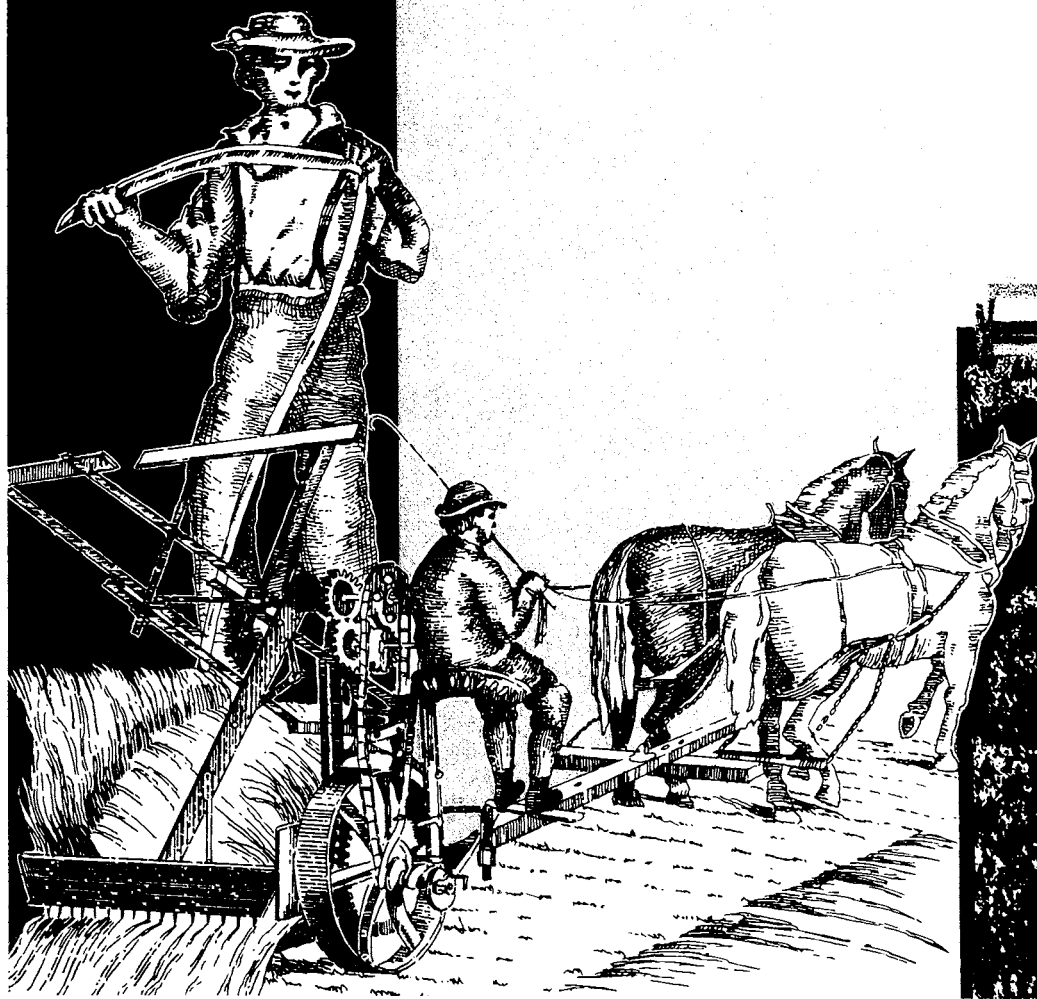


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INTRODUCTION

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
IDAHO, TOTAL	23 680	22 523	1 381 209	648 327	24 904	25 475	1 381 626	649 571	1 224	2 952	417	1 244
ADA	1 292	1 187	34 576	23 676	1 436	1 524	34 631	23 824	144	337	55	147
ADAMS	141	148	2 758	2 915	154	182	2 759	2 928	13	34	1	12
BANNOCK	547	469	14 240	10 241	591	556	14 253	10 273	44	87	13	32
BEAR LAKE	484	422	9 101	5 444	508	480	9 111	5 473	24	58	10	30
BENEWAH	194	184	8 598	3 468	202	218	8 600	3 478	8	34	1	9
BINGHAM	1 456	1 371	101 602	47 327	1 529	1 521	101 633	47 391	73	150	31	63
BLAINE	214	206	9 293	5 788	219	224	9 295	5 788	5	18	2	8
BOISE	70	63	949	843	75	76	949	849	5	13	-	6
BONNER	429	359	4 330	3 175	464	502	4 342	3 226	35	143	12	51
BONNEVILLE	903	908	58 425	27 547	968	1 013	58 450	27 591	65	105	25	45
BOUNDARY	250	228	6 039	3 227	271	308	6 047	3 265	21	80	8	38
BUTTE	194	205	8 075	5 210	196	216	8 075	5 214	2	11	(Z)	4
CAMAS	98	104	5 812	2 395	98	105	5 812	2 395	-	1	-	-
CANYON	2 106	2 078	157 153	76 488	2 264	2 395	157 218	76 635	158	317	65	147
CARIBOU	450	454	25 410	11 538	460	479	25 412	11 550	10	25	2	12
CASSIA	865	827	99 170	35 214	900	902	99 178	35 243	35	75	9	29
CLARK	77	64	7 406	2 410	78	71	7 406	2 414	1	7	(Z)	4
CLEARWATER	217	175	4 342	1 628	244	223	4 346	1 650	27	48	4	22
CUSTER	201	198	4 977	4 152	205	205	4 977	4 154	4	7	(Z)	2
ELMORE	256	206	45 988	24 615	282	242	45 997	24 632	26	36	9	17
FRANKLIN	652	649	23 280	11 070	676	732	23 288	11 107	24	83	8	38
FREMONT	560	553	33 081	13 248	584	600	33 092	13 264	24	47	10	16
GEM	492	483	11 309	9 731	526	584	11 319	9 778	34	101	10	47
GOODING	723	691	45 525	17 555	743	741	45 533	17 572	20	50	7	16
IDAHO	691	664	27 764	12 538	717	735	27 774	12 567	26	71	9	29
JEFFERSON	844	754	41 959	19 892	885	849	41 975	19 938	41	95	15	46
JEROME	832	830	63 743	28 755	852	864	63 750	28 768	20	34	7	13
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LATAH	665	657	34 217	11 573	708	768	34 228	11 613	43	111	12	40
LEMHI	262	263	6 457	5 590	276	289	6 463	5 604	14	26	6	14
LEWIS	250	257	19 124	7 372	254	275	19 125	7 380	4	18	(Z)	8
LINCOLN	296	287	14 621	6 951	297	298	14 622	6 955	1	11	1	4
MADISON	613	587	41 477	14 972	636	641	41 486	15 002	23	54	9	30
MINIDOKA	970	902	93 162	47 064	990	976	93 172	47 092	20	74	10	28
NEZ PERCE	472	429	34 606	11 295	505	492	34 614	11 325	33	63	9	29
ONEIDA	366	362	10 907	5 507	370	396	10 908	5 525	4	34	2	18
OHYHEE	553	507	39 205	15 795	567	536	39 209	15 807	14	29	4	12
PAYETTE	663	588	24 494	21 122	694	665	24 506	21 154	31	77	11	32
POWER	336	314	53 655	19 936	351	334	53 660	19 941	15	20	5	4
SHOSHONE	40	29	319	234	43	52	320	244	3	23	1	9
TETON	279	263	9 864	4 679	288	296	9 866	4 684	9	13	1	5
TWIN FALLS	1 622	1 638	109 565	47 069	1 667	1 745	109 581	47 110	45	107	16	41
VALLEY	97	83	3 444	2 255	114	114	3 446	2 267	17	31	2	12
WASHINGTON	503	468	16 924	11 067	523	529	16 928	11 094	20	61	4	27

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

FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER

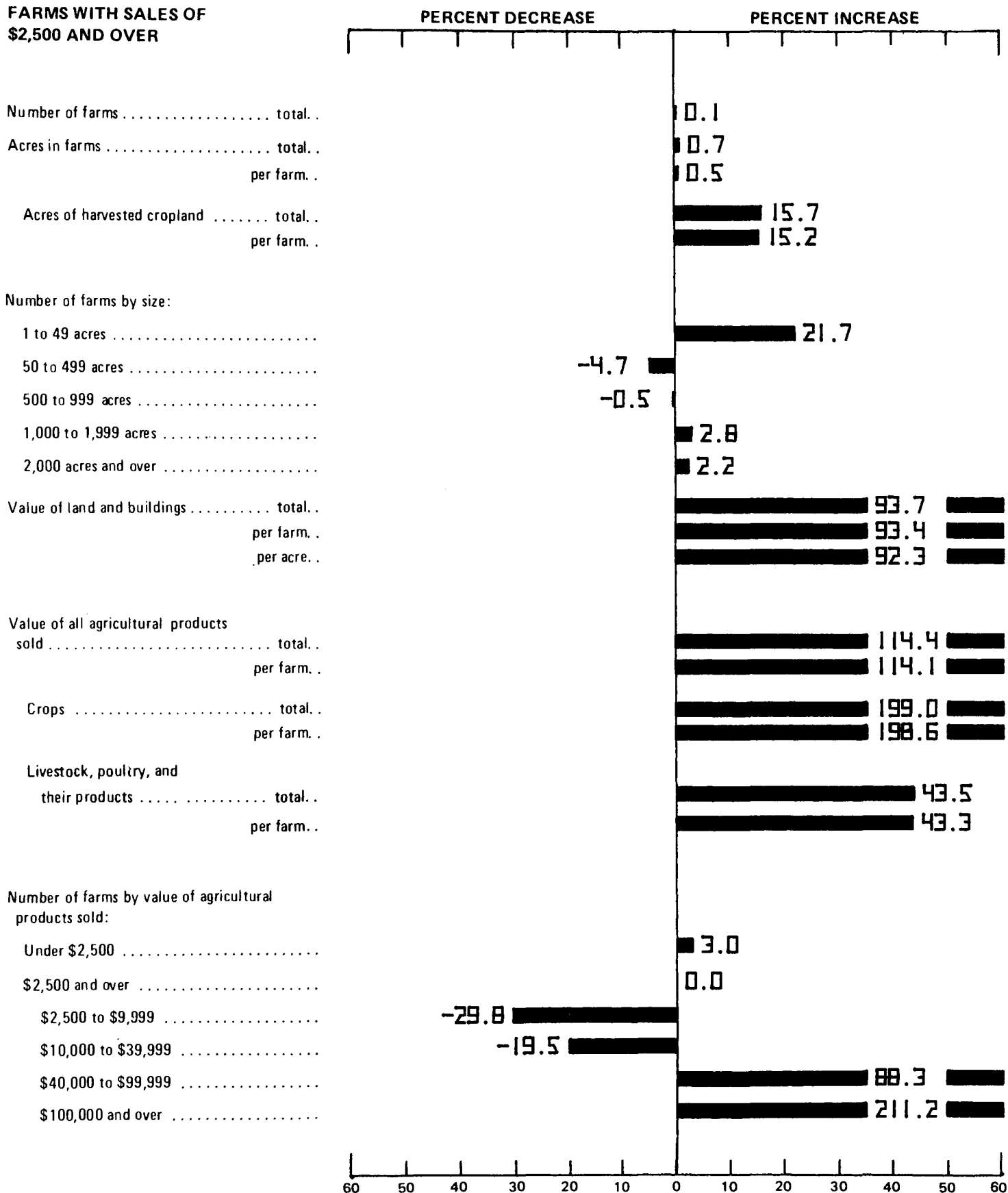


CHART 1. Changes in the State's Agriculture: 1974 From 1969—Continued

FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER

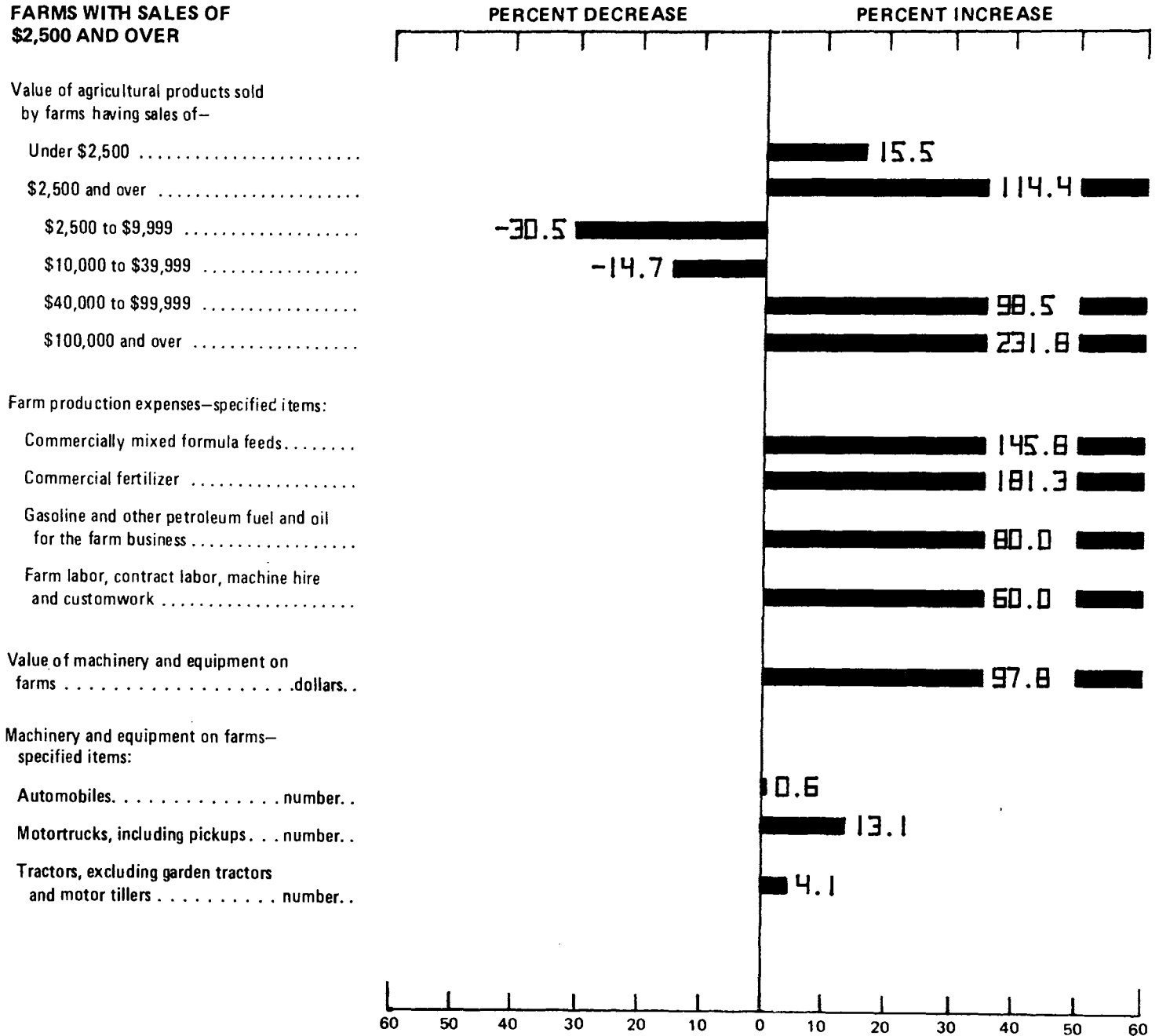
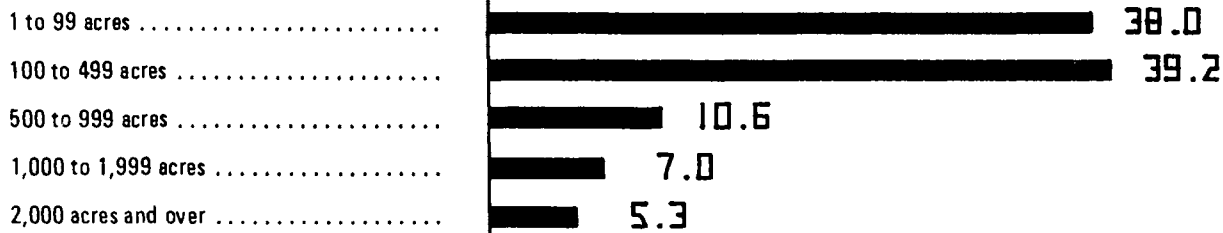


CHART 2. Profile of the State's Agriculture: 1974

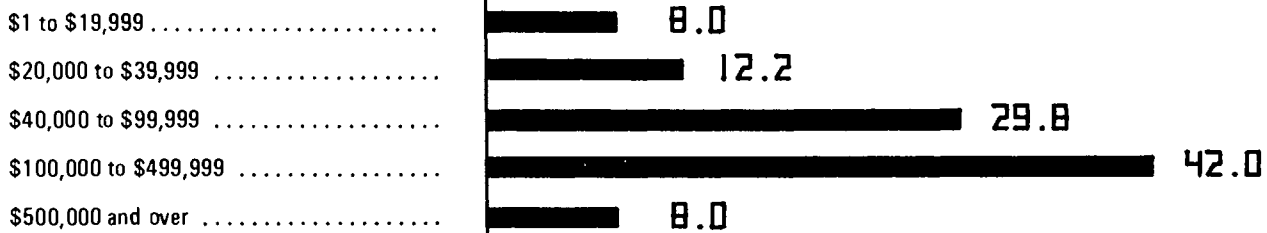
ALL FARMS

PERCENT OF TOTAL FARMS

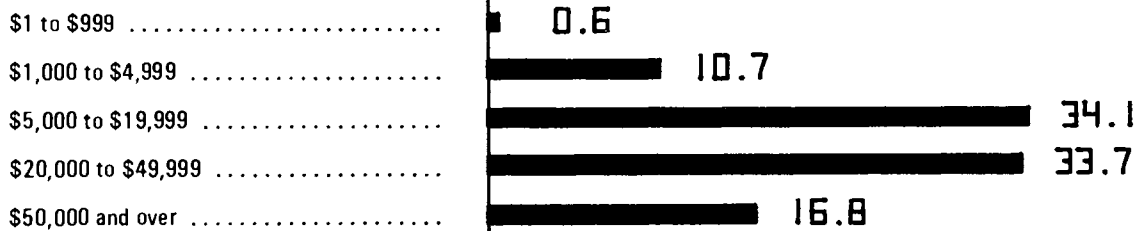
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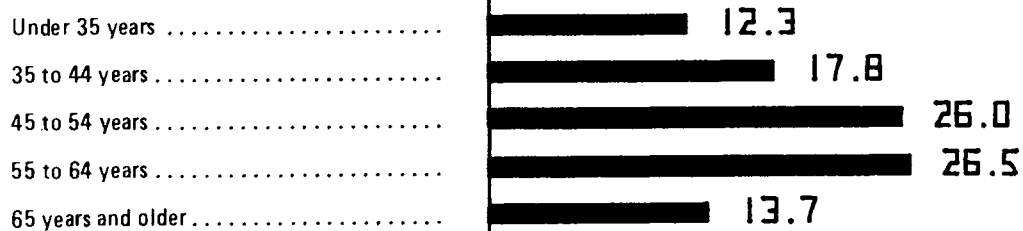
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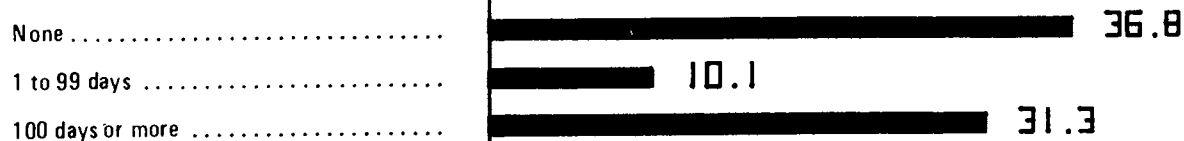
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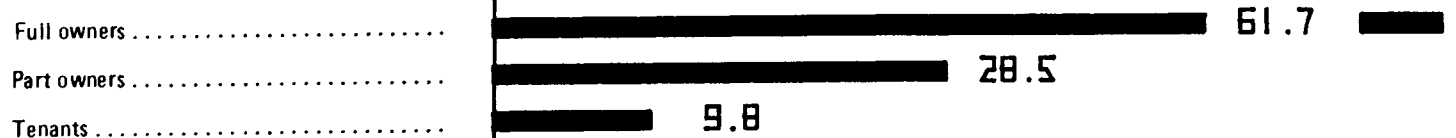
Farm operators by age:¹



Farm operators working off farm:¹



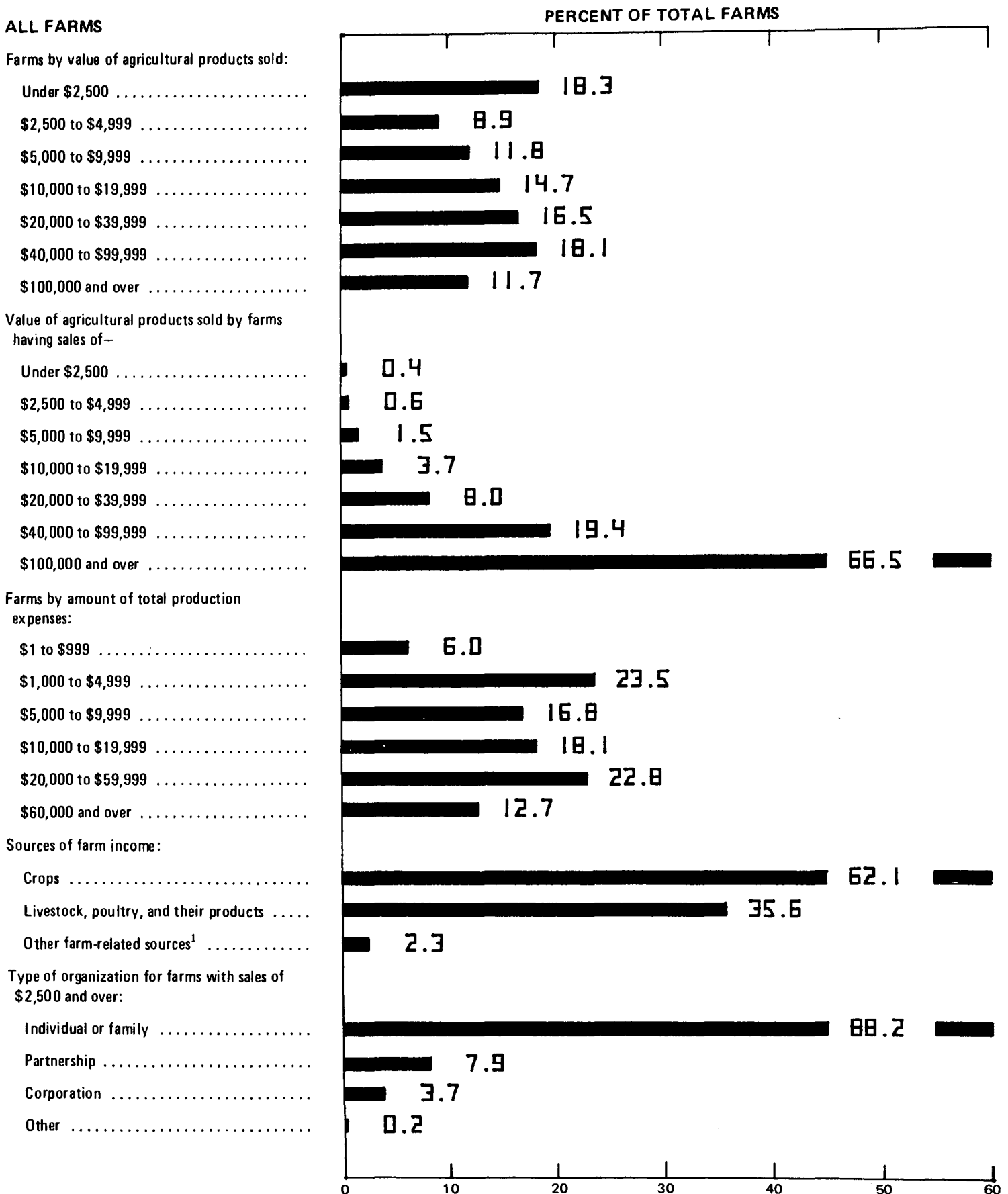
Farm operators by tenure:



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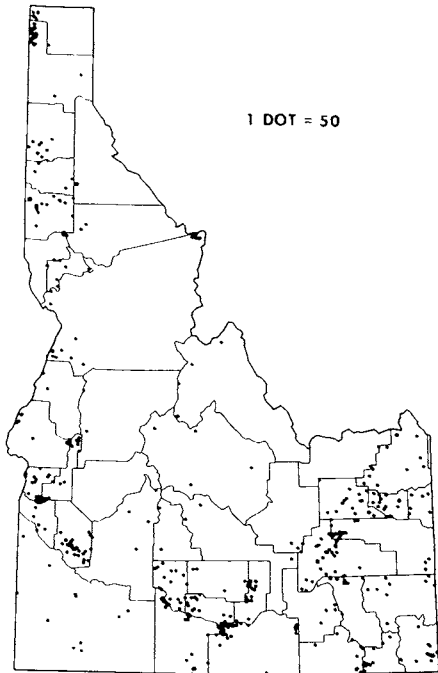
¹ Data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships.

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



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.

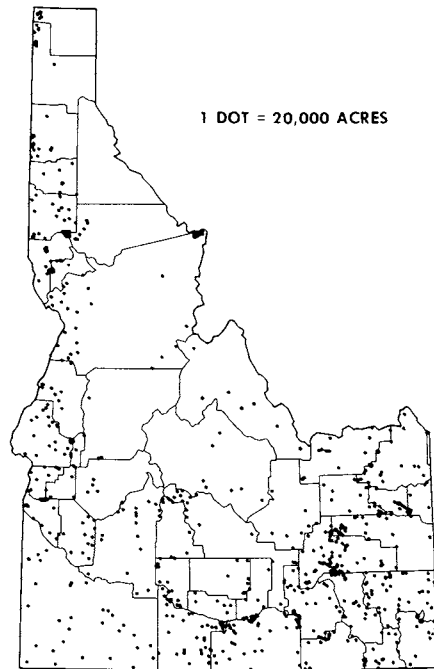
NUMBER OF FARMS: 1974



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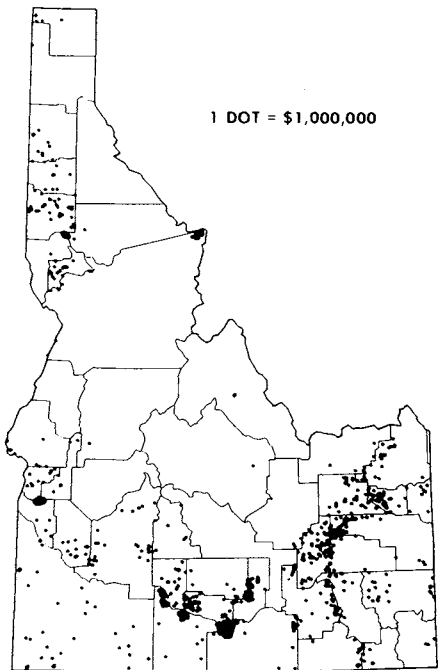
LAND IN FARMS: 1974



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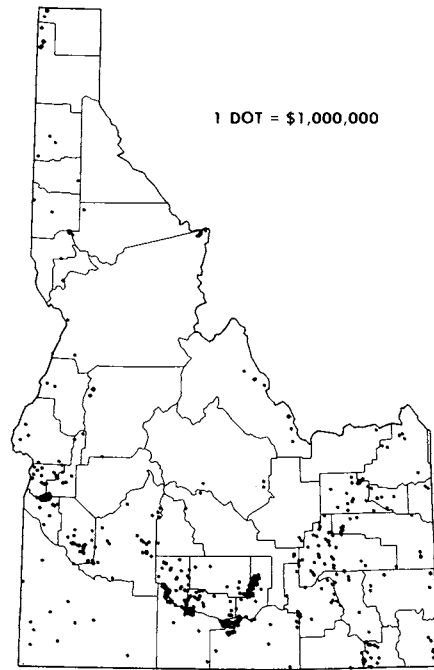
VALUE OF CROPS SOLD: 1974



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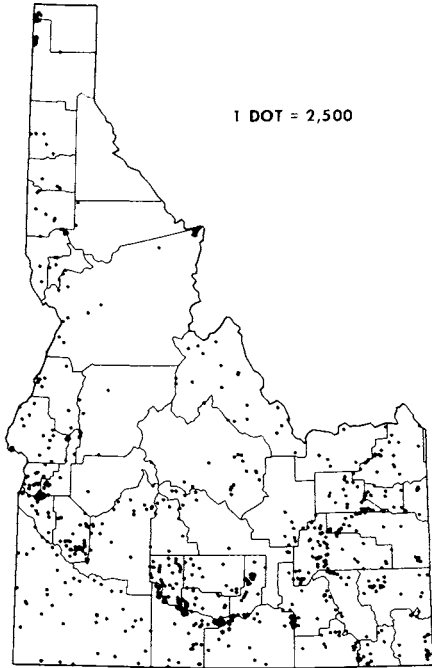
**VALUE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY,
AND THEIR PRODUCTS SOLD: 1974**



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CATTLE AND CALVES: 1974

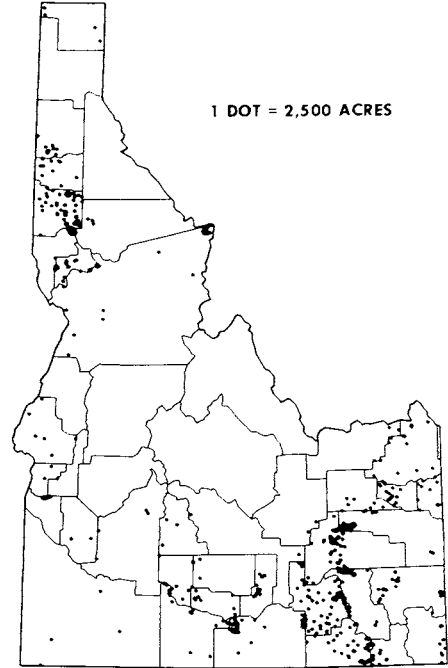


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WHEAT HARVESTED: 1974

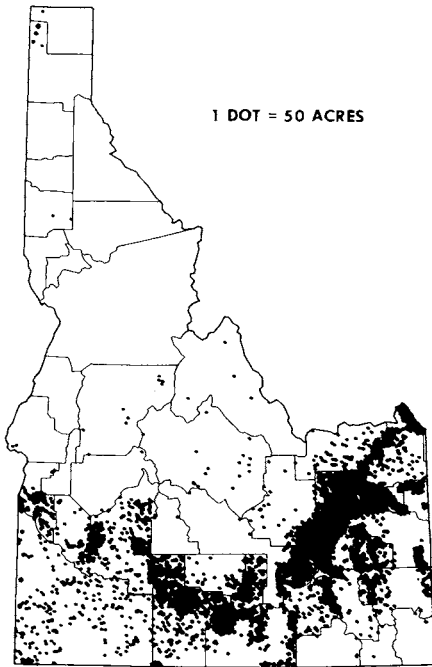


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IRISH POTATOES HARVESTED: 1974

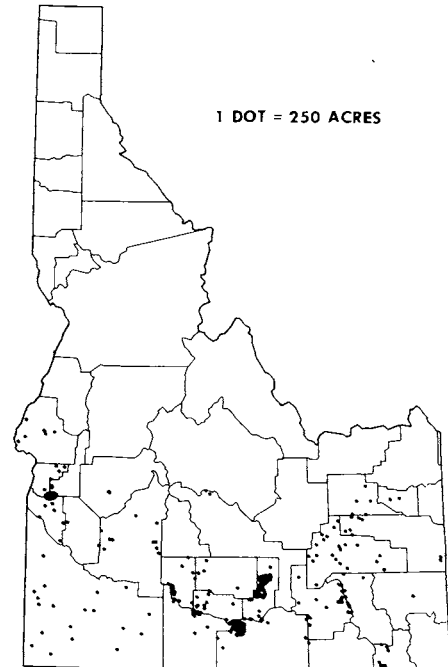


1 DOT = 50 ACRES

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**SUGAR BEETS HARVESTED FOR SUGAR: 1974
(FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER)**



1 DOT = 250 ACRES

74 - 221D

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