

Lakes. These States accounted for over 63 percent of the total value of dairy products sold on commercial dairy farms in 1969. Further comparison of the characteristics of the dairy farms in the various value-of-sales classes may be obtained from table 10.

Livestock farms (other than poultry and dairy farms and livestock ranches)—Livestock farms constituted the largest group of class 1-5 farms in 1969, accounting for 33 percent of all class 1-5 farms. They contained 26 percent of all land in farms and 29 percent of the cropland harvested. Sales from livestock farms accounted for 34 percent of the value of all farm products sold and 70 percent of the value of livestock and livestock products (excluding dairy and poultry products) sold from class 1-5 farms.

In 1969 livestock farms sold 61 percent of all cattle and calves, 78 percent of all hogs and pigs, and 48 percent of all sheep and lambs marketed from class 1-5 farms. Eighty-four percent of the

income of these farms came from the sale of cattle, hogs, sheep, or goats. Livestock farm expenditures for feed made up 38 percent of all expenditures for feed by class 1-5 farms, and their expenditures for purchase of livestock and poultry accounted for 67 percent of class 1-5 farm purchase costs for all livestock and poultry.

There were approximately 72.5 thousand livestock farms which sold agricultural products worth \$40,000 or more. The value of farm products sold from these class 1 farms represented 20 percent of the value of all farm products sold and 61 percent of the value of sales from livestock farms. The inclusion of sales from a significant number of large feedlots tends to increase the average size and relative importance of class 1 livestock farms.

In evaluating the increased number and importance of class 1-5 livestock farms in 1969 as compared to 1964, the higher prices for livestock in 1969 should be considered. Because of these

Class 1-5 Farms

Table 12. Livestock Ranches—Characteristics by Economic Class: 1969

	All livestock ranches	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Percent distribution:						
Number of farms.....	100.0	13.5	13.1	18.1	24.9	30.5
Land in farms.....	100.0	59.0	16.7	11.7	7.2	5.4
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	48.6	15.5	13.5	11.8	10.6
Total cropland.....	100.0	33.2	16.7	16.0	17.2	16.9
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	54.3	20.2	13.7	7.6	4.2
Total pastureland.....	100.0	59.4	16.6	11.6	7.1	5.3
Total value of all agricultural products sold.....	100.0	72.8	11.0	7.7	5.3	3.2
Value of cattle and calves sold.....	100.0	73.9	10.4	7.3	5.2	3.2
Value of hogs, sheep, and goats sold.....	100.0	67.0	15.1	10.0	5.4	2.7
Average per farm:						
Land in farm.....acres	3,707	16,227	4,737	2,390	1,081	657
Value of land and buildings.....dollars	248,743	897,415	295,937	184,958	118,089	86,233
Total cropland.....acres	285	719	356	248	195	161
Cropland harvested.....acres	123	394	153	83	40	23
Total pastureland.....acres	3,555	15,670	4,522	2,275	1,015	616
Land irrigated.....acres	268	590	188	116	80	68
Value of all agricultural products sold.....dollars	33,070	178,760	27,887	14,044	7,035	3,428
Value of cattle and calves sold.....dollars	29,981	167,083	23,937	12,086	6,225	3,132
Value of hogs, sheep, and goats sold.....dollars	11,929	48,511	11,110	5,676	2,667	1,408
Value of machinery and equipment.....dollars	9,243	23,901	11,420	8,245	5,844	4,816
Cattle and calves.....number	232	1,009	270	151	86	55
Cows including heifers that have calves.....number	122	477	166	95	54	34
Cattle and calves sold.....number	166	821	162	88	48	26
Sheep and lambs.....number	796	2,618	768	403	206	123
Ewes 1 year old or older.....number	574	1,888	569	300	148	88
Sheep and lambs sold.....number	584	2,044	491	254	121	68
Sorghums for all purposes.....acres	61	172	75	49	32	20
Wheat harvested.....acres	89	198	89	53	33	20
Alfalfa for hay.....acres	100	206	102	65	38	24
Expenditures for—						
Farm production expenses.....	30,468	164,495	23,521	12,215	6,440	4,639
Livestock and poultry.....	22,115	99,147	9,247	5,205	2,944	2,240
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	5,616	29,631	3,624	2,098	1,269	922
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees.....	342	1,069	366	248	170	135
Commercial fertilizer purchased.....	1,168	3,903	1,343	882	628	493
Lime.....	578	2,525	657	488	381	297
Other agricultural chemicals.....	307	995	267	168	104	84
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	938	2,950	1,267	800	487	348
Hired farm labor.....	3,602	12,563	2,556	1,246	706	540
Contract labor.....	1,248	3,009	1,127	770	550	474
Machine hire and customwork.....	966	3,037	991	661	490	403
All other production expenses.....	8,022	36,342	8,885	4,498	2,292	1,785
Income from government farm programs.....dollars	1,983	5,484	2,464	1,556	1,027	769
Workers by number of days worked:						
150 days and over.....	2	4	1	1	1	1
Under 150 days.....	3	6	4	3	3	2
Percent of farms with—						
Income from government farm programs.....	35.0	40.5	41.2	38.1	33.6	29.1
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....	75.7	83.4	81.0	78.0	73.3	70.6
Fertilizer used.....	54.5	61.8	58.4	55.1	52.9	50.5
Percent of farms operated by—						
Full owners.....	43.8	22.7	31.1	39.9	49.3	56.5
Part owners.....	43.9	65.1	56.8	47.6	38.3	31.4
Tenants.....	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.5	12.4	12.2