

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

Table 25. Sheep and Lambs—Inventory and Production: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Inventory			Shorn				
	Farms	Number	Percent	Farms	Number	Percent	Pounds of wool	Percent
United States, total	77,406	12,882,826	100.0	69,261	10,651,714	100.0	92,043,118	100.0
5 leading States.....	16,404	6,984,888	54.2	15,181	5,885,008	55.3	50,775,488	55.1
Texas.....	6,351	2,723,257	21.1	5,865	2,336,600	21.9	17,771,817	19.3
California.....	2,036	1,409,341	10.9	1,660	1,084,922	10.2	8,606,347	9.4
Wyoming.....	1,394	1,303,963	10.1	1,354	1,178,416	11.1	11,913,791	12.9
Utah.....	1,452	702,227	5.5	1,304	569,969	5.4	5,917,216	6.4
South Dakota.....	5,171	846,100	6.6	4,998	715,101	6.7	6,566,317	7.1

Table 26. Selected Poultry—Inventory and Sales: 1974 and 1969

	All farms			Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over					
				Total			Poultry and egg farms <sup>1</sup>		
	1974	1969	Percent change	1974	1969	Percent change	1974	1969	Percent change
Farms.....	2,314,013	2,730,250	-15.2	1,695,047	1,733,683	-2.2	42,690	57,545	-25.8
Chickens 3 months old or older.....	316,243	471,284	-32.9	204,169	293,340	-30.4	15,058	25,466	-40.9
number 1,000..	335,740	371,008	-9.5	331,166	363,209	-8.8	306,329	321,619	-4.8
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....	34,340	33,753	1.7	31,407	32,348	-2.9	22,998	28,013	-17.9
number 1,000..	2,518,513	2,429,773	3.7	2,517,720	2,427,378	3.7	2,484,763	2,401,938	3.4
Turkeys sold.....	(NA)	(NA)	-	4,407	5,425	-18.8	2,959	3,696	-19.9
number 1,000..	(NA)	(NA)	-	124,738	103,455	20.6	121,003	100,842	20.0
Poultry and poultry products sold.....	153,879	(NA)	-	125,041	196,643	-36.4	42,690	57,545	-25.8
\$1,000..	6,207,191	(NA)	-	6,191,275	3,906,912	58.5	6,005,083	3,719,120	61.5

<sup>1</sup>Farms primarily engaged in the production of chickens for slaughter, including those grown under contract; chickens producing chicken eggs, including table eggs and hatching eggs; the sale of cull hens, turkeys and turkey eggs; poultry hatcheries; and poultry and eggs; not elsewhere classified.

Three important components make up the poultry industry—chickens for the production of eggs, broilers for meat, and turkeys for meat—and substantial changes in the number of farms and poultry and the proportion kept or raised on specialized poultry farms have affected these components (table 26).

The number of all farms in 1974 was 15.2 percent less than in 1969 and 26.7 percent less than in 1964. Farms with \$2,500 or more total gross sales that derived 50 percent or more of their total sales from chickens, chicken eggs, and all other poultry products (poultry farms with sales of \$2,500 and over) decreased 25.8 percent since 1969 as compared with only a 2.2-percent decrease in the total number of farms with sales of \$2,500 or more.

On the other hand, the value of poultry and poultry products sold increased 58.5 percent from 1969 to 1974. Sales on poultry farms with sales of

