

Class 4 and 5 farms comprised 45 percent of all class 1-5 farms, and the value of sales from these farms accounted for 9 percent of the value of all farm products sold from all class 1-5 farms in 1969.

The share of resources of all class 1-5 farms for class 4 and 5 was: Land in farms, 20 percent; value of land and buildings, 22 percent; cropland harvested, 18 percent; tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers, 32 percent. For expenditures and fertilizer used, the proportion of the total on class 1-5 farms for class 4 and 5 was: Feed for livestock and poultry, 6 percent; purchase of livestock and poultry, 5 percent; cost of fertilizer used, 14 percent; cost of gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil, 20 percent; expenditure for hired farm labor, 7 percent; and expenses for machine hire and customwork, 20 percent.

Class 4 and 5 farms had agricultural operations of relatively small scale. Approximately 45 percent of them had less than 50 acres of land from which crops were harvested. About 58 percent of class 4 and 5 farms had a value of land and buildings less than \$40,000. About one out of five of the operators was 65 years old and over and almost one-half of the operators were 55 years old and over. Two out of five of the operators of class 4 and 5 farms worked off the farm 100 days or more in 1969, and one out of three worked 200 days or more off the farm. Of the operators who reported off-farm work, three out of five reported working off the farm 200 days or more. The largest proportion of these farms are located in the North Central Region and the South with 87 percent of the total class 4 and class 5 farms.

Comparative Share of Resources, Class 1-5 Farms

	Total class 1-5 farms	Percent distribution by economic class of farm				
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Number of farms.....1969..	100.0	12.8	19.1	22.8	22.5	22.8
.....1964..	100.0	7.8	14.3	25.7	27.8	24.4
Land in farms.....1969..	100.0	38.8	22.6	18.7	11.6	8.3
.....1964..	100.0	29.3	20.1	23.6	17.1	9.9
Value of land and buildings.....1969..	100.0	36.8	23.2	18.4	12.2	9.4
.....1964..	100.0	30.5	21.3	23.3	15.7	9.2
Value of farm products sold.....1969..	100.0	57.1	20.8	12.8	6.3	3.0
.....1964..	100.0	44.1	20.9	19.5	10.8	4.7
Cropland harvested.....1969..	100.0	32.9	27.7	21.9	11.4	6.1
.....1964..	100.0	21.7	22.7	28.3	18.7	8.6
Tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers.....1969..	100.0	21.8	23.3	23.3	17.6	14.0
.....1964..	100.0	14.7	18.8	27.7	23.9	14.9
Expenditures for--						
Feed for livestock and poultry.....1969..	100.0	66.6	18.0	9.0	4.0	2.5
.....1964..	100.0	50.4	20.5	16.9	8.5	3.7
Purchase of livestock and poultry.....1969..	100.0	76.3	12.1	6.2	3.1	2.3
.....1964..	100.0	61.7	18.2	11.7	5.7	2.7
Fertilizer.....1969..	100.0	45.1	24.7	16.0	8.7	5.5
.....1964..	100.0	35.4	23.4	21.6	13.0	6.6
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil.....1969..	100.0	35.4	24.8	19.8	11.9	8.1
.....1964..	100.0	27.3	21.4	24.9	17.5	8.9
Hired farm labor.....1969..	100.0	71.3	14.3	7.6	3.9	2.9
.....1964..	100.0	62.8	16.6	11.7	6.1	2.8
Machine hire, custom work.....1969..	100.0	39.2	22.1	18.3	12.1	8.4
.....1964..	100.0	41.4	17.2	19.3	14.4	7.7

Farms With Value of Sales of Less Than \$2,500

Farms with sales of farm products with a value less than \$2,500 comprised more than one-third of all farms in 1969. However, these farms had about one-twelfth of land in farms, one-twelfth of the acres of cropland in the United States, and one-fifth of the cropland used for pasture. The value of land and buildings for these farms represented 12 percent of the value of land and buildings for all farms. They had 7.2 percent of the cattle, 3.1 percent of the hogs and pigs on farms in 1969, almost one-fifth of all tractors other than garden tractors and motor tillers, 22

percent of the motor trucks, 4.5 percent of the grain and bean combines, and 13.2 percent of the pickup balers. These farms had 4.8 percent of the acreage in orchards, vineyards, and planted nut trees, and 9.9 percent of the acreage of tobacco harvested. They accounted for 7.5 percent of all the gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil purchased for the farm business.

Class 6 Farms

Class 6 farms totaled 192,564 in 1969. Most of the farms were small in size: Seventy percent had less than 100 acres of land in farms, and about three-fifths of them had less than 50 acres of land from which crops were harvested. The average value per farm of farmland and buildings was around \$25,000.

Almost 90 percent of the operators of class 6 farms owned all or part of the land they operated. However, 20,712 or 11 percent were operated by tenants. About two-thirds of the class 6 farms were in the South.

Part-Time Farms

The resources used by operators of part-time farms comprised a very small part of the total of all farms. Farms of part-time farm operators contained 4.6 percent of all land in farms, 2.3 percent of the acreage from which crops were harvested in 1969, 4.3 percent of the cattle and calves, 1.9 percent of the hogs and pigs, 0.7 percent of the chickens 3 months old and over, and 11.4 percent of the tractors other than garden tractors. Operators of part-time farms spent 2.6 percent of the value of commercial fertilizer purchased and accounted for 2.0 percent of the total expenditures of all farms. The average value of farm products sold from part-time farms was \$926.

Almost one-half of the farms operated by part-time operators are under 50 acres in size and about one out of nine is less than 10 acres in size. Approximately 36 percent of the farms had no cropland harvested and about one out of four had less than 10 acres of cropland harvested. About seven out of 10 part-time farms had a tractor other than garden, and almost two-thirds of the farms had one or more automobiles. About two-fifths of the farms had less than 20 acres of cropland harvested. Only 4 percent of the farms had 50 acres or more of cropland harvested. Nearly 58 percent of the farms used some commercial fertilizer and the average amount spent per farm reporting was \$171. Almost all of the farms reported one or more of the seven items for farm expenditures, and the average production expenditure was \$1,288 per farm. Cattle were reported on 55 percent of the farms; milk cows on 10 percent; hogs and pigs on 15 percent; and chickens on 15 percent.

Corn for grain and hay comprised about 58 percent of the total acreage of cropland harvested on part-time farms in 1969.

Part-Retirement Farms

Part-retirement farms comprised 8.3 percent of the total of all farms in 1969. However, in terms of resources used and production, they were relatively unimportant for the Nation as a