

**Percent of Farm Operators Not Residing on Farm Operated: 1974**  
(All Farms—County Unit Basis)



**Table 4. Selected Characteristics of Nonresident Farm Operators: 1974**

	Total (1,000)	Nonresident	
		Number (1,000)	Percent of total
<b>VALUE OF SALES</b>			
Total.....	2,279	372	16.3
\$500,000 and over.....	7	2	28.6
\$200,000 to \$499,999..	34	6	17.6
\$100,000 to \$199,999..	96	12	12.5
\$40,000 to \$99,999....	318	35	11.0
\$20,000 to \$39,999....	318	42	13.2
\$10,000 to \$19,999....	307	51	16.6
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	294	56	19.0
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	288	57	19.8
Under \$2,500.....	617	112	18.2
<b>YEARS ON PRESENT FARM</b>			
Total.....	1,605	313	19.5
Under 2 years.....	145	60	41.4
3 to 5 years.....	213	67	31.5
6 to 9 years.....	232	58	25.0
10 to 14 years.....	195	37	19.0
15 to 19 years.....	163	22	13.5
20 to 24 years.....	173	21	12.1
25 to 29 years.....	198	20	10.1
30 years and over.....	286	28	9.8
<b>AGE OF FARM OPERATOR</b>			
Total.....	2,279	372	16.3
Under 25 years.....	52	18	34.6
25 to 34 years.....	240	52	21.7
35 to 44 years.....	400	70	17.5
45 to 54 years.....	577	93	16.1
55 to 64 years.....	589	84	16.0
65 years and over.....	421	55	13.1

It is difficult to assess what effect the higher nonresponse rate and the exclusion of corporation and other types of organization had on place of residence data in 1974. However, because corporation and other types of organizations constituted less than 2 percent of the farms, and proportionate increases in nonresponse rates seem to be evenly distributed among the regions, the effect on data comparability does not appear to be great.

The percentage of nonresident operators is greatest for farms at the high and low extremes of the value of sales range. For farms with sales of \$500,000 and over, 29 percent had nonresident operators, farms with sales of under \$10,000 had 19 percent, and farms with sales between \$10,000 and \$500,000 had only 14 percent.

A decreasing percentage of farm operators reported nonresidence in each successive age group from youngest to oldest. Over one-third of the operators under 25 years old reported nonresidence

compared with 13 percent of those who were 65 years old and over. For those operators who reported both place of residence and the year they began operating present farm, 59 percent of the nonresidents had operated their farm for less than 10 years, but only 31 percent of the resident operators reported operating their farm for the same length of time.

The number of all farms versus farms operated by nonresident operators, by value of agricultural products sold, years on present farm, and age of operator is shown in table 4. Resident farm operators for selected counties are shown in table 5.

Almost 57 percent of the nonresident operators lived in a town, city, or urban area. Twenty-five percent lived on a farm other than the one operated and 18 percent lived in rural areas, but not on a farm. The percentage of nonresident operators living in towns or urban areas ranged from 43 percent in the Northeast to 66 percent in the West. The Northeast region accounted for the highest percent-