by value-of-sales class.

Class 1-5 Farms

Table 10. Dairy Farms—Characteristics by Economic Class: 1969

	All dairy farms	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Percent distribution:						
Number of farms.....	100.0	13.3	31.4	30.3	17.4	7.6
Land in farms.....	100.0	25.1	34.9	25.4	11.0	3.7
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	33.7	35.1	20.7	7.9	2.6
Total cropland.....	100.0	24.5	36.7	25.6	10.2	3.1
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	25.8	38.5	25.1	8.5	2.2
Total pastureland.....	100.0	26.2	31.5	25.0	12.5	4.7
Total value of all agricultural products sold.....	100.0	41.1	34.8	17.8	5.2	1.2
Value of dairy products sold.....	100.0	42.5	34.5	17.2	4.8	1.0
Value of cattle and calves sold.....	100.0	38.6	33.1	19.5	7.0	1.8
Average per farm:						
Land in farm..... acres..	249	471	276	209	157	120
Value of land and buildings..... dollars..	68,276	172,992	76,419	46,810	30,970	22,833
Total cropland..... acres..	166	313	192	139	98	70
Cropland harvested..... acres..	113	228	136	92	56	35
Total pastureland..... acres..	100	202	101	82	72	63
Land irrigated..... acres..	108	180	93	69	44	31
Value of all agricultural products sold..... dollars..	25,216	78,096	27,935	14,792	7,486	3,817
Value of dairy products sold..... dollars..	19,313	61,867	21,200	10,988	5,271	2,569
Value of cattle and calves sold..... dollars..	3,238	9,402	3,414	2,083	1,304	779
Value of machinery and equipment..... dollars..	13,540	27,991	16,418	10,296	6,606	4,909
Cattle and calves..... number..	67	173	74	47	30	20
Milk cows..... number..	37	99	40	26	16	11
Corn for all purposes..... acres..	45	102	51	31	19	12
Oats for grain..... acres..	26	40	30	24	18	13
Alfalfa for hay..... acres..	41	70	45	34	26	20
Expenditures for—						
Farm production expenses.....	17,911	59,817	18,647	9,813	5,096	3,331
Livestock and poultry.....	3,905	8,668	2,442	1,437	969	727
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	5,545	20,608	5,222	2,560	1,316	821
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees.....	377	847	436	269	165	119
Commercial fertilizer purchased.....	1,040	3,001	1,130	552	318	222
Lime.....	286	521	274	200	148	115
Other agricultural chemicals.....	264	671	271	141	81	55
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	854	1,828	977	676	438	301
Hired farm labor.....	2,332	8,083	1,581	742	405	270
Contract labor.....	1,009	2,280	783	488	332	279
Machine hire and customwork.....	552	1,214	569	374	269	218
All other production expenses.....	6,985	19,892	7,919	4,460	2,272	1,576
Income from government farm programs..... dollars..	1,141	2,127	1,243	941	696	536
Workers by number of days worked:						
150 days and over.....	2	3	1	1	1	1
Under 150 days.....	3	4	4	3	3	2
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers..... number..	3	4	3	3	2	2
Percent of farms with—						
Income from government farm programs.....	37.5	39.1	39.9	37.7	34.3	31.4
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....	94.0	96.7	96.2	94.4	90.5	86.3
Fertilizer used.....	77.9	87.3	88.1	78.2	62.7	53.0
Percent of farms operated by—						
Full owners.....	55.8	34.0	45.9	59.5	73.0	80.6
Part owners.....	33.9	54.4	42.1	30.1	19.2	12.9
Tenants.....	10.3	11.6	12.1	10.4	7.8	6.5