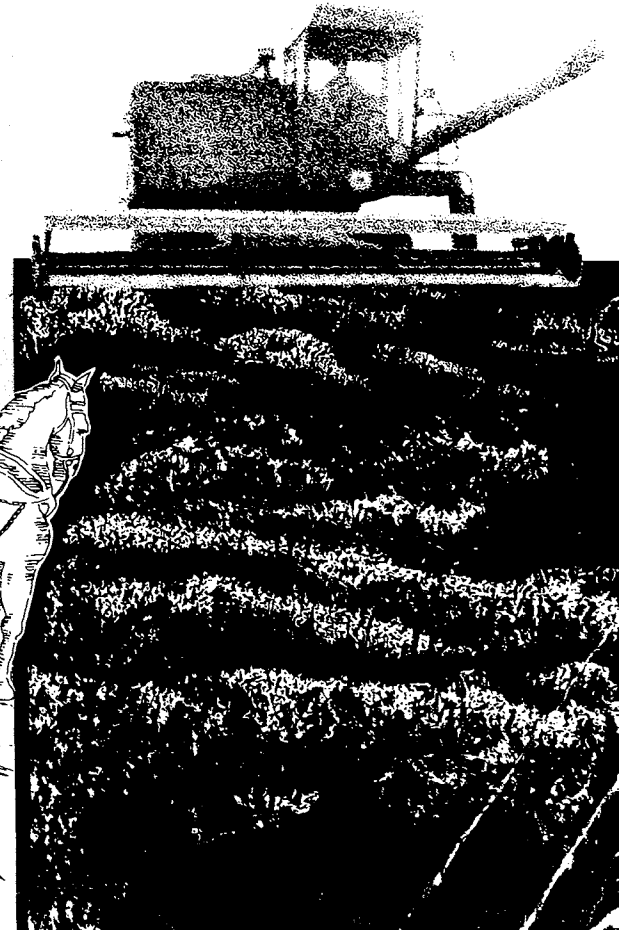
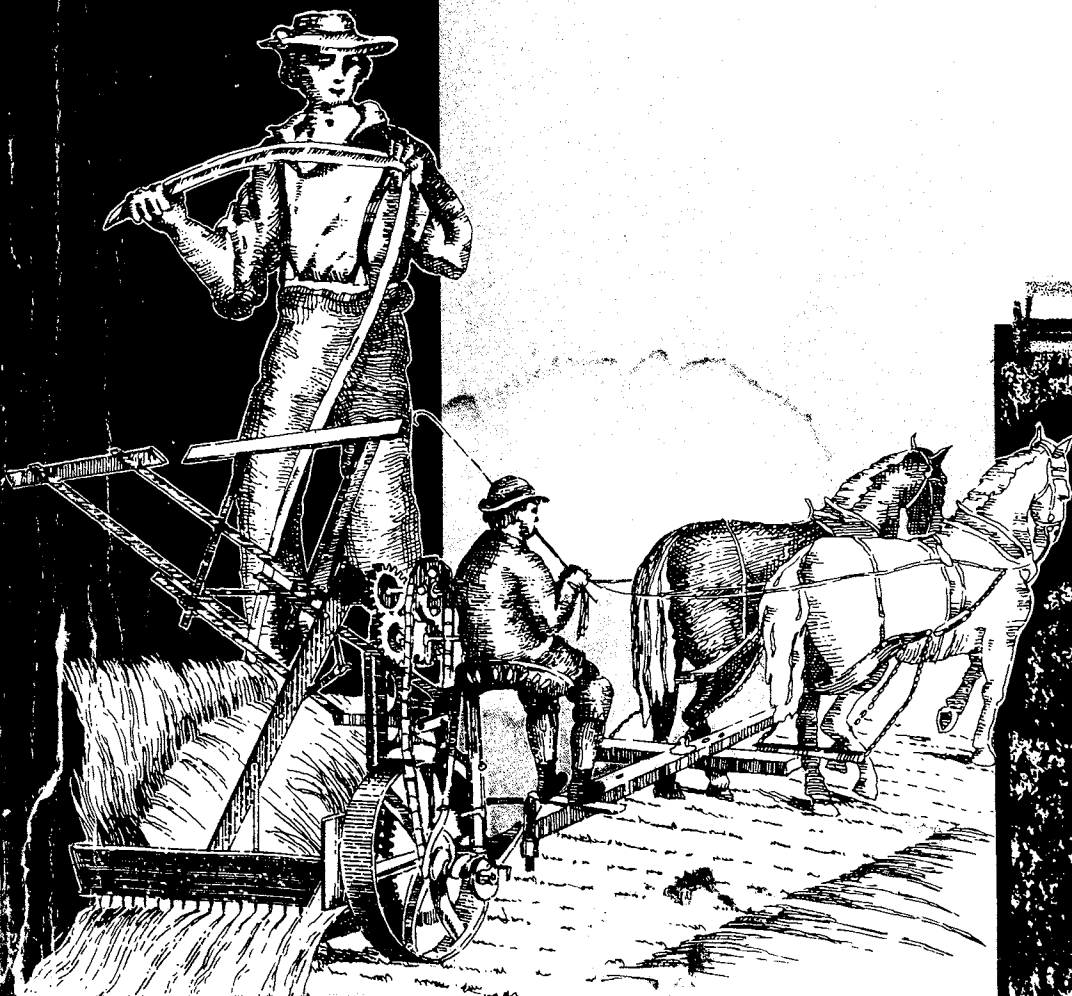


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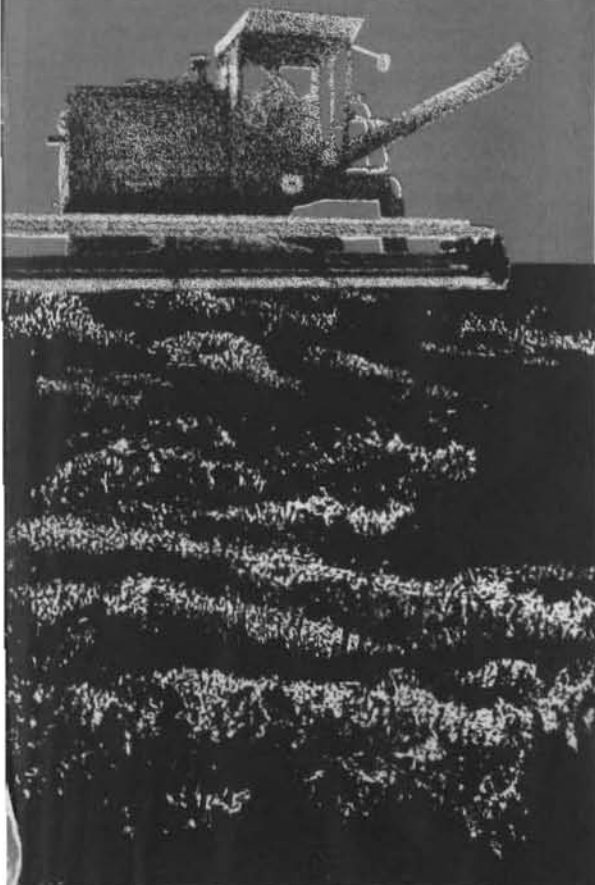
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INTRODUCTION

Authority, Area Covered, and History

The 1974 Census of Agriculture was taken in accordance with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, reaffirmed by section 818 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-86). Sections 142(a) and 191 of Title 13 provide for a census of agriculture every 5 years in each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The 1974 census is the 20th nationwide census of agriculture and the second conducted primarily by mail. The first agricultural census data were collected in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census. Since that time, a census of agriculture has been a part of each decennial census program, and since 1920 a national census of agriculture has been taken every 5 years.

Farm Definition

For each of the 20 censuses of agriculture except the first, taken in 1840, the agency responsible for conducting the census has established minimum criteria which define a farm for the purpose of the census. As the Nation has developed and grown, agriculture also has changed and grown, and from time to time the minimum criteria for the definition of a farm have been changed.

Prior to 1974, the eighth and most recent change in minimum criteria was for the 1959 Census of Agriculture, when the definition of a farm was based primarily on a combination of acres in the place and value of agricultural products sold.

The word "place" was defined to include all land on which agricultural operations were conducted at any time in the census year under the day-to-day control or supervision of one person or partnership. Control may have been exercised through ownership or management or through a lease, rental, or cropping arrangement.

Places of less than 10 acres in the census year were counted as farms if the estimated sales of agricultural products for the year amounted to at least \$250. Places of 10 or more acres in the census year were counted as farms if the estimated sales of agricultural products for the year amounted to at least \$50. Places having less than the \$50 or \$250 minimum estimated sales in the census year were also counted as farms if they could normally be expected to produce agricultural products in sufficient quantity to meet the requirements of the definition.

Using the 1959 definition, the 1969 census reported about 571,000 farms in the United States having sales of less than \$1,000; these farms comprised 20.9 percent of all farms but contributed less than 1 percent of total sales. In 1974 there were only about 152,000 such farms, accounting for less than 6 hundredths of 1 percent of total sales. Between censuses many of these small farms had ceased operations, while many others had sales of \$1,000 or more in the census year, either because of increased agricultural activity or because of increases in the per unit value of agricultural products sold.

In view of increases in price levels and other changes in the structure of agricultural operations, various individuals

and organizations, including members of the Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, the Office of Management and Budget, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agreed that a change in the definition of a farm was justified. The Department of Commerce announced on August 12, 1975, that the census definition of a farm, for purposes of publishing the 1974 census data, was any establishment which during the census year had or normally would have had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more.

In the next 10 months, Congress held four hearings on the appropriateness of changing the definition. During this time, Public Law 94-229, enacted March 15, 1976, included a provision requiring the statistical classification of farms in effect on January 1, 1975, to be continued in effect through June 30, 1976, and that any statistical report issued on or before June 30, 1976, should reflect such classification, but could also include additional classifications as deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Commerce.

Definition for preliminary reports. Publication of the preliminary county reports began in April 1976, and these reports for all counties and States, the four regions, and the United States were tabulated and published in accordance with the same farm definition used for the 1959, 1964, and 1969 censuses.

Definition for final reports. For all final reports, the 1974 statistics are in accordance with the 1974 definition, which differs from the earlier definition in only two respects:

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1. The criterion for number of "acres in place" has been deleted.
2. The criterion for minimum value of agricultural products sold has been changed to \$1,000.

Thus for 1974, a farm was defined to include all land on which agricultural operations were conducted at any time in the census year under the day-to-day control of an individual management, and from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold during the census year. Control may have been exercised through ownership or management, or through a lease, rental, or cropping arrangement. Places having less than the minimum \$1,000 sales in the census year were also counted as farms if they could normally be expected to produce agricultural products in sufficient quantity to meet the requirements of the definition.

Three tables in this report provide users with measures of the effect of the change in definition: The table following this introduction shows farms and sales, by county, for 1974 and 1969, for both the old and the new definitions, and also for those places excluded by the 1974 but not by the 1959 definition. In chapter II, table 33 presents data by county for 1974 showing comparisons between farms (1974 definition) and agricultural operations that would have been farms under the 1959 definition. The table that comprises appendix B presents data by State for 1974 and 1969 showing characteristics of 1974 agricultural operations excluded by the new definition and of 1969 farms having less than \$1,000 total value of sales.

The 1974 "all farms" data shown in State tables 1 through 9 and county tables 1 through 10 are for those agricultural operations with at least \$1,000 in total (or potential) sales of farm products. All other tables in this report are limited to farms with sales of \$2,500 or more (see the paragraphs in appendix A that describe the report forms and the enumeration method).

Comparability of Data

In general, data for 1974 and earlier

censuses are comparable with data from earlier censuses only for farms with \$2,500 or more total value of sales, because the data for farms with \$2,500 or more value of sales are not affected by the change in farm definition. Data for all farms for 1974 are based on the new definition so they are not directly comparable to earlier censuses. It is also important to note that in addition to the difference in farm definition used in this report from that in the preliminary version, this final report contains 1974 figures which will not agree with figures in the preliminary reports because of corrections, additions, and deletions.

Even for farms with \$2,500 or more value of sales, the difference in timing and the change from personal interview to mail enumeration affect the comparability between the data for 1974 and 1969 and that for earlier censuses. Both 1974 and 1969 censuses were taken by mail; all earlier censuses were taken by direct interview.

Dramatic changes in rates of farm expenditure and unit prices of products sold between the 1969 and 1974 censuses affect the comparability of some census data. During the period between the two censuses, prices paid by farmers greatly increased. Prices received by farmers also increased but with wide fluctuations among commodities at different times during the census year of 1974.

Crop and livestock production data are for the calendar year 1974, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year. Expenditures, crops irrigated, usage of agricultural chemicals and fertilizers, and sale of farm products were all asked for the calendar year. Respondents were instructed to report inventory numbers of livestock, poultry, and other specified items as of December 31, 1974. The reporting period and inventory data are the same as for the 1969 census.

Censuses prior to 1969 were taken by enumerators, each assigned to a specific geographic area. Field work for the 1964 and 1959 censuses was completed largely in October, November, and December of the reference year. Livestock and poultry inventories for those two censuses were as

of the time of enumeration. Other variations in time of enumeration occurred in censuses prior to 1959.

Graphics

On the following pages, there is a graphic presentation of selected agricultural statistics for this State. The first four dot maps are being published for all States. The second four dot maps have been selected to present data of particular importance to this State.

Tabular Presentation

State data—In chapter I, State tables 1 through 27 show detailed State level data generally accompanied by historical data for one or more censuses. Tables 28 through 33 provide 1974 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County summary data—A summary of selected data items for each county of the State is presented in chapter II of this publication. In these tables the counties are listed in alphabetical order with the State total at the beginning of each table.

County miscellaneous data—In chapter III, data for additional crop and livestock items not common to a large number of counties are reported in a separate set of tables by county for each State. Some of these items, even though reported in only a few counties of the State, are sufficiently important to account for a significant proportion of the agricultural production.

Counties not having the subject item of a given table, or with only a very limited number of farms reporting the item, are not listed separately; their data are combined with other counties and presented as "All other."

Final county data—Six pages of data are presented in chapter IV for each county with 10 farms or more in 1974. The tables include final data for each county and are more comprehensive than those in the preliminary reports. Data are for the year 1974 with inventory (on place)

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figures as of December 31, 1974. Information covering all farms and farms with sales of \$2,500 and over are presented for both the 1974 and 1969 censuses. A State level six-page report like the county report is published at the beginning of the chapter.

Preliminary county data—Preliminary reports have been published separately for all counties in the United States with 10 farms or more in 1974. This four-page series provided, at the earliest possible date, usable information on a limited number of major data items, with comparative final figures from the 1969 census.

The reports were issued on a flow basis, with a State report following the release of the last county report for each State. Tables showing regional and U.S. totals were also prepared as a part of this series.

For all States, the same table format was used to present the data except data for six selected crops shown in table 7. These crops were varied by State depending upon their relative importance.

For major items at the county level differences between the preliminary and final figures are in general less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

"See Text" Reference

The remark "See text" in the tables refers to explanations, definitions, and classifications in sections 5 and 6 of appendix A.

Abbreviations and Symbols

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- D Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.
- X Not applicable.
- Z Less than half of the unit reported.
- NA Not available.

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FARMS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTS SOLD BY 1974 AND 1959 DEFINITIONS, WITH COMPARABLE DATA FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS EXCLUDED BY 1974 DEFINITION: 1974 AND 1969

COUNTY	BY 1974 DEFINITION				BY 1959 DEFINITION				AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS EXCLUDED BY 1974 DEFINITION BUT NOT BY 1959 DEFINITION			
	NUMBER		VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		NUMBER		VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		NUMBER		VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)	
	1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969
FLORIDA, TOTAL	32 466	25 284	1 898 658	1 128 677	35 017	35 586	1 899 334	1 132 074	2 551	10 302	675	3 397
ALACHUA	915	635	20 581	14 443	1 026	906	20 616	14 539	111	271	34	96
BAKER	210	129	9 641	3 970	227	180	9 644	3 983	17	51	3	13
BAY	75	51	1 656	444	95	89	1 666	453	20	38	10	9
BRADFORD	313	247	10 887	11 365	338	363	10 894	11 408	25	116	7	43
BREVARD	470	296	11 623	7 643	503	473	11 634	7 692	33	177	11	49
BROWARD	330	221	26 491	17 475	379	291	26 510	17 499	49	70	19	24
CALHOUN	213	166	6 193	2 747	231	229	6 196	2 770	18	63	2	23
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DADE	872	556	88 416	51 371	969	782	88 451	51 428	97	226	35	57
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FRANKLIN	6	(0)	30	(0)	6	(0)	30	(0)	3	3	-	1
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HERNANDO	332	265	24 790	12 401	384	404	24 802	12 442	52	139	12	41
HIGHLANDS	552	402	36 051	25 699	574	540	36 056	25 736	22	138	5	37
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JACKSON	1 200	1 127	33 566	17 126	1 279	1 582	33 582	17 308	79	455	17	182
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OSCEOLA	376	298	19 551	15 637	397	416	19 556	15 673	21	118	5	36
PALM BEACH	495	492	263 082	129 454	560	601	263 104	129 483	65	109	23	29
PASCO	934	776	47 844	34 493	991	1 133	47 865	34 606	57	357	21	113
PINELLAS	211	191	6 291	6 312	241	290	6 304	6 344	30	99	13	32
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SANTA ROSA	527	414	13 624	5 739	574	587	13 634	5 800	47	173	10	61
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SUMTER	569	425	11 235	6 633	616	600	11 239	6 701	47	175	5	69
SUWANNEE	1 054	860	32 513	13 364	1 095	1 091	32 523	13 451	41	231	10	87
TAYLOR	146	146	1 807	890	216	225	1 813	922	27	79	6	32
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VOLUSIA	826	562	34 430	15 894	909	895	34 459	15 983	83	333	29	89
WAKULLA	76	40	683	296	81	60	684	307	5	20	1	10
WALTON	412	325	13 206	4 854	446	526	13 208	4 925	34	201	2	72
WASHINGTON	424	300	4 060	2 962	448	454	4 067	3 024	24	154	6	61

CHART 1. Changes in the State's Agriculture: 1974 From 1969

FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER

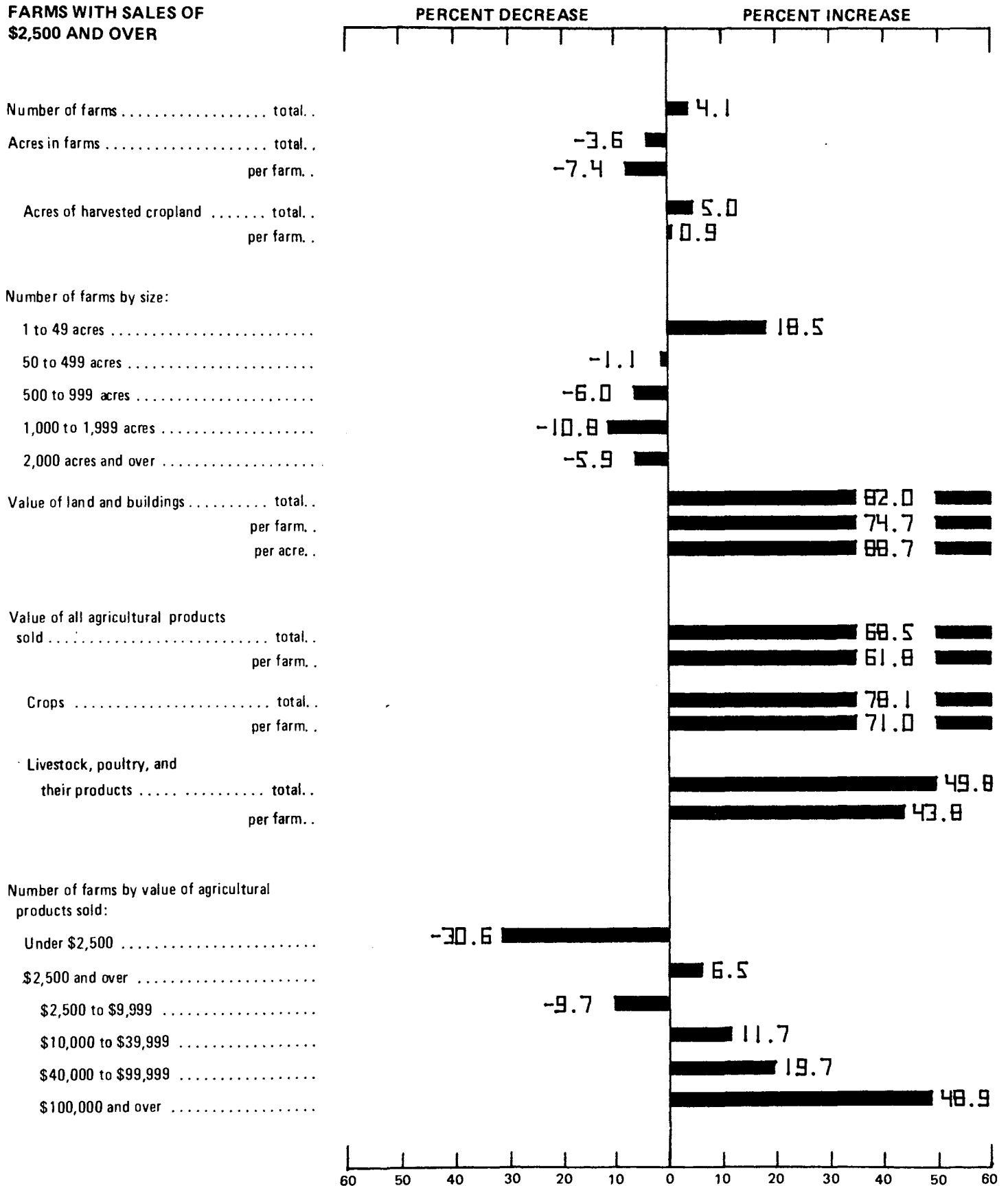


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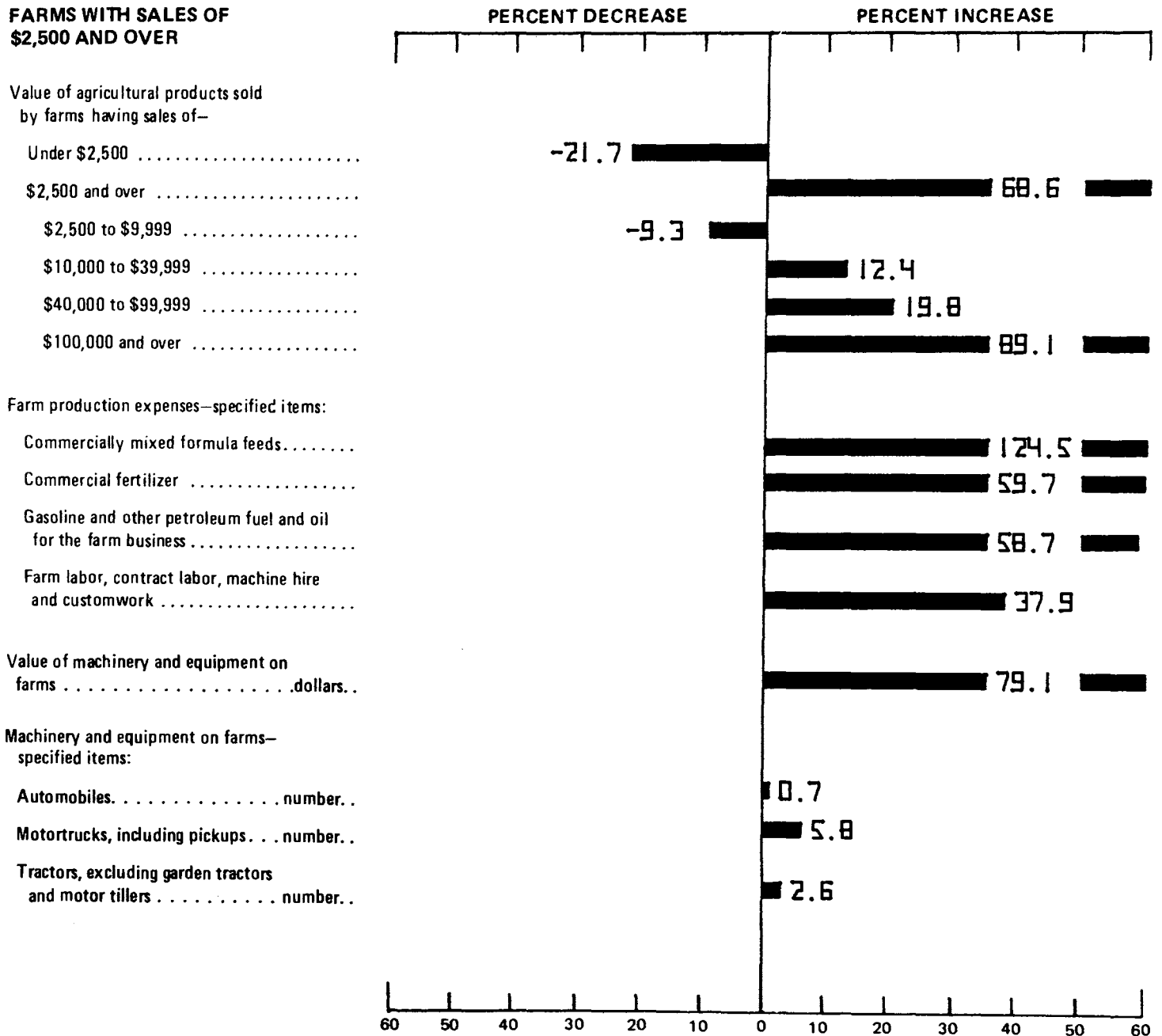
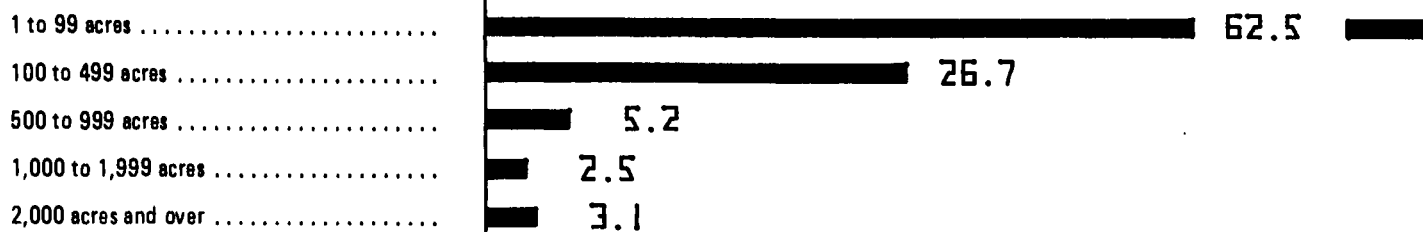


CHART 2. Profile of the State's Agriculture: 1974

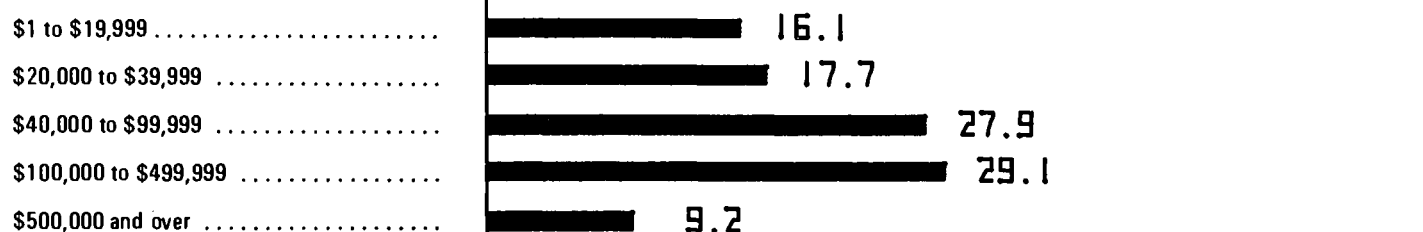
ALL FARMS

PERCENT OF TOTAL FARMS

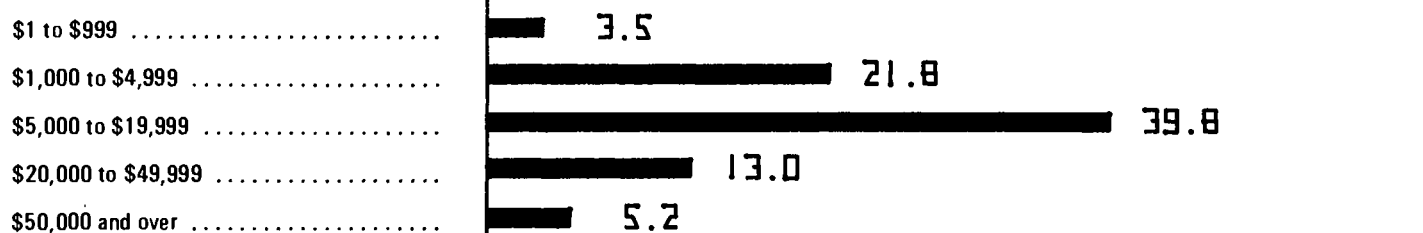
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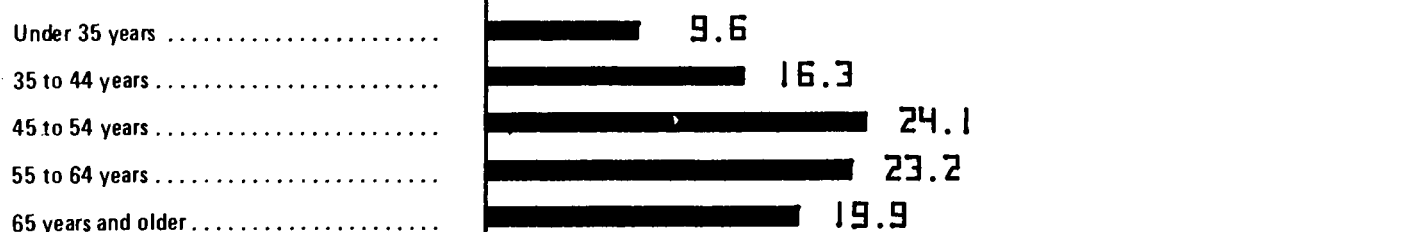
Farms by value of land and buildings:



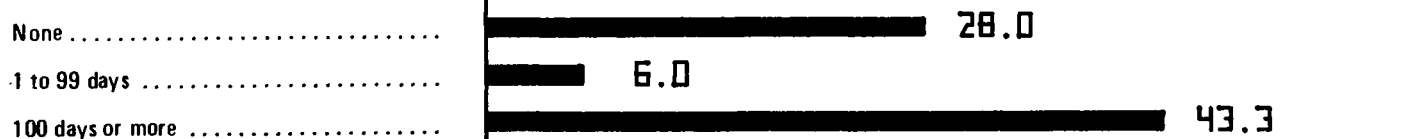
Farms by value of machinery and equipment:



Farm operators by age:¹



Farm operators working off farm:¹



Farm operators by tenure:



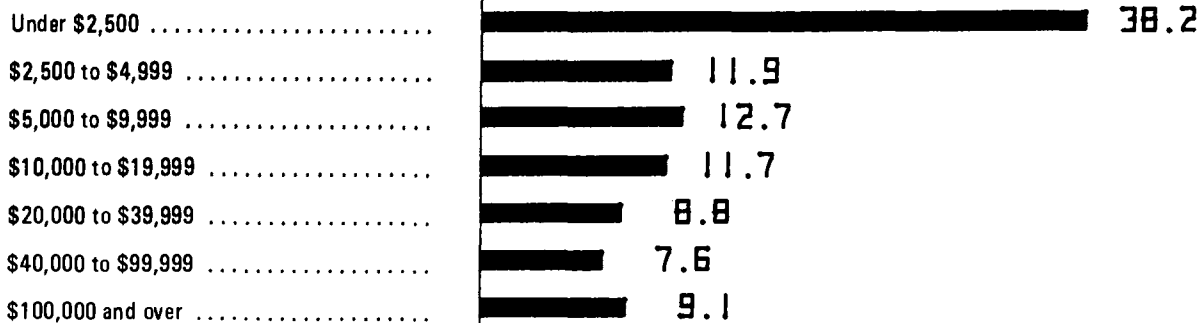
¹ Data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships.

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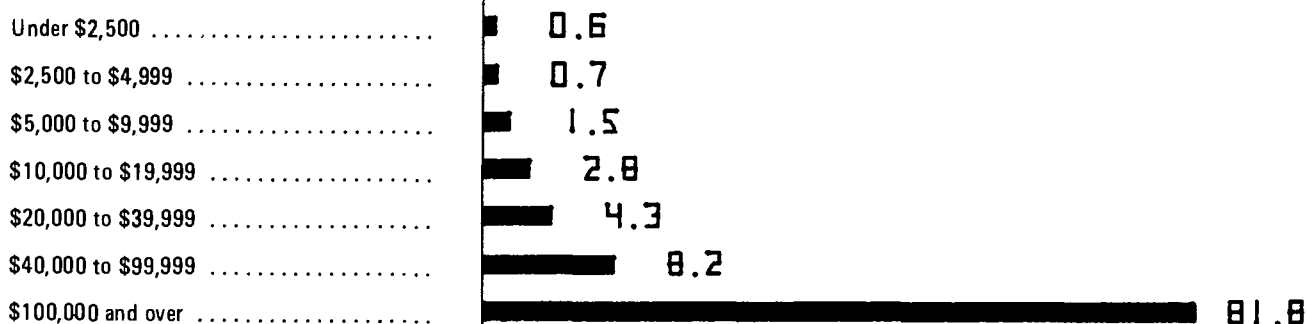
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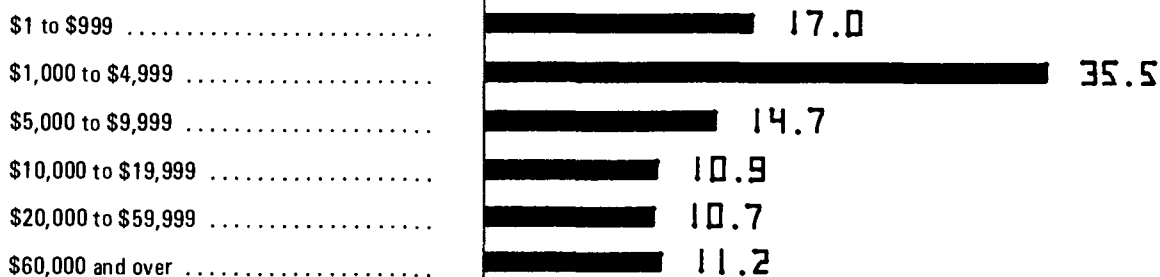
Farms by value of agricultural products sold:



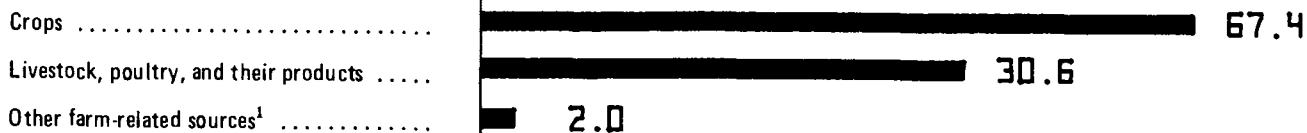
Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—



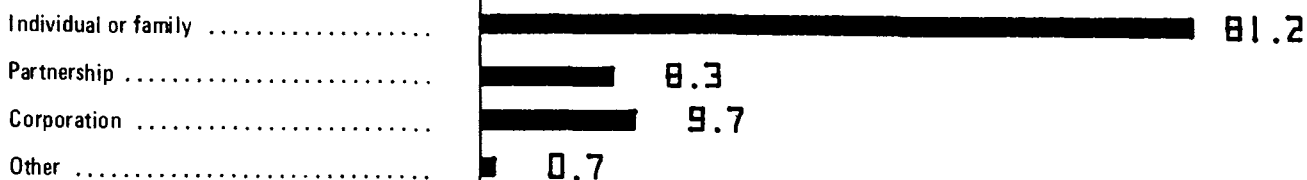
Farms by amount of total production expenses:



Sources of farm income:



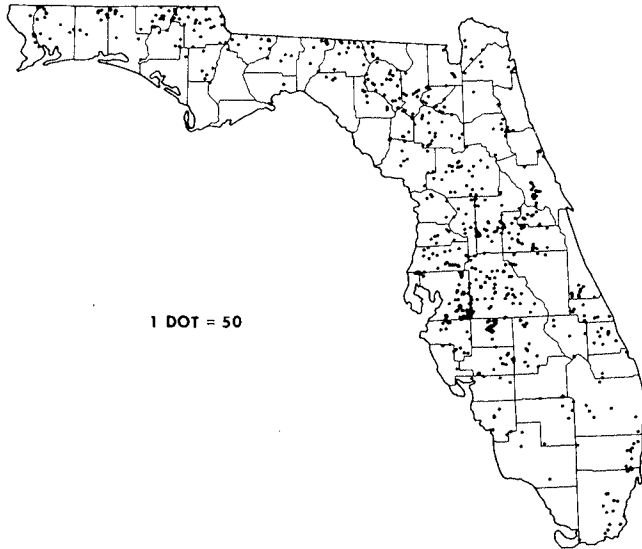
Type of organization for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over:



0 10 20 30 40 50 60

¹ Includes forest products sold, and income from customwork and other agricultural services, recreational services, participation in government farm programs, rental of farm property, and other miscellaneous sources closely related to the agricultural operation.

NUMBER OF FARMS: 1974

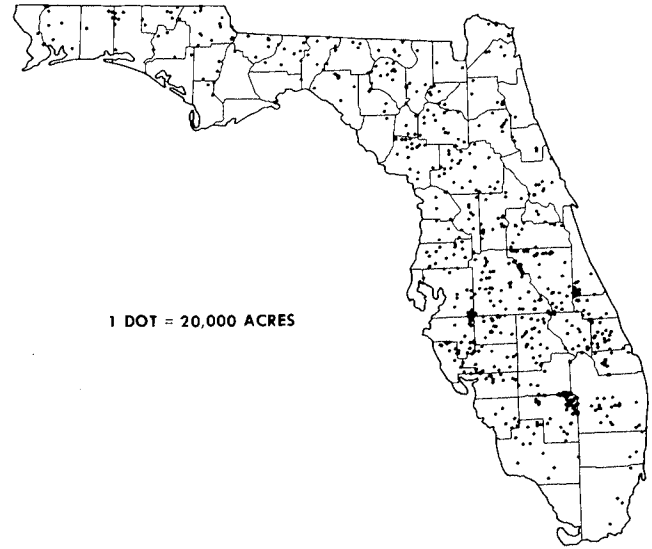


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LAND IN FARMS: 1974

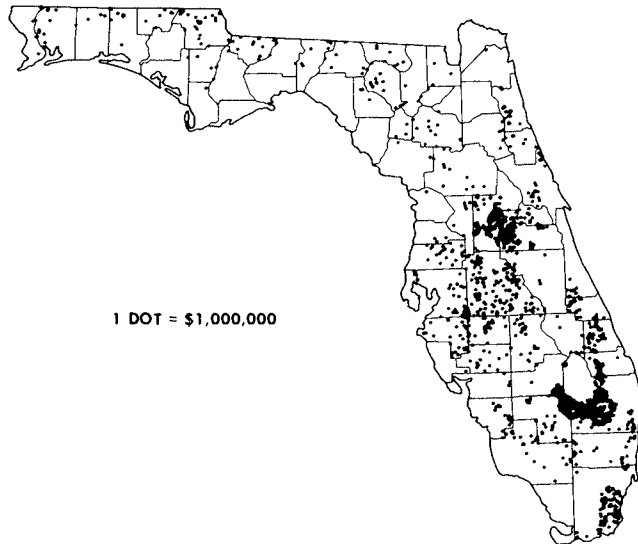


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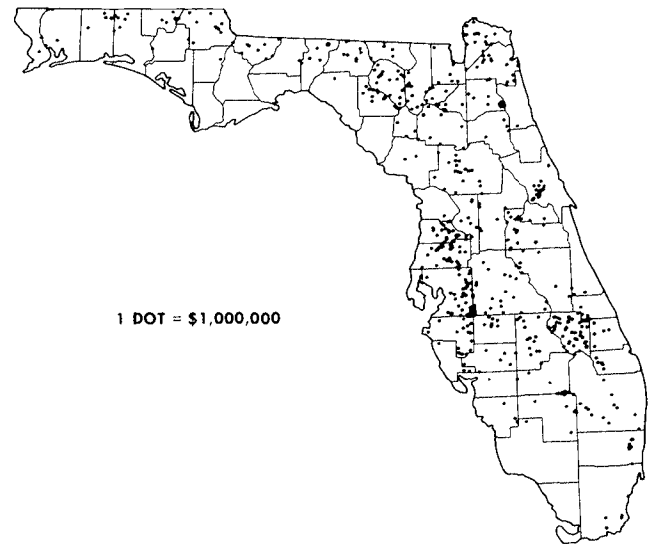


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**VALUE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY,
AND THEIR PRODUCTS SOLD: 1974**

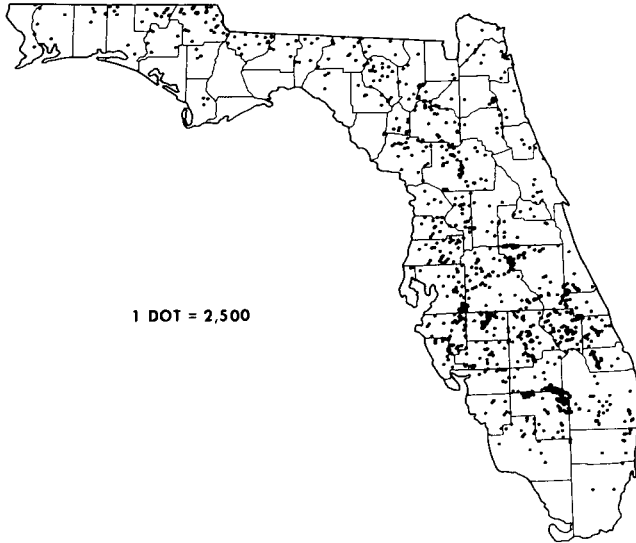


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CATTLE AND CALVES: 1974

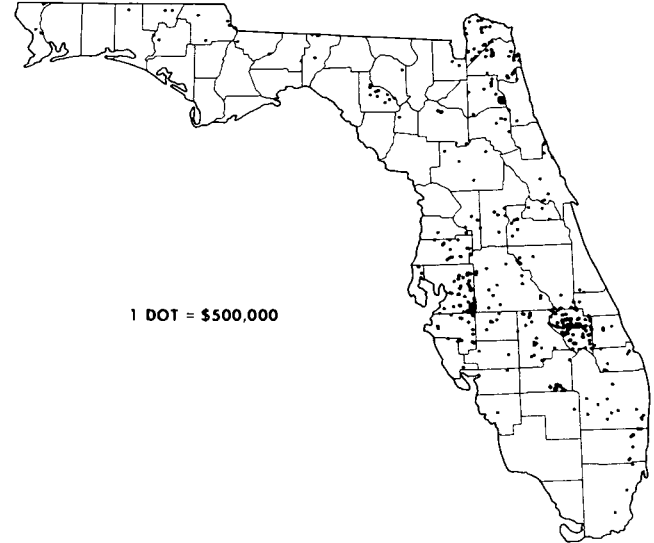


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**VALUE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS SOLD: 1974
(FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER)**

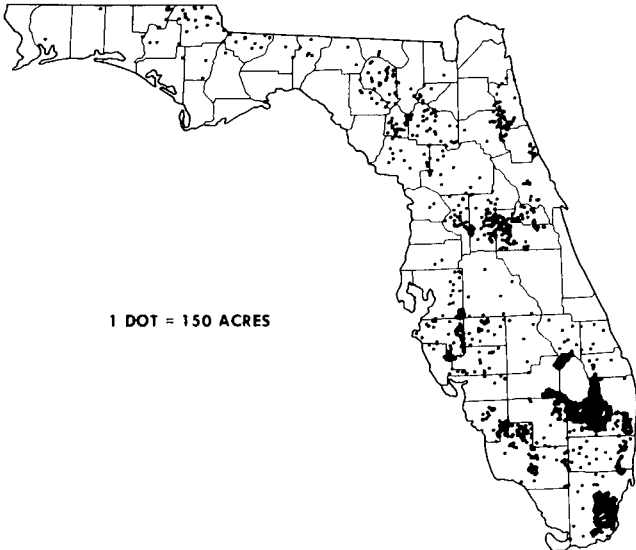


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**VEGETABLES, SWEET CORN, AND MELONS
HARVESTED FOR SALE: 1974**

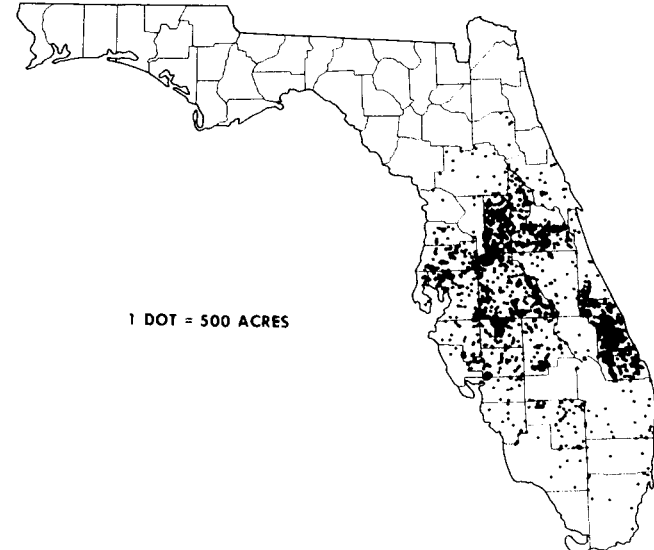


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**CITRUS - ACRES IN TREES: 1974
(FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER)**

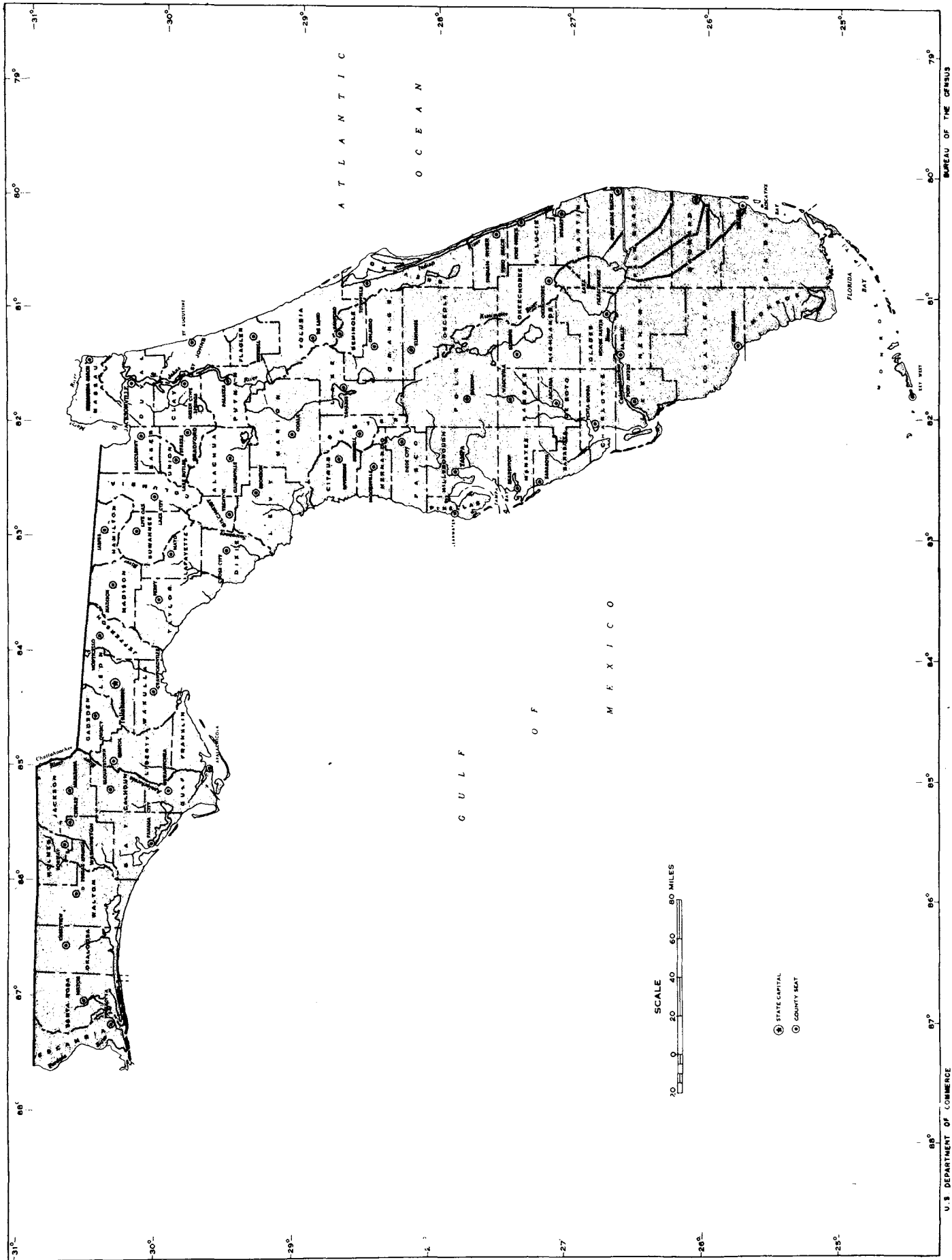


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FLORIDA Counties, County Seats, and Rivers



SCALE
0 20 40 60 80 MILES

- ⊙ STATE CAPITAL
- COUNTY SEAT