

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

Table 5. Tobacco Harvested: 1949 to 1974

All Farms	Farms	Acres	Pounds (billions)	Yield per acre (pounds)	Acres per farm
1974.....	197,764	877,113	1.7	1,976	4.4
1969.....	276,188	876,927	1.6	1,875	3.2
1964.....	331,365	1,025,241	2.0	1,939	3.1
1959.....	415,315	1,108,274	1.6	1,486	2.7
1954.....	511,503	1,557,239	1.9	1,234	3.0
1949.....	531,922	1,532,298	1.8	1,155	2.9

concentration of tobacco was in the South. Other States have smaller acreage but are important because of the type of tobacco grown. The total acreage harvested from all farms in 1974 was only 0.3 percent of cropland harvested, but its value represented 3 percent of the value of crops produced.

Irish potatoes, excluding home use—A total of 51,499 farms reported Irish potatoes in 1974 with 1,345,121 acres harvested. The yield was 235 hundred-weight per acre with a value of production of \$1.4 billion. Idaho, Maine, North Dakota, and Minnesota each harvested over 100,000 acres. These four States accounted for 51 percent of the acreage harvested and 47 percent of the total production for the United States.

Irish potato production was concentrated on 7,614 farms with 25 acres or more harvested. These farms accounted for 95 percent of the total acreage harvested.

Sweetpotatoes, excluding home use—The value of production in 1974 was \$78 million for sweetpotatoes harvested from all farms. There were 17,043 farms reporting 85,614 acres harvested with a production of 17 million bushels. The yield was 202 bushels per acre. Eighty-nine percent of production was in the South. North Carolina and Louisiana were the only States to harvest over 20,000 acres. These two States accounted for 52 percent of the acreage and 54 percent of the production.

Vegetables, sweet corn or melons for sale—There has been a continuing decline in the number of farms producing vegetables for sale since 1944. In 1974, the number of farms reporting was 78,566 compared with 101,760 in 1969. The total acreage harvested on all farms

in 1974 was 3.1 million acres compared with the 3.4 million acres in 1969.

A few States accounted for a large part of the vegetable acreage on all farms in 1974. California had the largest number of acres followed by Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota, Washington, Texas, Oregon, New York, Illinois, and Michigan. These 10 States had a combined total of 2.3 million acres or almost three-fourths of the total acres harvested. Table 7, indicates the change in vegetable acreage in these States since 1944.

Farms with 25 acres or more of vegetables harvested in 1974 accounted for 90 percent of the total acreage harvested for all farms. For the Western States these farms accounted for 96 percent of the acreage harvested.

Berries for sale—The number of farms reporting berries for sale in 1974 was 15,404 or 38 percent less than the 24,840 reported in 1969.

Berries for sale were harvested from 121,127 acres in 1974, or 13 percent less than the 138,635 acres harvested in 1969. Maine led all States in acres harvested followed by Oregon, Michigan, California, New Jersey, and Massachusetts each with 10,000 acres or more. These six States harvested 69 percent of the acreage in 1974. More than 63 percent of the acreage harvested was from farms with 25 acres or more. These 977 farms represented 6 percent of all farms reporting.

Land in orchards—There were 105,997 farms reporting land in bearing and non-bearing fruit orchards, citrus or other groves, vineyards, and nut trees of all ages in 1974, 20 percent less than the 133,311 farms reporting in 1969.

The land in orchards on all farms totaled 4.19 million acres in 1974, slightly less than the 4.23 million acres reported in 1969.

Table 6. Vegetables Harvested: 1929 to 1974

	Farms (1,000)	Acres (1,000)	Value (mil. dol.)
1974.....	79	3,124	12,372
1969.....	102	3,352	11,300
1964.....	132	3,334	987
1959.....	182	3,491	740
1954 ²	280	3,740	645
1949.....	348	3,870	610
1944 ²	580	4,370	577
1939.....	464	3,056	201
1929.....	629	2,814	296

¹Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over, plus estimated value per acre for other farms.

²Alaska and Hawaii not included.

³Land used for vegetable crops; not comparable to previous censuses; see text

Table 7. Acres of Vegetables Harvested for Sale: 1974 and 1944

	(Thousands of acres)	
	1974 ¹	1944
United States, total	3,124	4,370
California.....	740	543
Wisconsin.....	338	277
Florida.....	215	231
Minnesota.....	176	135
Washington.....	166	92
Texas.....	158	440
Oregon.....	149	90
New York.....	148	277
Illinois.....	129	143
Michigan.....	107	129

¹Land used for vegetable crops.

Every State reported land in orchards in 1974, but two States led—California had the largest number of acres and Florida had the second largest number of acres. These two States had 64 percent of the total land in orchards in 1974.

Farms with 50 acres or more in orchards accounted for 76 percent of the total land in orchards. These farms represented only 16 percent of all farms with land in orchards.

All other crops—All other crops include dry field beans, dry field peas, sugar crops, field seeds, nursery and greenhouse products, and all other crops harvested that were not reported elsewhere.

The number of farms reporting all other crops in 1974 was 115,661 which reported 6.9 million acres harvested, 5 percent less than in 1969. The value in 1974 was \$4.9 billion, a little more than 2½ times the \$1.9 billion reported in 1969.

California, Florida, Hawaii, and Louisiana had the highest value of all other crops. These four States repre-