

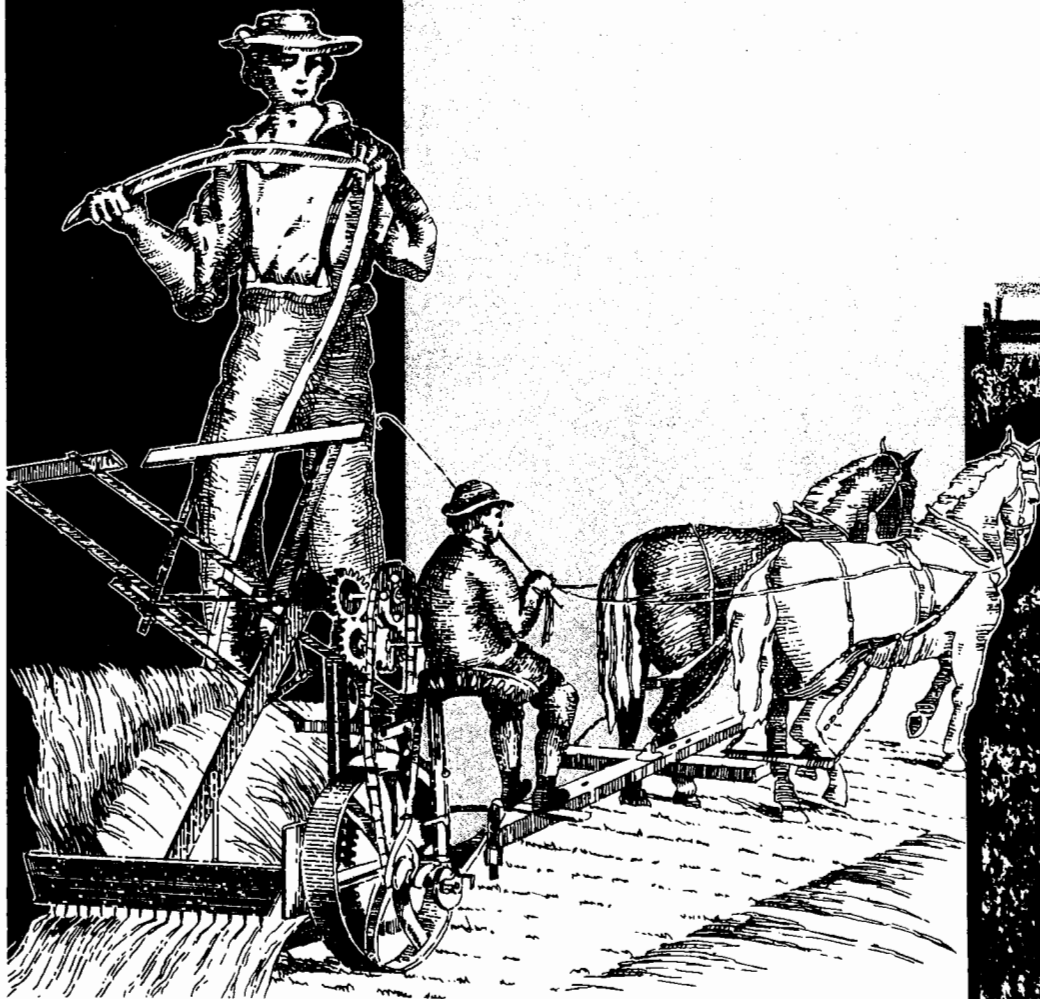
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# INTRODUCTION

## 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.

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
NORTH CAROLINA, TOTAL, . . .	91 280	86 053	2 121 226	1 182 809	100 563	119 386	2 123 373	1 195 069	9 283	33 333	2 147	12 260
ALAMANCE, . . . . .	1 155	878	18 393	10 840	1 245	1 260	18 410	10 974	90	382	17	134
ALEXANDER, . . . . .	622	444	11 255	6 249	760	820	11 270	6 361	138	376	16	112
ALLEGHANY, . . . . .	661	523	7 858	4 441	736	897	7 873	4 576	75	374	15	135
ANSON, . . . . .	547	365	19 831	6 441	616	673	19 844	6 544	69	308	13	103
ASHE, . . . . .	1 479	1 162	10 230	7 028	1 819	2 306	10 337	7 534	340	1 144	108	506
AVERY, . . . . .	341	208	1 923	1 526	442	531	1 942	1 647	101	323	19	120
BEAUFORT, . . . . .	1 187	1 213	32 605	14 951	1 246	1 467	32 629	15 061	59	254	24	111
BERTIE, . . . . .	1 055	1 270	29 860	17 022	1 108	1 477	29 879	17 108	53	207	19	85
BLADEN, . . . . .	1 420	1 340	25 246	13 817	1 567	1 848	25 308	14 035	147	508	62	218
BRUNSWICK, . . . . .	746	688	8 487	4 824	853	963	8 520	4 939	107	275	33	115
BUNCOMBE, . . . . .	1 526	1 066	10 943	11 359	1 876	2 433	11 042	12 013	350	1 367	99	654
BURKE, . . . . .	411	166	6 375	2 452	563	531	6 398	2 561	152	365	23	110
CABARRUS, . . . . .	655	429	8 063	6 271	750	872	8 077	6 411	95	443	15	139
CALDWELL, . . . . .	512	229	7 397	4 528	640	530	7 422	4 617	128	301	24	89
CAMDEN, . . . . .	150	180	15 169	4 044	153	221	15 171	4 063	3	41	2	19
CARTERET, . . . . .	247	213	4 914	3 243	258	295	4 917	3 278	11	82	3	35
CASWELL, . . . . .	1 063	1 023	15 412	9 493	1 131	1 263	15 426	9 562	68	240	14	69
CATAWBA, . . . . .	777	375	8 867	5 353	932	1 012	8 898	5 534	155	637	30	180
CHATHAM, . . . . .	1 213	1 057	46 281	29 495	1 317	1 374	46 295	29 604	104	317	13	109
CHEROKEE, . . . . .	359	175	4 275	3 412	448	566	4 293	3 530	89	391	18	118
CHOWAN, . . . . .	377	363	12 907	7 260	389	430	12 913	7 292	12	67	6	32
CLAY, . . . . .	224	139	4 411	3 068	277	353	4 420	3 137	53	214	9	69
CLEVELAND, . . . . .	1 146	691	17 103	10 336	1 263	1 350	17 119	10 541	117	659	17	205
COLUMBUS, . . . . .	2 523	2 615	44 919	26 136	2 636	3 175	44 962	26 366	113	560	43	229
GRAVEN, . . . . .	800	851	22 992	12 462	844	1 028	23 004	12 536	44	177	12	74
CUMBERLAND, . . . . .	923	796	23 536	12 859	1 017	1 110	23 562	12 980	94	314	26	121
CURRITUCK, . . . . .	175	167	12 516	4 306	185	205	12 520	4 324	10	38	4	17
DARE, . . . . .	5	(D)	13	(D)	9	(D)	13	(D)	4	1	(Z)	1
DAVIDSON, . . . . .	1 256	1 036	12 103	8 242	1 454	1 743	12 150	8 474	198	707	46	232
DAVIE, . . . . .	692	502	10 246	5 797	773	891	10 258	5 924	81	389	12	127
DUPLIN, . . . . .	2 592	2 581	114 392	58 033	2 709	3 093	114 433	58 241	117	512	41	208
DURHAM, . . . . .	397	415	8 635	3 908	449	576	8 646	3 950	52	161	11	42
EDGEcombe, . . . . .	807	1 036	44 421	20 361	834	1 129	44 427	20 397	27	93	6	36
FORSYTH, . . . . .	1 072	990	7 759	7 193	1 259	1 488	7 784	7 358	187	498	25	165
FRANKLIN, . . . . .	1 323	1 659	25 742	14 689	1 400	1 977	25 762	14 796	77	318	21	106
GASTON, . . . . .	452	261	4 294	3 043	525	584	4 307	3 155	73	323	13	112
GATES, . . . . .	431	490	13 610	7 609	464	614	13 622	7 657	33	124	12	48
GRAHAM, . . . . .	243	142	670	372	288	379	688	494	45	237	18	122
GRANVILLE, . . . . .	1 321	1 474	24 717	17 887	1 399	1 742	24 731	17 977	78	268	14	90
GREENE, . . . . .	857	1 136	38 904	19 827	883	1 219	38 915	19 862	26	83	11	35
GUILFORD, . . . . .	1 607	1 591	19 838	14 108	1 810	2 240	19 874	14 292	203	649	36	183
HALIFAX, . . . . .	856	1 028	38 312	20 071	939	1 243	38 333	20 155	83	215	21	84
HARNETT, . . . . .	1 615	1 679	34 607	20 910	1 707	2 031	34 632	21 053	92	352	25	143
HAYWOOD, . . . . .	943	749	7 137	5 102	1 136	1 309	7 205	5 360	193	560	68	258
HENDERSON, . . . . .	753	532	13 087	8 416	839	947	13 107	8 519	86	415	20	103
HERTFORD, . . . . .	544	701	17 014	9 217	568	773	17 023	9 243	24	72	9	25
HOKE, . . . . .	327	308	11 901	7 473	353	402	11 910	7 514	26	94	9	41
HYDE, . . . . .	224	233	12 796	4 511	235	294	12 801	4 542	11	61	4	30
IREDELL, . . . . .	1 430	927	31 542	11 340	1 605	1 808	31 573	11 626	175	881	31	286
JACKSON, . . . . .	324	174	770	577	455	543	794	679	131	369	23	102

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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--CONTINUED

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
JOHNSTON . . . . .	3 104	3 321	72 135	40 147	3 263	3 894	72 176	40 359	159	573	41	212
JONES . . . . .	490	582	15 260	8 175	521	696	15 268	8 225	31	114	8	49
LEE . . . . .	578	652	9 320	5 729	622	832	9 330	5 788	44	180	10	59
LENOIR . . . . .	1 119	1 290	46 539	23 403	1 170	1 459	46 548	23 472	51	169	9	70
LINCOLN . . . . .	636	423	8 931	5 860	742	893	8 952	6 003	106	470	21	143
MACON . . . . .	420	232	2 497	2 777	555	702	2 525	2 915	135	470	28	138
MADISON . . . . .	1 482	1 372	6 304	5 481	1 685	2 120	6 356	5 916	203	748	52	435
MARTIN . . . . .	1 073	1 115	34 335	21 364	1 095	1 244	34 341	21 415	22	129	6	51
MCDOWELL . . . . .	311	125	1 849	995	385	434	1 862	1 073	74	309	13	78
MECKLENBURG . . . . .	428	302	7 188	4 602	521	590	7 200	4 691	93	288	12	89
MITCHELL . . . . .	494	377	1 645	1 502	579	783	1 671	1 699	85	406	26	196
MONTGOMERY . . . . .	354	292	12 242	8 634	389	466	12 254	8 709	35	174	12	74
MOORE . . . . .	1 085	1 014	31 385	22 936	1 204	1 306	31 413	23 027	119	292	28	91
NASH . . . . .	1 519	1 860	50 767	26 984	1 605	2 135	50 790	27 080	86	275	23	96
NEW HANOVER . . . . .	87	84	1 952	1 510	103	122	1 955	1 525	16	38	3	15
NORTHAMPTON . . . . .	800	897	28 784	15 601	844	1 121	28 800	15 700	44	224	16	100
ONslow . . . . .	871	854	19 323	8 685	922	1 083	19 339	8 762	51	229	17	78
ORAGNE . . . . .	631	599	12 780	8 836	713	895	12 792	8 936	82	296	12	100
PAMLICO . . . . .	225	222	7 241	3 684	250	286	7 246	3 714	25	64	5	30
PASQUOTANK . . . . .	304	312	16 260	6 957	321	379	16 266	6 989	17	67	7	32
PENDER . . . . .	785	721	18 209	12 067	851	980	18 232	12 171	66	259	23	104
PERQUIMANS . . . . .	400	427	15 660	6 124	414	492	15 666	6 154	14	65	7	30
PERSON . . . . .	1 024	1 113	17 627	11 782	1 087	1 328	17 639	11 844	63	215	12	62
PITT . . . . .	1 576	1 973	73 457	40 331	1 625	2 174	73 468	40 419	49	201	10	88
POLK . . . . .	211	112	2 152	1 855	258	305	2 159	1 911	47	193	8	57
RANDOLPH . . . . .	1 736	1 293	42 707	23 147	1 911	1 828	42 738	23 332	175	535	31	185
RICHMOND . . . . .	374	360	12 789	9 510	415	489	12 803	9 547	41	129	14	37
ROBESON . . . . .	2 532	2 756	67 817	34 003	2 643	3 227	67 855	34 191	111	471	38	189
ROCKINGHAM . . . . .	1 626	1 797	22 180	13 796	1 785	2 177	22 204	13 895	159	380	24	99
ROWAN . . . . .	1 047	606	13 052	7 861	1 181	1 304	13 074	8 106	134	698	22	246
RUTHERFORD . . . . .	722	353	5 532	3 096	858	883	5 559	3 252	136	530	27	157
SAMPSON . . . . .	2 776	2 744	77 580	41 500	2 898	3 323	77 612	41 742	122	579	32	243
SCOTLAND . . . . .	217	189	14 405	5 109	242	259	14 411	5 135	25	70	6	26
STANLY . . . . .	923	549	18 823	11 122	1 085	1 047	18 855	11 320	162	498	32	198
STOKES . . . . .	1 789	1 954	16 876	11 229	1 945	2 303	16 896	11 329	156	349	20	100
SURRY . . . . .	1 958	2 023	31 704	21 427	2 144	2 539	31 734	21 578	186	516	29	152
SWAIN . . . . .	111	53	326	259	150	209	337	306	39	156	10	46
TRANSYLVANIA . . . . .	187	102	1 060	902	248	323	1 073	958	61	221	13	55
TYRRELL . . . . .	173	147	6 206	2 682	186	213	6 208	2 719	13	66	2	37
UNION . . . . .	1 545	1 099	57 064	22 287	1 681	1 680	57 085	22 502	136	581	21	216
VANCE . . . . .	719	920	13 639	8 427	766	1 103	13 646	8 482	47	183	7	56
WAKE . . . . .	1 755	1 824	44 308	28 841	1 924	2 225	44 347	28 965	169	401	38	125
WARREN . . . . .	743	836	9 761	7 039	839	1 051	9 780	7 113	96	215	19	74
WASHINGTON . . . . .	382	386	14 964	6 158	403	477	14 970	6 199	21	91	6	40
WATAUGA . . . . .	861	657	4 854	3 617	1 019	1 235	4 916	3 895	158	578	62	278
WAYNE . . . . .	1 792	2 052	67 188	29 841	1 872	2 317	67 203	29 941	80	265	15	100
WILKES . . . . .	1 317	1 150	64 477	41 373	1 553	1 794	64 512	41 585	236	644	35	212
WILSON . . . . .	1 190	1 521	46 018	25 696	1 232	1 633	46 028	25 738	42	112	10	41
YADKIN . . . . .	1 628	1 516	26 018	13 266	1 759	1 893	26 043	13 382	131	377	24	116
YANCEY . . . . .	805	621	3 760	2 686	936	1 115	3 798	2 954	131	494	38	267

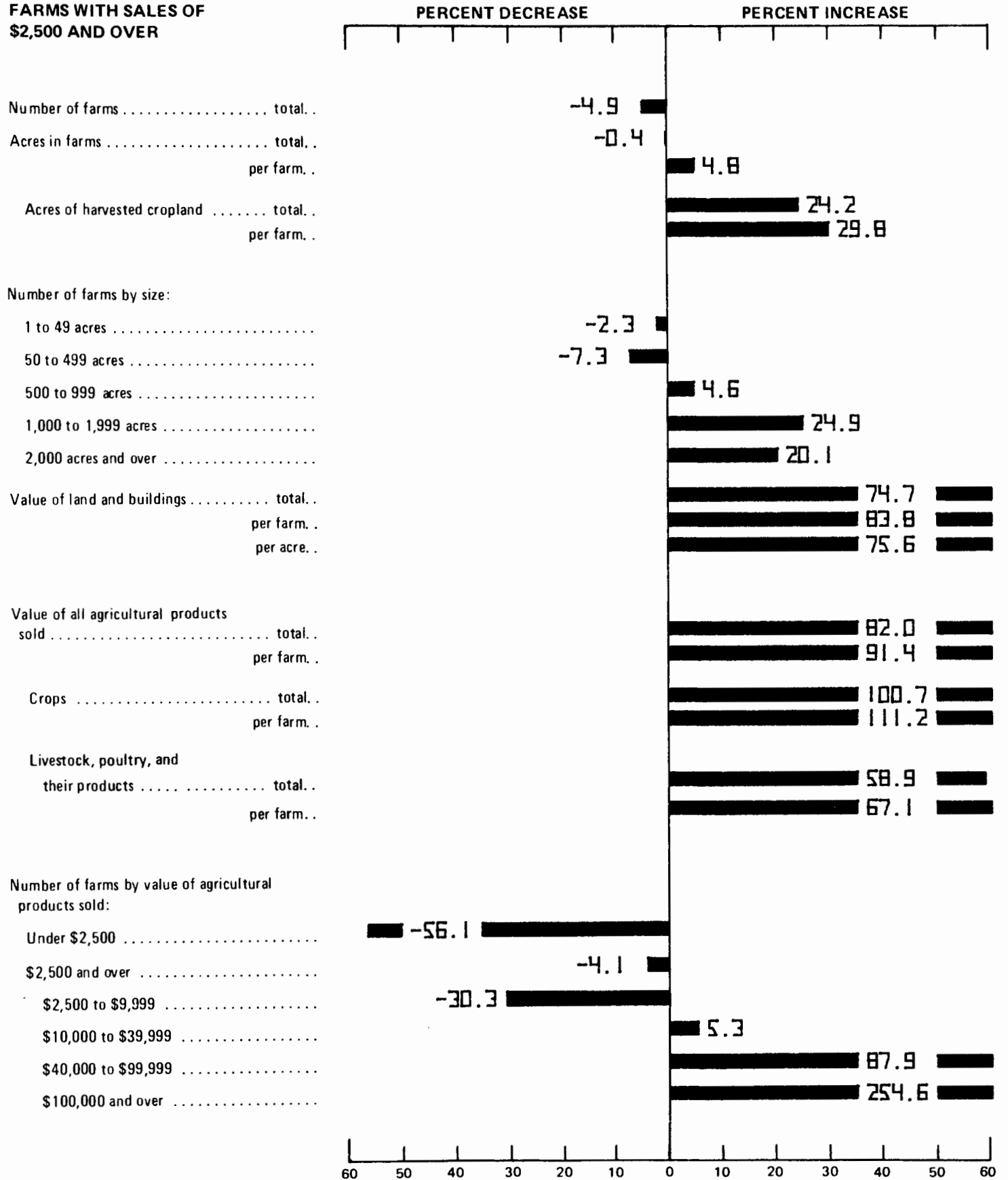
# HIGHLIGHTS of the State's Agriculture: 1974 and 1969

	All Farms		Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over	
	1974	1969 <sup>1</sup>	1974	1969
Number of farms . . . . . total..	91 280	119 386	62 473	65 714
Acres in farms . . . . . total..	11 243 933	12 733 751	9 501 089	9 537 892
per farm..	123	107	152	145
Acres of harvested cropland . . . . . total..	4 075 221	3 472 307	3 835 847	3 087 858
per farm..	45	29	61	47
Number of farms by size:				
1 to 49 acres . . . . .	37 662	53 257	20 698	21 178
50 to 499 acres . . . . .	50 324	63 016	38 612	41 651
500 acres and over . . . . .	3 294	3 113	3 163	2 885
1,000 acres and over . . . . .	971	807	939	759
Value of land and buildings . . . . . total..	6 633 538 000	4 244 398 000	5 534 700 000	3 167 802 000
per farm..	72 672	35 552	88 593	48 206
Value of machinery and equipment on farms . . . . . total..	1 185 798 000	624 023 000	991 406 000	489 104 000
per farm..	12 991	5 227	15 869	7 443
Machinery and equipment on farms—specified items (number):				
Automobiles . . . . .	86 156	110 391	61 314	66 090
Motortrucks, including pickups . . . . .	93 542	99 316	71 889	68 388
Tractors, excluding garden tractors and motor tillers . . . . .	130 140	150 825	104 148	108 896
Value of all agricultural products sold . . . . . total..	2 121 226 000	1 195 069 000	2 082 047 000	1 144 190 000
per farm..	23 239	10 010	33 327	17 412
Crops . . . . . total..	1 300 627 000	669 281 000	1 278 690 000	636 971 000
per farm..	14 249	5 606	20 468	9 693
Livestock, poultry, and their products . . . . . total..	804 396 000	513 671 000	787 470 000	495 704 000
per farm..	8 812	4 303	12 605	7 543
Number of farms, excluding abnormal farms, by value of agricultural product sold:				
Under \$2,500 . . . . .	29 213	54 675	460	1 049
\$2,500 and over . . . . .	62 013	64 665	62 013	64 665
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	25 293	36 308	25 293	36 308
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	23 586	22 401	23 586	22 401
\$40,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	9 003	4 791	9 003	4 791
\$100,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	2 951	885	2 951	885
\$200,000 and over . . . . .	1 180	280	1 180	280
Value of agricultural products sold by farms, excluding abnormal farms, having sales of—				
Under \$2,500 . . . . .	32 564 000	47 211 000	643 000	1 192 000
\$2,500 and over . . . . .	2 081 404 000	1 142 999 000	2 081 404 000	1 142 999 000
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	141 162 000	198 075 000	141 162 000	198 075 000
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	480 394 000	436 257 000	480 394 000	436 257 000
\$40,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	562 384 000	284 320 000	562 384 000	284 320 000
\$100,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	401 158 000	224 347 000	401 158 000	224 347 000
\$200,000 and over . . . . .	496 306 000		496 306 000	
Farm production expenses—specified items:				
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . .	358 515 000	196 673 000	354 886 000	193 872 000
Commercial fertilizer . . . . .	177 589 000	88 738 000	170 431 000	81 190 000
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business . . . . .	97 912 000	71 062 000	93 598 000	63 699 000
Farm labor, contract labor, machine hire and customwork . . . . .	172 523 000	144 323 000	167 241 000	133 845 000

<sup>1</sup> Not fully comparable because of change in farm definition; see introduction.

# 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

Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—

- Under \$2,500 .....
- \$2,500 and over .....
- \$2,500 to \$9,999 .....
- \$10,000 to \$39,999 .....
- \$40,000 to \$99,999 .....
- \$100,000 and over .....

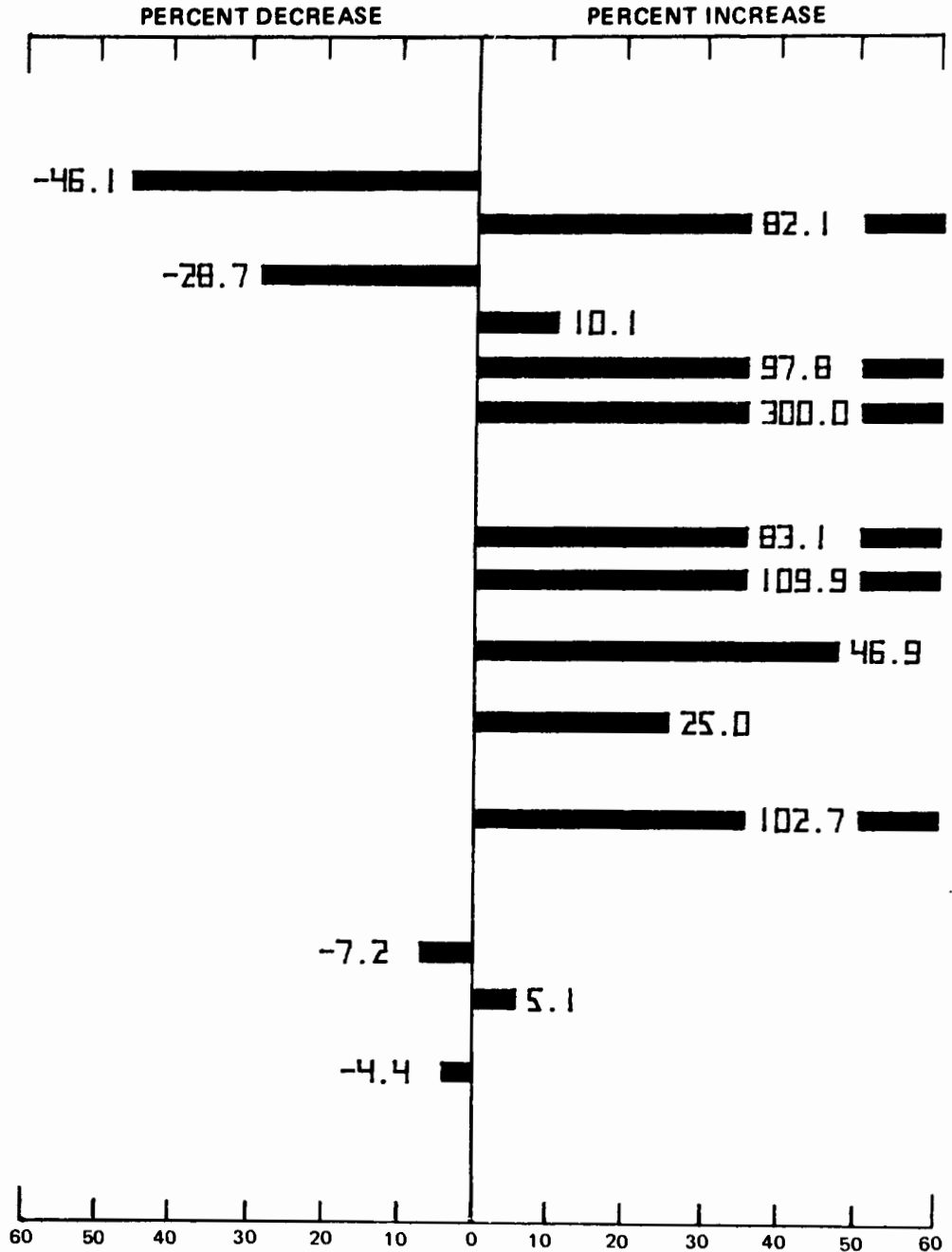
Farm production expenses—specified items:

- Commercially mixed formula feeds .....
- Commercial fertilizer .....
- Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business .....
- Farm labor, contract labor, machine hire and customwork .....

Value of machinery and equipment on farms .....

Machinery and equipment on farms—specified items:

- Automobiles .....
- Motortrucks, including pickups .....
- Tractors, excluding garden tractors and motor tillers .....



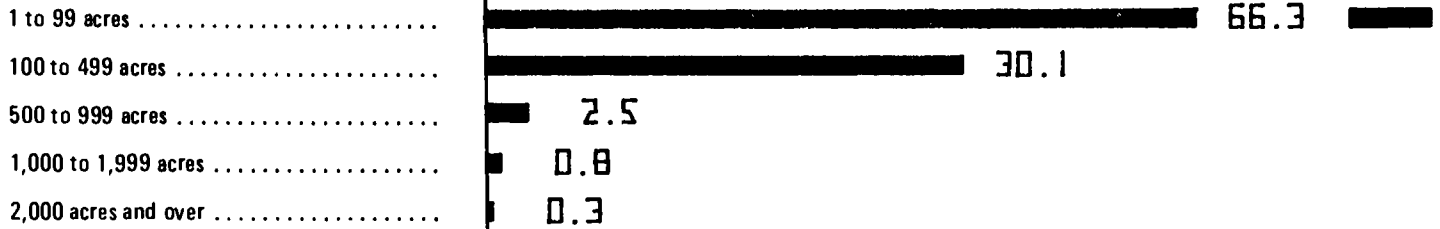


## CHART 2. Profile of the State's Agriculture: 1974

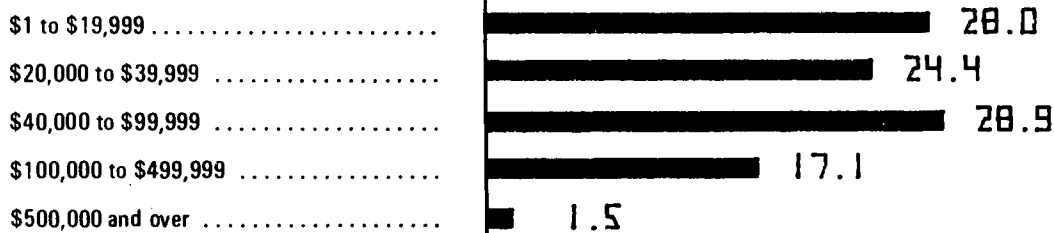
### ALL FARMS

### PERCENT OF TOTAL FARMS

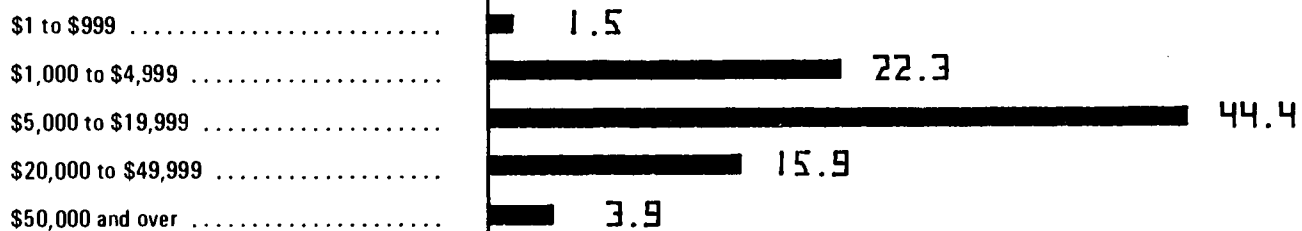
#### Farms by size:



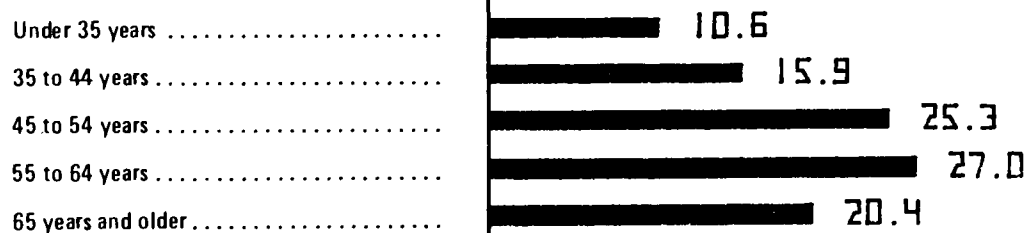
#### Farms by value of land and buildings:



#### Farms by value of machinery and equipment:



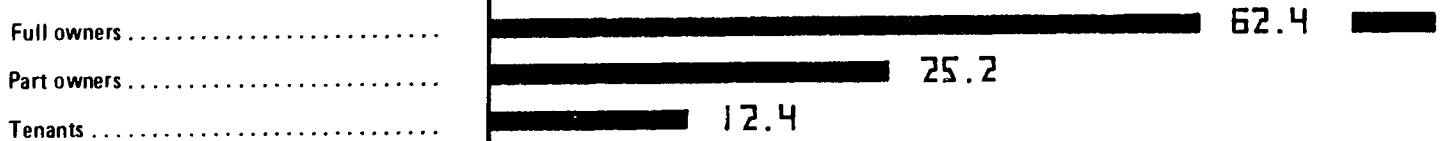
#### Farm operators by age:<sup>1</sup>



#### Farm operators working off farm:<sup>1</sup>



#### Farm operators by tenure:



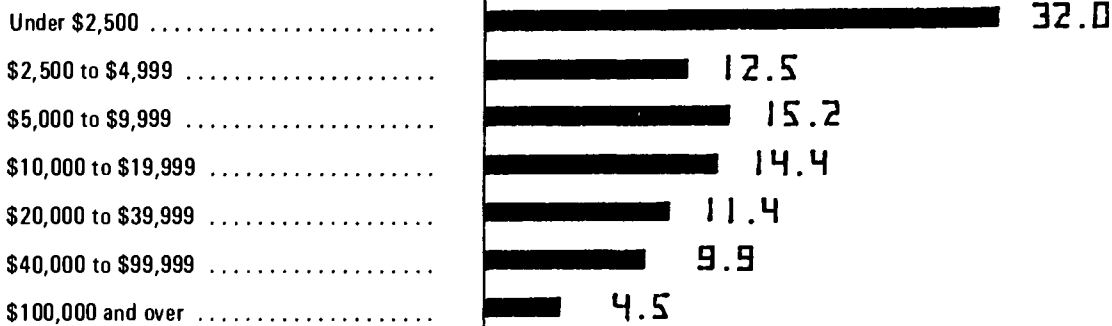
<sup>1</sup> Data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships.

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

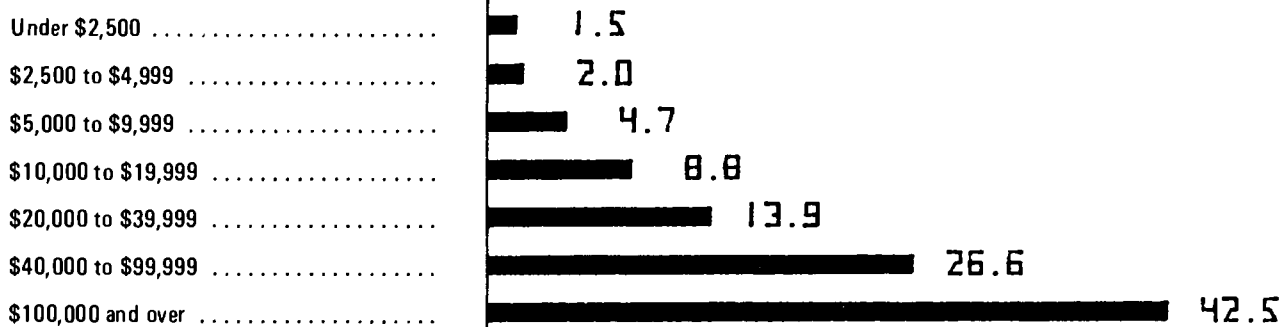
### ALL FARMS

PERCENT OF TOTAL FARMS

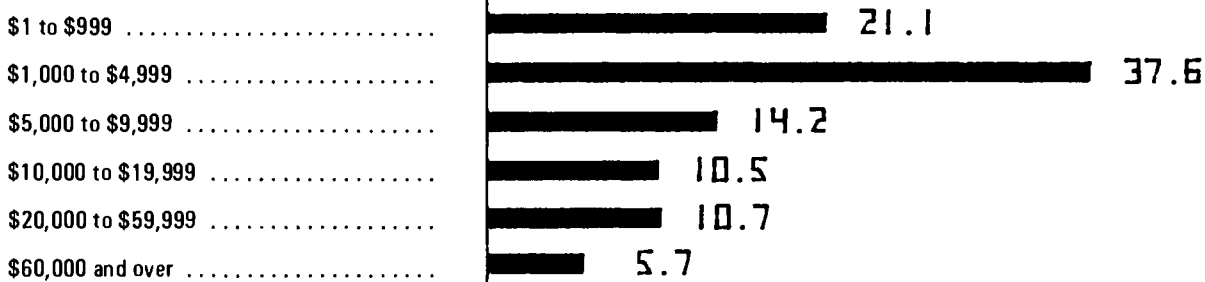
#### Farms by value of agricultural products sold:



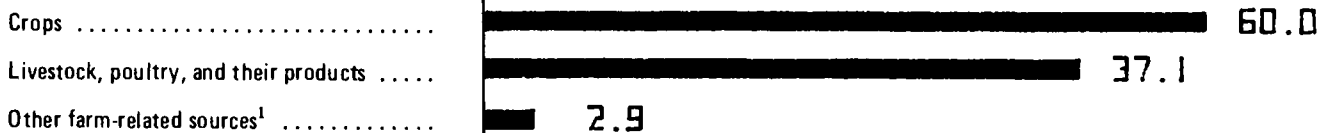
#### Value of agricultural products sold by farms having sales of—



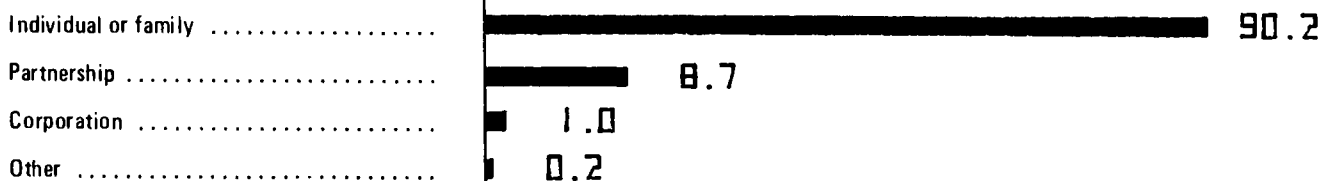
#### Farms by amount of total production expenses:



#### Sources of farm income:

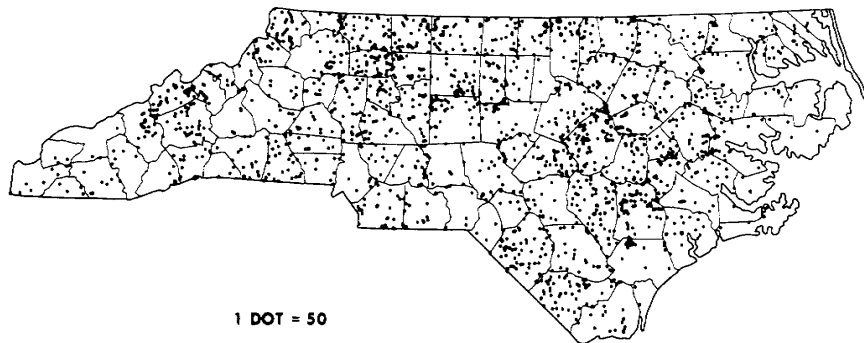


#### Type of organization for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over:



<sup>1</sup> 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**

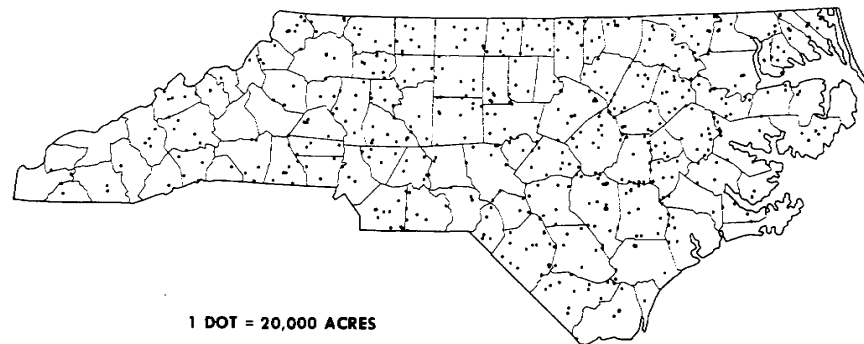


1 DOT = 50

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**LAND IN FARMS: 1974**

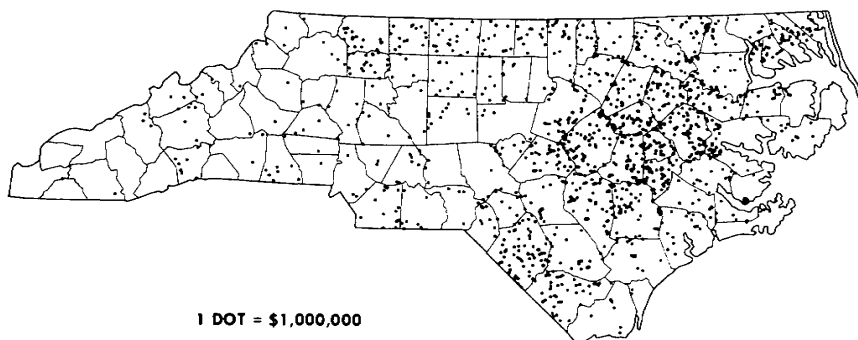


1 DOT = 20,000 ACRES

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**VALUE OF CROPS SOLD: 1974**

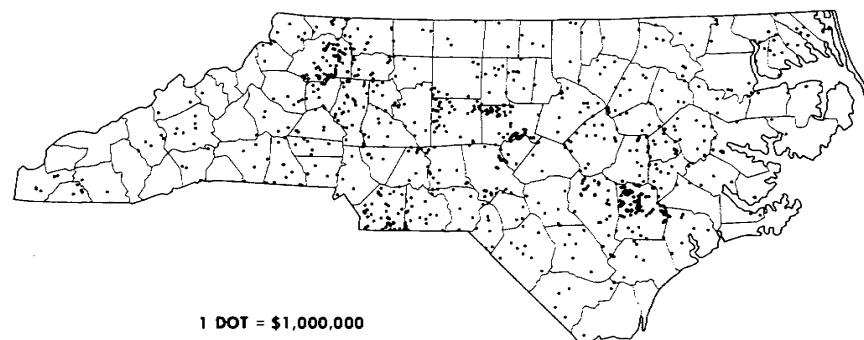


1 DOT = \$1,000,000

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

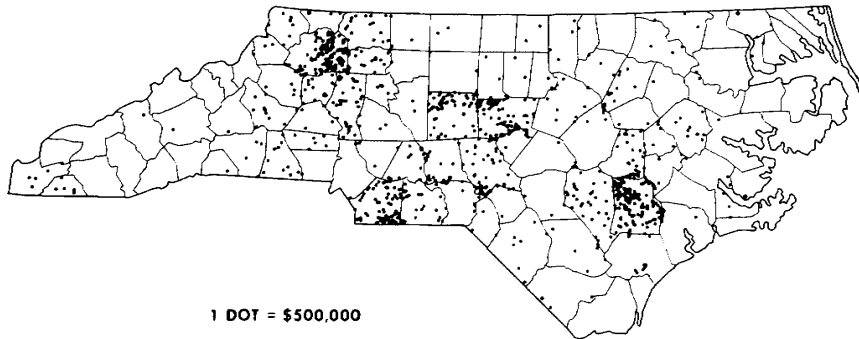


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**VALUE OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS SOLD: 1974**

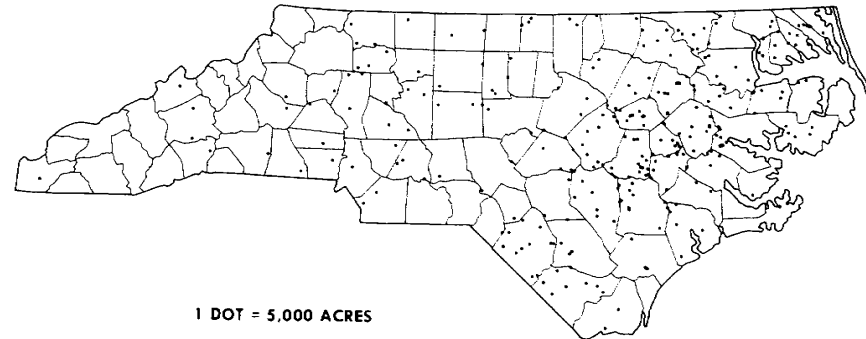


1 DOT = \$500,000

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**CORN HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES: 1974**

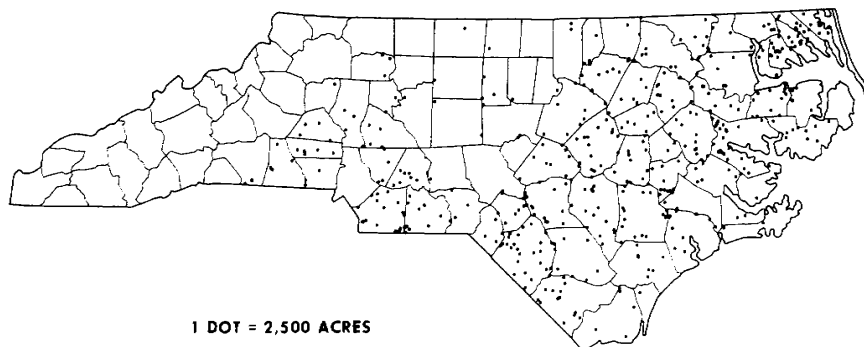


1 DOT = 5,000 ACRES

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**SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR BEANS: 1974**

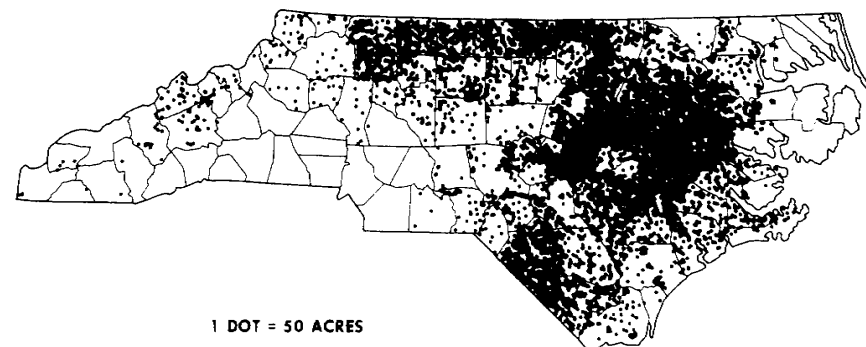


1 DOT = 2,500 ACRES

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**TOBACCO HARVESTED: 1974**



1 DOT = 50 ACRES

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