

GENERAL EXPLANATION Continued

the partnership, 38.4 percent of the partnerships with two partners are without plans and 28.7 percent of the partnerships with three partners are without plans, as compared with 20.6 percent of the partnerships with four partners, 16.4 percent of the partnerships with five partners, and 13.8 percent of the partnerships with six partners or more.

Table 12. Percent Distribution of Contingency Plans by Number of Partners

(1974 partnerships operating in 1976)

Partnerships.....	Total partnerships					
	2 partners	3 partners	4 partners	5 partners	6 partners and over	
Continue with remaining partners.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dissolve and distribute shares.....	50.1	44.8	63.1	72.5	75.9	78.8
No provisions made.....	13.9	16.1	7.4	5.9	7.1	6.2
Other plans.....	35.3	38.4	28.7	20.6	16.4	13.8
Not reported.....	.4	.3	.6	.4	-	1.2
	.4	.4	.2	.5	.5	-

Entry into Partnership

The Survey of Farm or Ranch Partnership Operations found that 12,320 or 15.1 percent of the farm partnerships were already in existence at the time they began farming. Of these partnerships, 8,636 had some partners who were already farming and 3,267 had none of their partners farming at the time the partnership began farming. Note that both the 3,267 operations with no partners farming and the 417 who did not report have relatively small operations, 422 acres per farm and 375 acres per farm, respectively. Detailed data on the formation of partnerships and initiation of farming or ranching are shown in table 32.

Table 13. Partners Entering Into Partnerships

(1974 partnerships operating in 1976)

	Farms		Land in farms	
	Num-ber	Per-cent	Acres	Average per farm (acres)
Partnerships in existence before farming.....	12,320	100.0	8,827,654	717
Some partners farming.....	8,636	70.1	7,293,145	845
No partners farming.....	3,267	26.5	1,378,172	422
Not reported.....	417	3.4	156,337	375
Partnerships not in existence before farming.....	69,418	100.0	67,643,829	974
Some partners farming.....	56,492	81.4	57,682,793	1,021
No partners farming.....	11,979	17.3	9,473,506	791
Not reported.....	947	1.3	487,530	515

Of the farm partnerships, almost 71,000 or 86.7 percent, did not have any partners engaged in other businesses and 2,782 or 3.4 percent had at least one partner engaged in a farm-related business or activity. Approximately 8,100 or 9.9 percent, of the farm partnerships had at least one partner engaged in a nonfarm-related business.

Detailed data on partnerships and other business interest are shown in table 39 while detailed data on partners and other business interests can be seen in table 40.

Other Business Interests

The survey also attempted to obtain estimates for farm partnerships engaged in other businesses and partners engaged in other business activities.

Of the 81,738 partnerships, 74,931 or 91.7 percent of these partners are engaged in farming only. Of the farm partnerships that are engaged in other businesses, 2,978 or 3.6 percent are engaged in farm-related businesses and 3,829 or 4.7 percent of the partnerships were also engaged in nonfarm-related businesses.

Value of Assets

The survey requested the value of selected assets as of December 31, 1976. The facsimile below shows the inquiries for the selected assets. Moreover, respondents were also requested to provide percentage estimates for the ownership of these assets.

9. Partnership operation

- a. Regardless of ownership, report the total market value of the assets listed below which were controlled by this partnership and used in this farm or ranch business; then estimate the percentage of these assets that are owned by individual partners in column (b), the partnership in column (c), or others who are not members of the partnership in column (d).

ASSETS USED IN THIS FARM OR RANCH BUSINESS	Estimated total market value of assets on December 31, 1976 (Dollars only)	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ASSETS (Columns (b) + (c) + (d) should equal 100%)			TOTAL PERCENT
		Percentage owned individually by one or more members of this partnership	Percentage owned by partnership	Percentage owned by others not members of partnership (Include rented or leased assets)	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
(1) Land and buildings (Include rented land) . . . . .	101 \$	102 %	103 %	104 %	100%
(2) Farm machinery and equipment (Include leased machinery and equipment.) . . . . .	111 \$	112 %	113 %	114 %	100%
(3) Livestock and poultry on hand . . . . .	121 \$	122 %	123 %	124 %	100%