

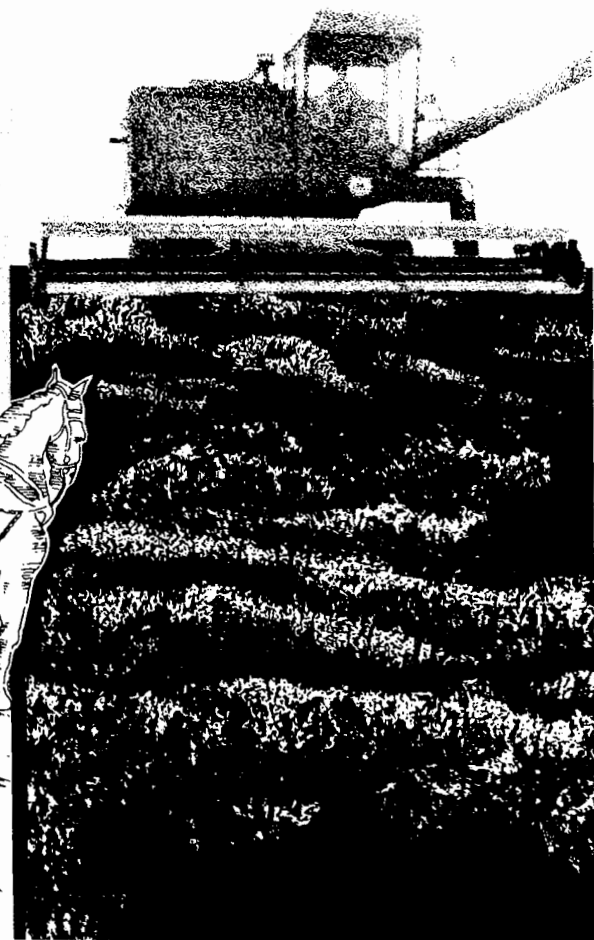
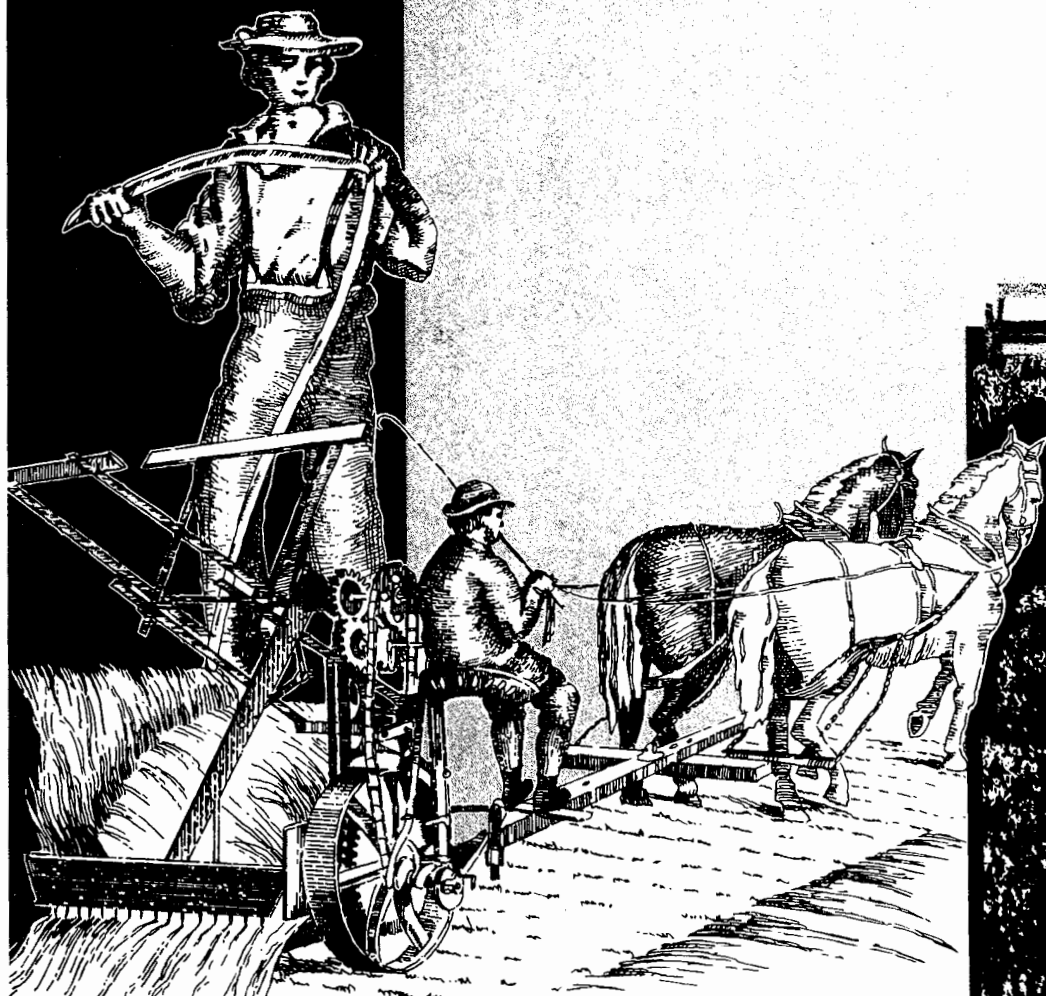
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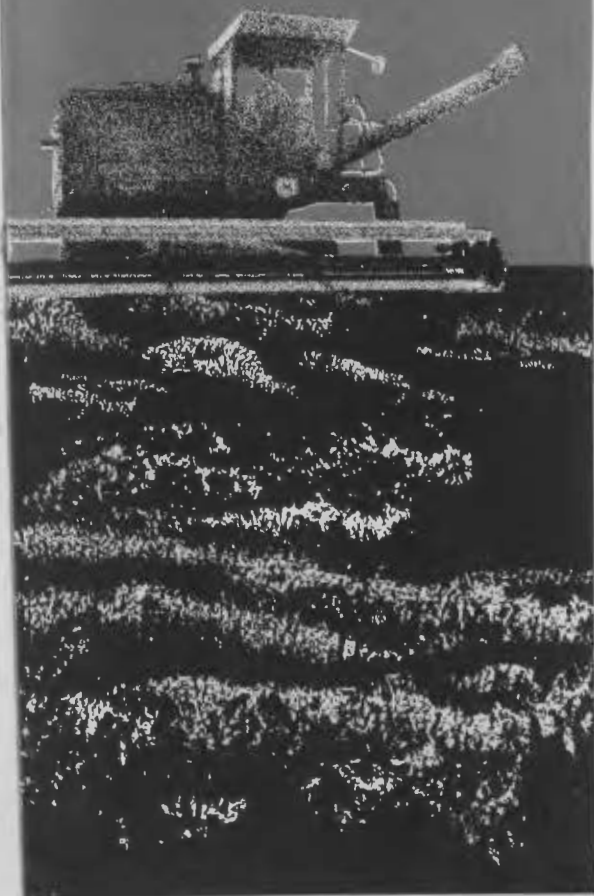
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# INTRODUCTION

## 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.

# INTRODUCTION Continued

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
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA, TOTAL..</b>	<b>29 275</b>	<b>24 839</b>	<b>676 496</b>	<b>356 913</b>	<b>32 319</b>	<b>39 559</b>	<b>677 140</b>	<b>362 215</b>	<b>3 044</b>	<b>14 720</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>5 302</b>
ABBEVILLE	503	315	4 862	1 763	576	653	4 876	1 872	73	338	13	110
AIKEN	770	515	13 251	6 652	876	907	13 272	6 788	106	392	21	136
ALLENDALE	212	190	11 979	5 840	226	285	11 983	5 879	14	95	4	39
ANDERSON	1 231	772	11 861	6 543	1 438	1 605	11 892	6 813	207	833	31	270
BAMBERG	378	393	12 388	6 243	431	548	12 400	6 303	53	155	12	61
BARNWELL	370	313	11 331	4 678	404	467	11 341	4 741	34	154	11	63
BEAUFORT	153	102	7 193	5 081	181	215	7 201	5 120	28	113	8	40
BERKELEY	634	371	7 166	3 267	724	788	7 192	3 432	90	417	26	166
CALHOUN	387	349	14 308	6 268	428	523	14 317	6 334	41	174	9	66
CHARLESTON	251	158	8 755	5 534	277	235	8 760	5 559	26	77	5	25
CHEROKEE	475	305	9 143	5 331	523	692	9 153	5 461	48	387	10	131
CHESTER	411	286	3 833	3 068	461	605	3 844	3 172	50	319	12	103
CHESTERFIELD	705	576	18 934	9 884	796	1 024	18 957	10 041	91	448	23	157
CLARENDON	777	857	30 472	13 218	866	1 257	30 500	13 389	89	400	28	172
COLLETON	748	572	10 949	6 804	831	1 036	10 962	6 985	83	464	13	181
DARLINGTON	772	1 035	31 713	16 686	798	1 204	31 723	16 768	26	169	10	82
DILLON	626	803	25 871	11 757	661	900	25 876	11 799	35	97	4	43
DORCHESTER	541	434	6 981	4 220	623	836	6 997	4 384	82	402	16	164
EDGEFIELD	277	207	11 179	6 669	295	387	11 182	6 728	18	180	3	59
FAIRFIELD	215	141	1 259	1 105	239	313	1 263	1 162	24	172	4	57
FLORENCE	1 727	2 151	46 277	26 945	1 804	2 543	46 301	27 104	77	392	24	159
GEORGETOWN	384	347	4 959	2 916	445	528	4 990	2 988	61	181	30	72
GREENVILLE	771	433	7 618	5 056	920	1 065	7 638	5 252	149	632	20	197
GREENWOOD	365	211	4 216	2 789	403	377	4 226	2 854	38	166	9	65
HAMPTON	437	356	15 415	7 732	475	525	15 420	7 793	38	169	6	61
HORRY	2 156	2 521	50 766	29 424	2 266	3 024	50 797	29 604	110	503	31	180
JASPER	255	151	3 529	1 715	264	246	3 531	1 744	9	95	2	29
KERSHAW	369	251	4 562	3 146	438	482	4 578	3 211	69	231	15	65
LANCASTER	432	269	4 226	2 652	496	501	4 236	2 718	64	232	10	67
LAURENS	688	399	9 295	5 750	777	737	9 304	5 875	89	338	9	126
LEE	392	434	21 709	8 181	409	578	21 713	8 243	17	144	4	62
LEXINGTON	899	651	15 056	9 983	968	1 057	15 067	10 128	69	406	11	145
MARION	624	730	20 964	10 748	654	868	20 973	10 798	30	138	9	51
MARLBORO	320	330	19 979	7 561	328	429	19 981	7 597	8	99	2	36
MCCORMICK	108	80	1 449	993	125	190	1 449	1 030	17	110	(2)	37
NEWBERRY	612	432	19 230	11 684	661	836	19 239	11 837	49	404	10	153
OCONEE	615	310	5 629	3 381	719	772	5 636	3 517	104	462	7	136
ORANGEBURG	1 588	1 402	47 025	22 029	1 744	2 300	47 066	22 382	156	898	41	352
PICKENS	474	213	4 208	2 944	527	563	4 215	3 040	53	350	7	96
RICHLAND	408	286	8 911	4 885	472	530	8 930	4 964	64	244	19	79
SALUDA	700	476	12 201	8 281	755	822	12 215	8 402	55	346	15	121
SPARTANBURG	1 184	714	21 355	10 285	1 384	1 488	21 383	10 500	200	774	28	215
SUMTER	736	681	31 268	14 599	808	1 086	31 284	14 758	72	405	16	158
UNION	346	162	1 407	1 215	374	339	1 412	1 284	28	177	5	69
WILLIAMSBURG	1 636	1 721	33 890	16 428	1 754	2 381	33 931	16 748	118	660	41	320
YORK	613	434	7 924	4 981	695	812	7 938	5 110	82	378	14	129

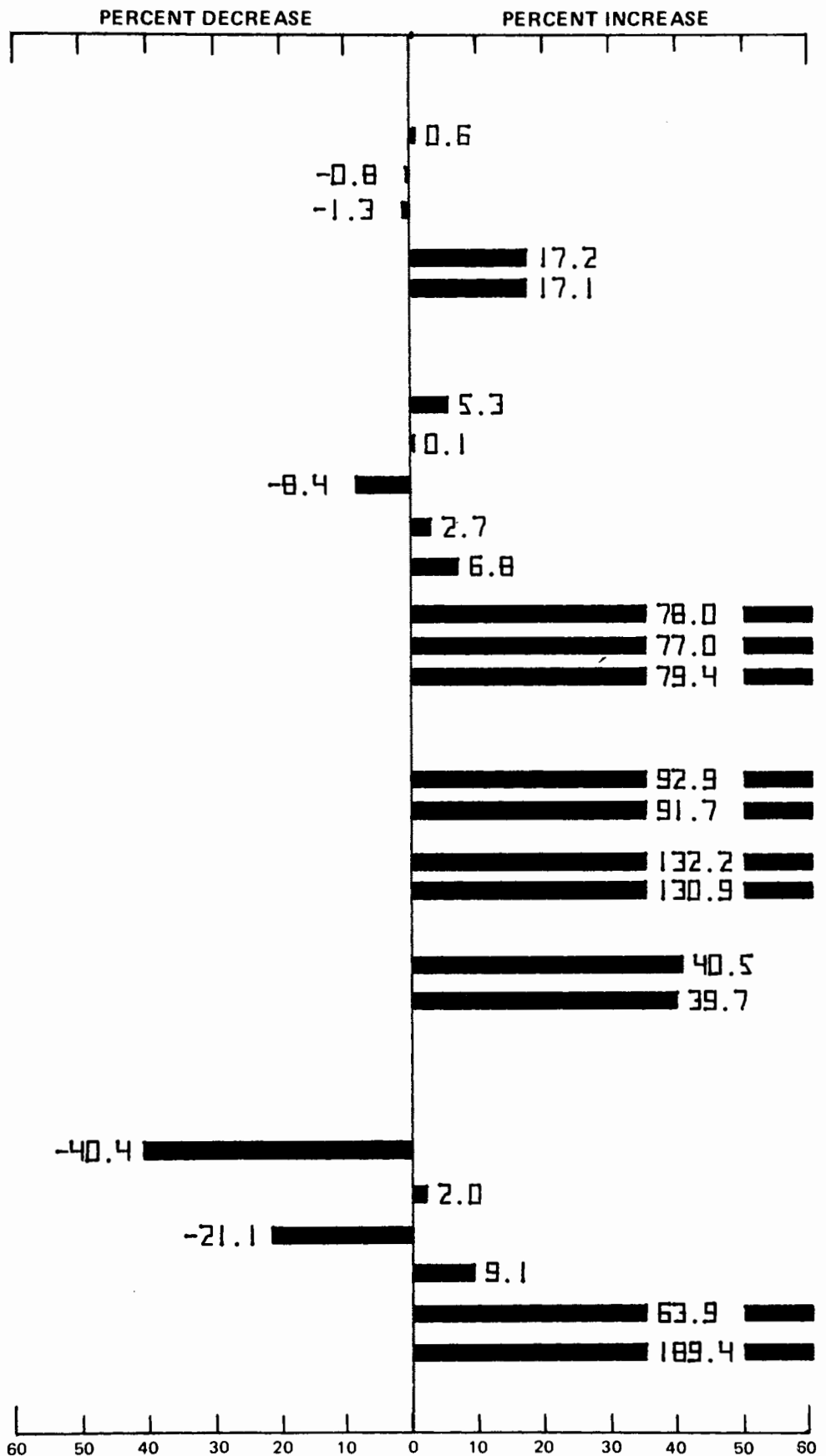
# HIGHLIGHTS of the State's Agriculture: 1974 and 1969

	All Farms		Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over	
	1974	1969 <sup>1</sup>	1974	1969
Number of farms . . . . . total . .	29 275	39 559	17 513	17 413
Acres in farms . . . . . total . .	6 177 024	6 991 718	5 164 205	5 207 523
per farm . .	211	177	295	299
Acres of harvested cropland . . . . . total . .	2 250 952	2 041 755	2 146 630	1 831 568
per farm . .	77	52	123	105
Number of farms by size:				
1 to 49 acres . . . . .	9 366	14 608	3 698	3 511
50 to 499 acres . . . . .	17 219	22 057	11 275	11 260
500 acres and over . . . . .	2 690	2 894	2 540	2 642
1,000 acres and over . . . . .	1 059	1 019	1 018	980
Value of land and buildings . . . . . total . .	2 886 776 000	1 826 499 000	2 344 458 000	1 317 183 000
per farm . .	98 609	46 172	133 870	75 644
Value of machinery and equipment on farms . . . . . total . .	449 233 000	261 675 000	365 452 000	198 168 000
per farm . .	15 345	6 615	20 867	11 380
Machinery and equipment on farms—specified items (number):				
Automobiles . . . . .	28 688	36 224	17 941	17 609
Motortrucks, including pickups . . . . .	33 651	35 314	24 287	22 084
Tractors, excluding garden tractors and motor tillers . . . . .	45 321	50 115	33 824	32 863
Value of all agricultural products sold . . . . . total . .	676 496 000	362 215 000	661 349 000	342 932 000
per farm . .	23 108	9 156	37 763	19 694
Crops . . . . . total . .	459 882 000	204 961 000	453 167 000	195 169 000
per farm . .	15 709	5 181	25 876	11 208
Livestock, poultry, and their products . . . . . total . .	206 582 000	150 263 000	198 497 000	141 290 000
per farm . .	7 057	3 798	11 334	8 114
Number of farms, excluding abnormal farms, by value of agricultural product sold:				
Under \$2,500 . . . . .	12 087	22 706	348	584
\$2,500 and over . . . . .	17 165	16 829	17 165	16 829
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	7 547	9 567	7 547	9 567
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	5 852	5 362	5 852	5 362
\$40,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	2 264	1 381	2 264	1 381
\$100,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	886	371	886	371
\$200,000 and over . . . . .	616	148	616	148
Value of agricultural products sold by farms, excluding abnormal farms, having sales of—				
Under \$2,500 . . . . .	13 120 000	18 172 000	532 000	839 000
\$2,500 and over . . . . .	660 817 000	342 092 000	660 817 000	342 092 000
\$2,500 to \$9,999 . . . . .	40 749 000	50 396 000	40 749 000	50 396 000
\$10,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .	119 659 000	105 102 000	119 659 000	105 102 000
\$40,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	139 952 000	84 803 000	139 952 000	84 803 000
\$100,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	124 077 000	101 791 000	124 077 000	101 791 000
\$200,000 and over . . . . .	236 381 000			
Farm production expenses—specified items:				
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . .	80 906 000	45 566 000	79 406 000	44 230 000
Commercial fertilizer . . . . .	84 760 000	44 546 000	81 099 000	40 259 000
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business . . . . .	33 816 000	24 433 000	31 814 000	21 031 000
Farm labor, contract labor, machine hire and customwork . . . . .	68 985 000	58 009 000	66 829 000	54 051 000

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

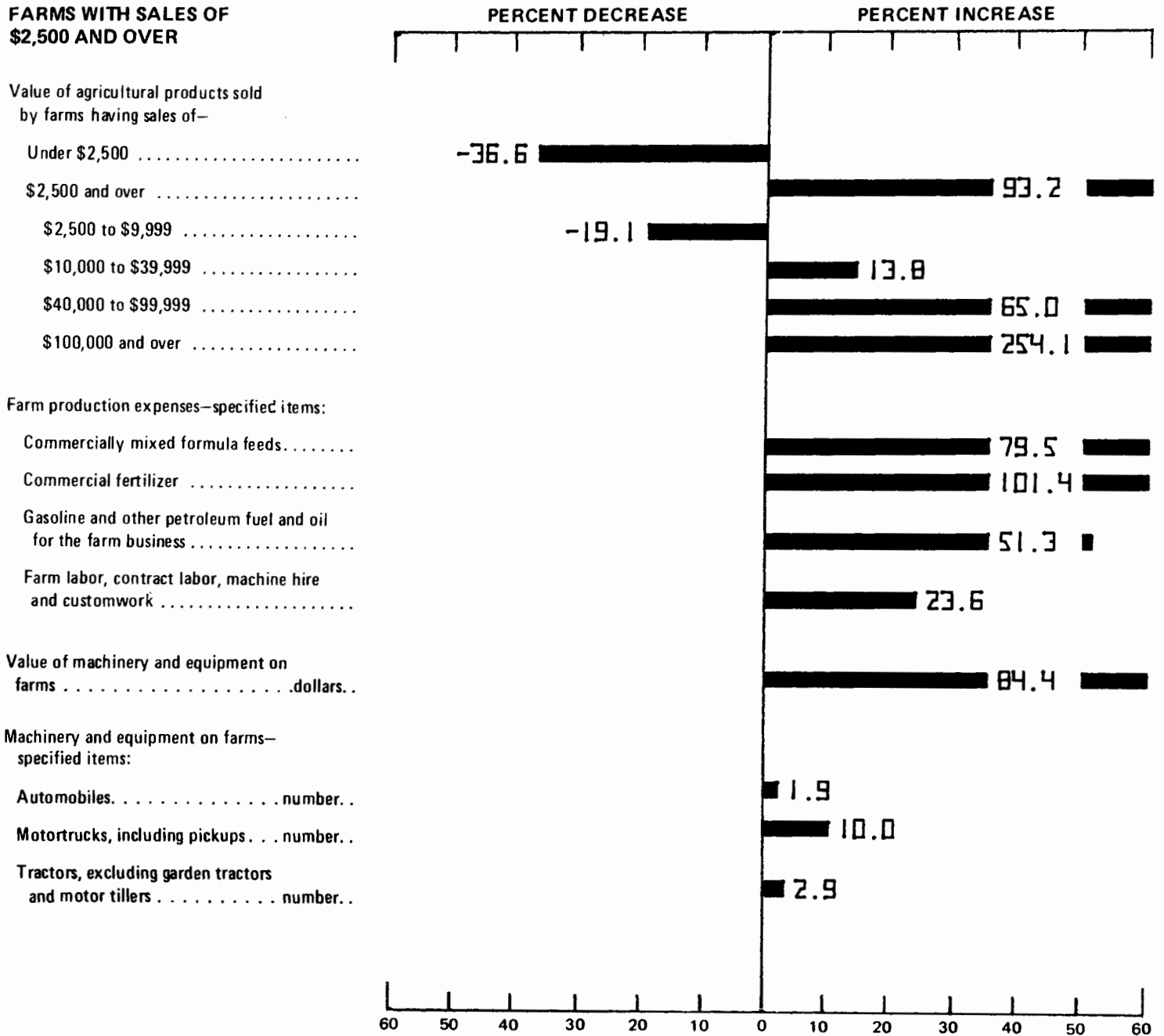
# CHART 1. Changes in the State's Agriculture: 1974 From 1969

## 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

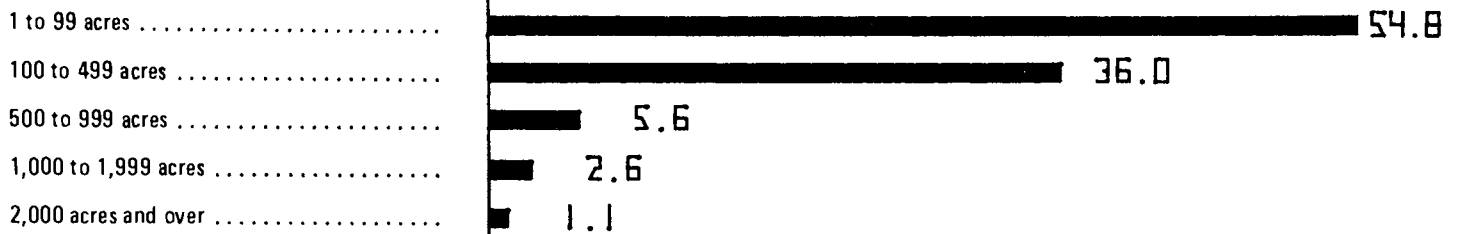


## CHART 2. Profile of the State's Agriculture: 1974

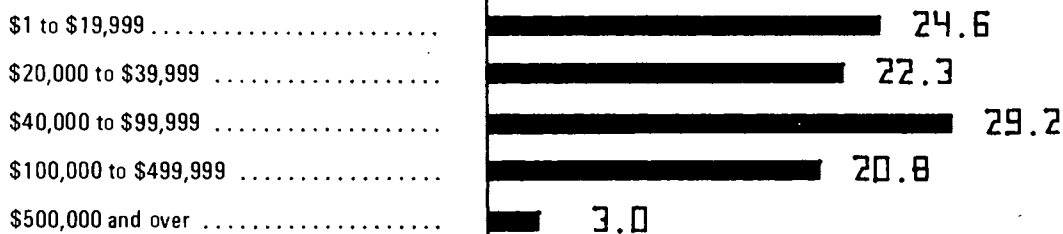
### ALL FARMS

### PERCENT OF TOTAL FARMS

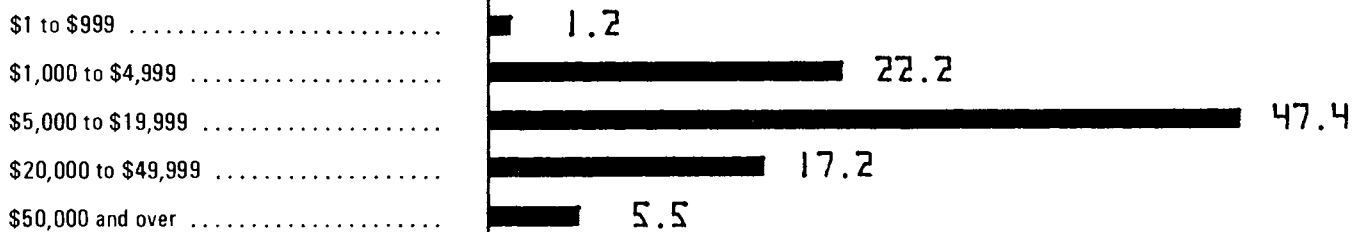
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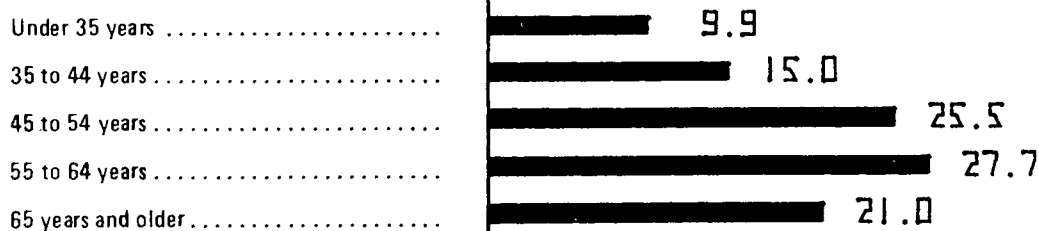
#### Farms by value of land and buildings:



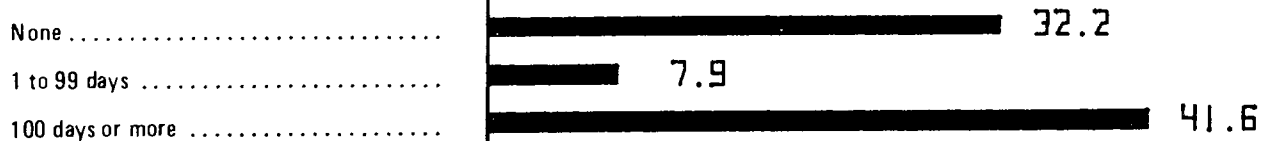
#### Farms by value of machinery and equipment:



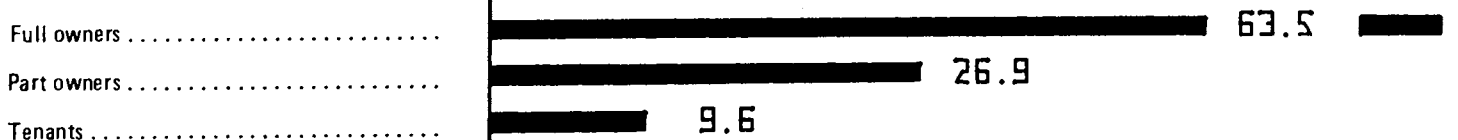
#### Farm operators by age:<sup>1</sup>



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



#### Farm operators by tenure:

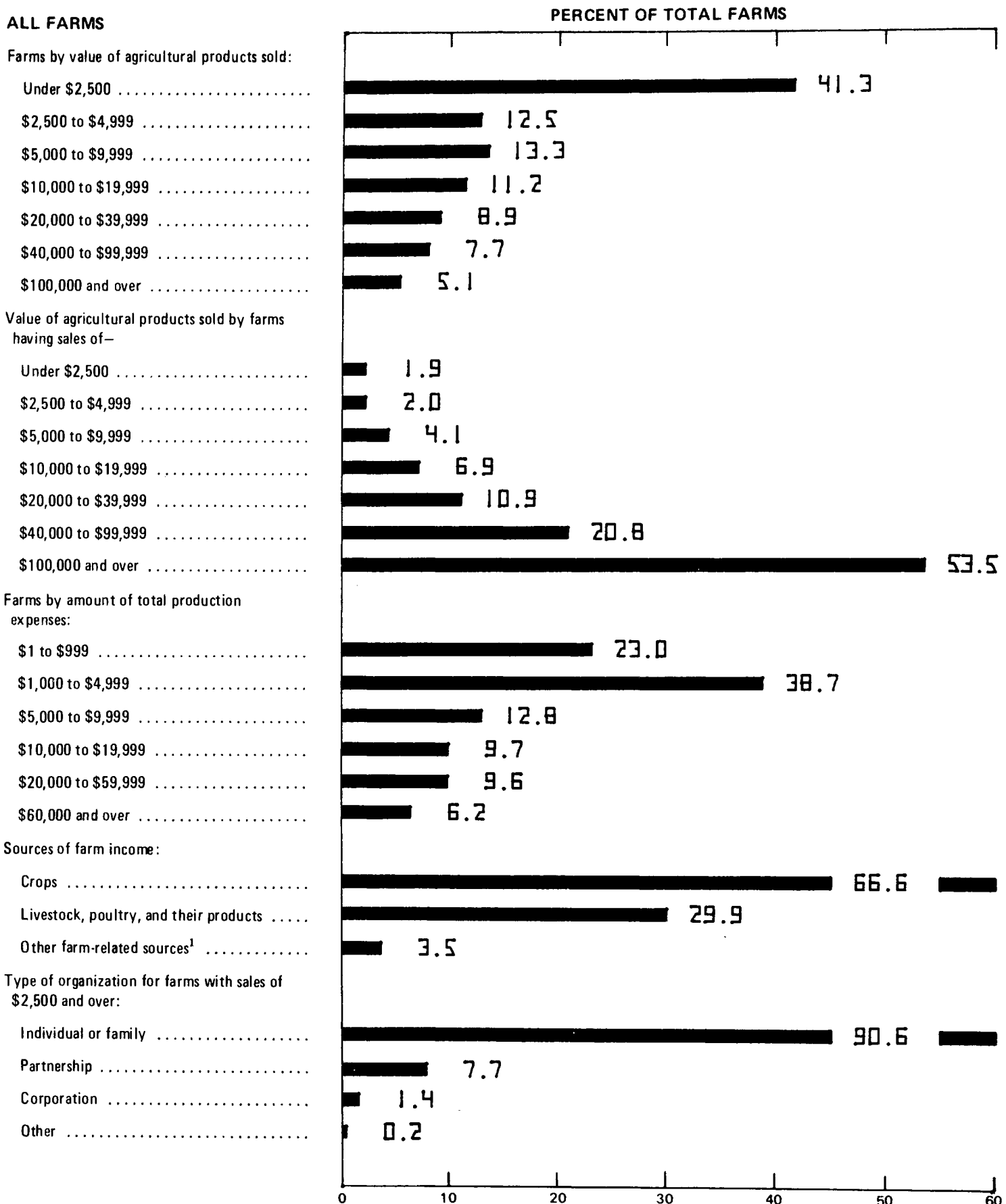


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<sup>1</sup> Data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships.

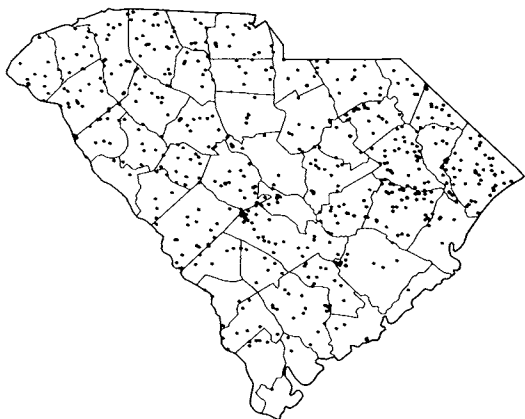


## CHART 2. Profile of the State's Agriculture: 1974—Continued



<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**

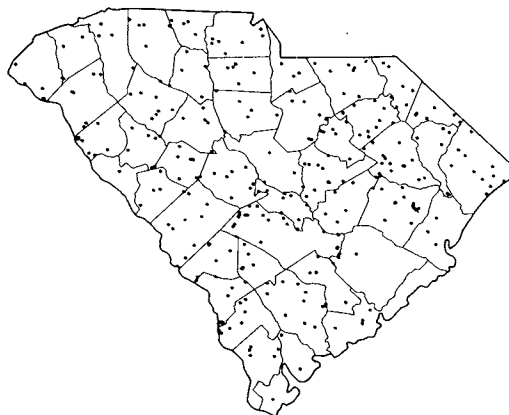


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**LAND IN FARMS: 1974**

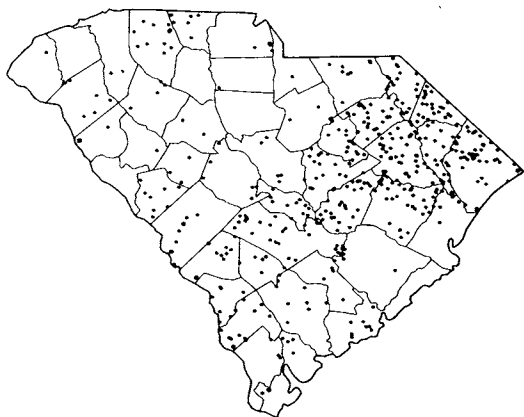


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**VALUE OF CROPS SOLD: 1974**

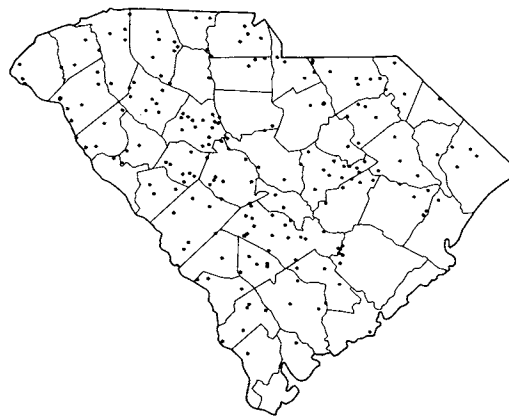


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**VALUE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY,  
AND THEIR PRODUCTS SOLD: 1974**

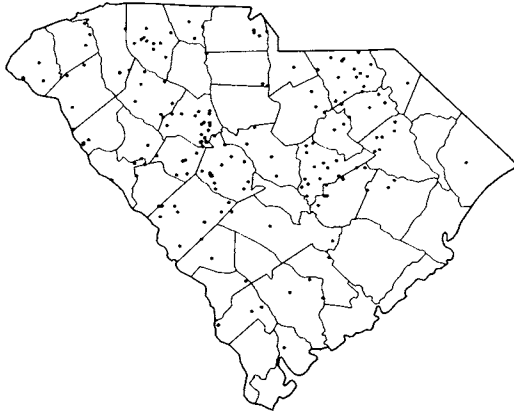


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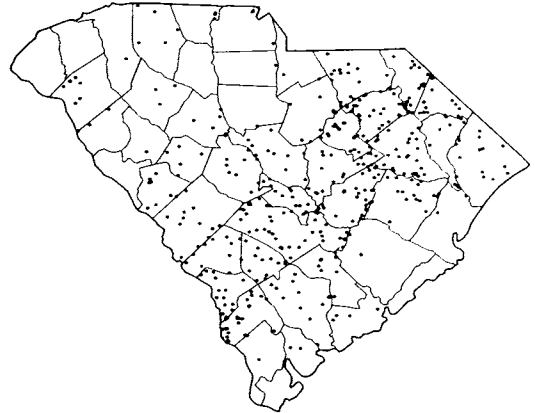


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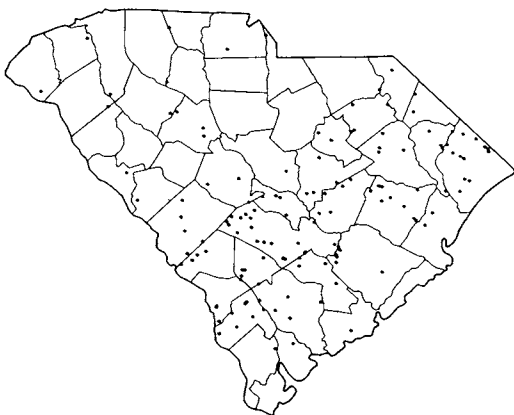


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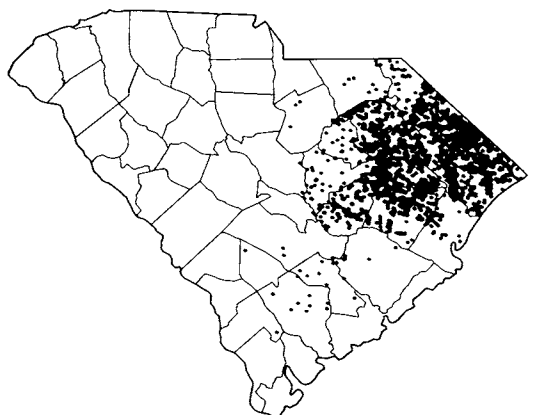


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**TOBACCO HARVESTED: 1974**



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