



work-connected deaths for either operator and family workers or hired farm workers. There were 289 farms reporting 306 deaths of operators or unpaid family workers.

Of the 6.9 million hired farm workers and farm operators on farms with sales of \$2,500 and over, there were 42,129 injuries or illnesses without lost workdays and 42,039 injuries or illnesses which resulted in lost workdays. Though close review of these items was made, there is undoubtedly considerable memory bias in reporting, especially for injuries and illnesses without lost workdays or those cases where minimum time loss occurred. Some bias may have resulted because of the respondent's reluctance to report these items.

No definitions or instructions other than those which appeared in section 31

were available to the farm operator. Therefore, the determination of what was a work-related injury, illness, or death had to be made entirely by the farm operator. The only injuries, illnesses, or deaths to be reported were those which occurred during or as a direct result of agricultural production work. Those that were the result of recreational or other nonfarm activities were to be excluded.

Because of the definitional problems and some bias due to underreporting, the data should be used with caution.

Table 11 shows the percent of farms and hired workers that had work-related injuries and illnesses. The data in the table are based only on paid hired workers and paid members of the operator's family. Injuries or illnesses of the farm operator or of unpaid members of the operator's family are not included.

Table 9. Contract Labor by Standard Industrial Classification of Farms: 1974

	Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over		Percent of contract labor expenditures
	Farms	Percent of farms	
Total farms.....	99,243	5.9	100.0
Cash grain farms (011)....	22,407	3.9	10.0
Cotton farms (0131).....	4,632	15.1	4.8
Tobacco farms (0132).....	3,798	4.0	1.3
Sugar crop, Irish potato, hay, peanut, and other field crop farms (0133, 0134, 0139)	8,147	10.0	11.6
Vegetable and melon farms (016).....	2,569	13.1	18.1
Fruit and tree nut farms (017).....	12,256	23.9	32.3
Horticultural specialty farms (018).....	1,347	6.8	2.0
General farms, primarily crop (0191).....	3,505	7.8	4.7
Livestock farms, except dairy, poultry and animal specialty (021).....	28,284	5.7	8.9
Dairy farms (024).....	7,592	3.9	2.9
Poultry and egg farms (025).....	2,359	5.5	1.9
Animal specialty farms (027).....	693	6.2	.3
General farms, primarily livestock (0291)	566	3.8	.2
Farms not classified by SIC.....	1,088	8.2	.9