

General farms—Farms with 50 percent or more of the total value of all farm products sold from field seed crops, hay, and silage, and farms on which no one source of product sales provided 50 percent or more of the total value of all farm products sold were classified as general farms. General farms comprised 7 percent of the 1.7 million class 1-5 farms in 1969. There were wide differences in the sources of value of farm

products sold from general farms in various parts of the country. In some areas, the sources of sales were only three or four farm products while in other areas many farm products contributed to the total value of sales of farm products. In the North Central States, cash-grains and two or more kinds of livestock and livestock products were the principal sources of sale. In the Southern States, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, livestock,

Class 1-5 Farms

Table 14. Miscellaneous Farms—Characteristics by Economic Class: 1969

	All miscellaneous farms	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Percent distribution:						
Number of farms.....	100.0	15.0	12.0	13.9	16.5	42.5
Land in farms.....	100.0	21.1	11.6	10.2	13.9	43.2
Value of land and buildings.....	100.0	35.1	11.5	10.2	9.1	34.0
Total cropland.....	100.0	28.1	12.0	12.1	12.2	35.6
Cropland harvested.....	100.0	42.5	12.6	11.2	9.3	24.4
Total value of all agricultural products sold.....	100.0	77.3	10.6	6.1	3.7	2.3
Other livestock and livestock products.....	100.0	56.4	18.4	12.2	6.9	6.2
Nursery and greenhouse products sold.....	100.0	85.9	7.9	3.6	1.8	0.8
Acres of corn harvested for all purposes.....	100.0	37.8	16.5	15.5	12.6	17.6
Bushels of corn harvested for grain.....	100.0	41.7	16.9	13.8	10.8	16.8
Acres of soybeans harvested.....	100.0	39.0	18.3	18.3	11.2	13.1
Bushels of soybeans harvested.....	100.0	41.8	18.9	17.9	10.9	10.4
Cotton harvested.....	100.0	44.6	20.7	9.0	8.5	17.2
Quantity of cotton harvested.....	100.0	54.8	19.8	8.1	7.5	9.9
Average per farm:						
Land in farm.....acres..	295	414	284	218	250	300
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	96,982	226,272	92,775	71,278	53,819	77,543
Total cropland.....acres..	76	123	70	63	54	71
Cropland harvested.....acres..	36	77	31	25	19	27
Land irrigated.....acres..	42	54	15	17	11	65
Value of all agricultural products sold.....dollars..	31,679	162,733	27,890	13,931	7,044	1,730
Other livestock and livestock products sold.....dollars..	14,583	92,191	24,465	11,867	5,802	1,880
Nursery and greenhouse products sold.....dollars..	61,979	177,318	26,484	12,978	6,484	2,996
Horses and ponies.....number..	22	36	22	19	15	22
Horses and ponies sold.....number..	14	38	30	20	18	7
Milk goats.....number..	37	240	142	59	33	13
Honey sold.....pounds..	70,303	366,100	155,190	80,240	41,561	12,309
Mink sold.....number..	2,222	5,452	2,026	1,073	570	287
Rabbits sold.....number..	2,940	17,424	9,588	5,444	3,159	1,414
Chinchillas sold.....number..	269	2,256	852	420	243	115
Corn harvested for all purposes.....acres..	28	76	34	24	16	15
Cotton harvested.....acres..	26	86	28	15	11	12
Quantity of cotton harvested.....bales..	20	81	31	10	7	5
Soybeans harvested.....acres..	38	95	48	35	20	17
Expenditures for—						
Farm production expenses.....	26,839	128,609	19,257	9,598	4,951	7,094
Livestock and poultry.....	5,016	14,648	5,054	3,357	2,152	4,895
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	3,271	16,231	5,905	2,528	996	1,393
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees.....	4,948	17,931	2,340	1,101	548	322
Commercial fertilizer purchased.....	978	2,592	701	502	314	644
Lime.....	326	498	216	191	146	407
Other agricultural chemicals.....	746	2,143	289	175	119	391
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	1,134	4,345	1,191	717	448	374
Hired farm labor.....	13,011	52,476	5,685	2,390	1,085	1,392
Contract labor.....	2,622	7,243	1,874	1,408	855	1,325
Machine hire and customwork.....	847	2,478	694	476	383	618
All other production expenses.....	11,068	50,137	7,660	3,938	2,134	3,262
Income from government farm programs.....dollars..	1,085	2,477	1,329	973	827	858
Workers by number of days worked:						
150 days and over.....	6	13	2	2	1	1
Under 150 days.....	8	22	7	5	4	4
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....number..						
	2	4	2	2	2	2
Percent of farms with—						
Income from government farm programs.....	18.0	12.1	16.7	19.2	22.4	18.4
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers....	70.2	79.6	71.8	70.5	66.8	67.8
Fertilizer used.....	63.5	83.9	74.6	70.1	66.7	49.8
Average per acre—						
Corn for grain.....bushels..	62	68	59	53	52	68
Corn fertilized.....pounds..	580	556	589	533	530	708
Soybeans harvested.....bushels..	24	26	25	23	23	19
Soybeans fertilized.....pounds..	318	338	289	328	276	290
Cotton harvested.....bales..	1	1	1	1	1	(¹)
Cotton fertilized.....pounds..	510	464	553	524	554	604
Percent of farms operated by—						
Full owners.....	79.0	69.4	76.0	80.3	81.4	82.0
Part owners.....	12.7	19.8	15.5	12.5	11.5	9.9
Tenants.....	8.3	10.7	8.5	7.2	7.0	8.2

¹Less than 0.05.