

GENERAL EXPLANATION Continued

agricultural sales although they constituted only 5.4 percent of all corporate firms.

The 10 percent of corporations which were business-associated firms accounted for 20 percent of corporate agricultural sales. The 2,724 business-associated firms produced 55 percent of the tobacco; 41 percent of the other field crops; 30 percent of the poultry and poultry products; 29 percent of the other livestock; and 26 percent of the fruits, nuts, and berries sold by corporations. Business-associated firms whose primary business activities were related to agriculture were about equally divided among those supplying farm inputs, processing farm products, wholesaling or retailing farm

products, and agricultural services or other business related to agriculture. Each accounted for 1 to 2 percent of all corporations with agricultural production.

The 1,223 corporations whose primary activity was business outside the food and fiber industry constituted 4.6 percent of all corporations. Firms processing farm products had a larger proportionate share of agricultural sales than other business-associated firms. They accounted for 12 percent of the vegetables, 10 percent of the other field crops, and 9 percent of the poultry and poultry products sold by corporations. Firms wholesaling or retailing farm products sold 13 percent of the cotton produced by corporations.

Firms whose principal business was outside the food and fiber industry accounted for 51 percent of the tobacco; 26 percent of the other field crops; 25 percent of the other livestock; and 14 percent of the fruits, nuts, and berries sold by corporations.

**Type of ownership**—Almost 99 percent of the corporations were privately held. Those with 5 or fewer shareholders made up almost four-fifths of all corporations while only 3 percent were privately held firms with more than 10 shareholders. Although only 1.3 percent of the corporations are publicly held, they sold 18.7 percent of the agricultural products marketed by corporations. These 358 corporations accounted for more than half the tobacco sold by corporations as well as 46, 23, and 19 percent of the sales value of other field crops; poultry and poultry products; and cattle and calves, respectively.

Table 8. Agricultural Products Sold—Percent Distribution by Total Corporate Business Receipts

	Total	Under \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$5,000,000 and over
Value of agricultural products sold.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Grain sold.....	8.2	21.4	23.2	14.2	7.1	2.0
Tobacco sold.....	.4	1.2	.5	.3	.2	.4
Cotton and cottonseed sold.....	2.4	2.0	3.8	3.2	2.4	1.9
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage sold...	1.4	4.0	2.6	2.2	1.5	.7
Other field crops sold.....	8.7	1.5	5.9	9.7	7.7	10.3
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons sold....	5.9	1.5	3.7	6.5	8.3	5.7
Fruits, nuts, and berries sold.....	6.3	10.8	8.6	8.5	7.9	4.3
Poultry and poultry products sold.....	11.9	2.7	7.1	13.4	15.5	12.1
Dairy products sold.....	3.5	8.0	7.6	7.0	3.7	1.2
Cattle and calves sold.....	40.9	27.7	18.7	17.3	30.5	57.5
Hogs and pigs sold.....	1.9	1.9	1.1	.6	.6	.6
Sheep, lambs, and wool sold.....	.7	4.5	4.9	3.6	1.8	.5
Other livestock and livestock products sold.	.7	2.0	1.1	.8	.9	.4
Nursery and greenhouse products sold.....	7.0	10.2	10.9	12.6	11.9	2.4
Forest products sold.....	.1	.6	.3	.1	(2)	(2)

Other Measures of Size

**Land in farms**—In 1974, the average size of land in farms for all corporations was 3,577 acres. The average number of acres operated by parent corporations was almost 6 times that of family corporations and more than 8 times the average acreage of independent corporations. As

Table 9. Land in Farms and Commodity Sales—Percent Distribution by Farm Classification and Principal Business Activity

	All corporations	Primary farm firms		Business-associated firms					
		Total	Farming only	Total	Supplying farm inputs	Processing farm products	Wholesaling or retailing farm products	Agricultural services or other business related to agriculture	Business outside the food and fiber industry
Firms.....	100.0	89.9	84.5	10.1	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.1	4.6
Farms.....	100.0	87.8	81.7	12.2	1.4	1.9	2.3	1.1	5.5
Land in farms.....	100.0	85.1	76.4	14.9	.6	1.9	2.3	.4	9.7
Harvested cropland.....	100.0	84.9	75.3	15.1	1.0	4.0	2.5	.2	7.4
Value of agricultural products sold.....	100.0	80.0	64.2	20.0	1.3	6.9	3.9	.3	7.6
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products sold.....	100.0	77.2	60.5	22.8	.8	5.5	4.1	.4	12.0
Grain sold.....	100.0	89.1	78.4	10.9	1.4	1.8	2.1	.1	5.5
Tobacco sold.....	100.0	45.0	40.7	55.0	1.3	-	2.8	.1	50.8
Cotton and cottonseed sold.....	100.0	76.7	58.9	23.3	1.7	.2	12.9	.4	8.1
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage sold.....	100.0	80.6	66.8	19.4	1.8	3.0	7.2	.3	7.1
Other field crops sold.....	100.0	58.7	38.6	41.3	.7	9.5	4.6	.1	26.4
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons sold.....	100.0	80.6	61.5	19.4	.9	11.7	1.2	.2	5.4
Fruits, nuts, and berries sold.....	100.0	74.5	57.0	25.5	.1	7.4	4.0	.4	13.6
Nursery and greenhouse products sold.....	100.0	87.2	69.8	12.8	.6	.7	4.7	1.1	5.7
Livestock, poultry, and their products sold.....	100.0	81.9	66.7	18.1	1.6	7.8	3.8	.2	4.7
Poultry and poultry products sold.....	100.0	70.4	49.9	29.6	4.7	9.3	7.3	-	8.3
Dairy products sold.....	100.0	92.2	80.3	7.8	.2	2.4	2.7	-	2.5
Cattle and calves sold.....	100.0	84.0	69.5	16.0	.7	8.3	3.1	.3	3.6
Hogs and pigs sold.....	100.0	88.8	80.3	11.2	4.6	2.4	1.6	.3	2.3
Sheep, lambs, and wool sold.....	100.0	92.3	84.8	7.7	.2	.7	-	-	6.8
Other livestock and livestock products sold.....	100.0	70.9	61.6	29.1	.1	3.8	.2	.4	24.6