

CHAPTER I Continued

farms accounted for almost one-fifth of the value of cash grains, tobacco, and cotton sold. Full-owner farms accounted for one-half of the value of fruits, nuts, and berries; poultry and poultry products; other livestock and livestock products; nursery and greenhouse products; and forest products.

The sale of poultry, livestock, and their products accounted for three-fifths of the total sales from full-owner farms, over two-fifths of the total sales from part-owner farms, and over one-third of the total sales from tenant farms. The percent distribution for the value of agricultural products sold from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over by source for each tenure is given in table 18.

**Farms by standard industrial classification**—Data shown in this chapter indicates that the standard industrial classification may be closely related to the tenure of a farm. Over 90 percent of the fruit and tree nut farms (017), horticultural specialty farms (018), dairy farms (024), poultry and egg farms (025), and animal specialty farms (027) with sales of \$2,500

and over were owner operated in 1974. With the exception of dairy farms, four-fifths of these farms were operated by full owners.

Tenant farms make up approximately 24 percent of the cotton farms, approximately 19 percent of the cash grain farms, 17 percent of the vegetable and melon farms, and 16 percent of the tobacco farms. These farms make up less than 4 percent of the fruit and tree nut farms, poultry and egg farms, and unclassified farms.

Farms requiring large investments in buildings and equipment such as poultry farms and horticultural specialty farms or farms requiring long term investments such as fruit and tree nut farms, livestock farms, and dairy farms were, in general, owner operated. Farms requiring less capital investments in buildings or equipment or investments only in short term inputs were largely tenant operated.

Table 19 shows the percent distribution by standard industrial classification of farm for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over for the three tenure groups.

**Class of tenant**—As a consequence of the rapidly declining number of tenants, the data for class of tenant has declined in overall importance. Only 225,107 tenant farms with sales of \$2,500 and over were counted in the 1974 census. Although data for class of tenant were not published in volume 1, selected data obtained from special tabulations are shown for the United States and individual States in this chapter.

Table 20 for tenant farms with sales of \$2,500 and over provides data for farms, land in farms, and harvested cropland, by class of tenant.

In 1974, the crop-share tenant accounted for 34 percent of all tenants, 23 percent of all land in tenant farms, and 40 percent of the harvested cropland on tenant farms. Cash tenants, because of their extensive acreage of pastureland in the Western States, accounted for 38 percent of the land in tenant farms.

The data for 1974 show a significant decrease in the number of all classes of tenants except cash tenants. From 1969 to 1974, the number of cash tenants increased from 52,033 to 55,349. Except

Table 18. Percent of Products Sold and Tenure of Farm Operator: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Percent by product sold				Percent by tenure			
	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants
	Value of all products sold.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	38.1	47.8
Grains.....	30.5	19.3	36.6	40.3	100.0	24.1	57.3	18.6
Tobacco.....	2.1	2.2	1.8	2.6	100.0	40.1	42.3	17.6
Cotton and cottonseed.....	2.8	1.4	3.6	3.9	100.0	19.3	61.3	19.4
Field seeds, hay, forage and silage..	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.2	100.0	37.2	50.4	12.4
Other field crops.....	4.9	2.4	6.7	5.5	100.0	18.9	65.2	15.9
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons...	2.9	1.3	3.4	5.7	100.0	16.6	55.4	28.0
Fruits, nuts, and berries.....	3.6	6.2	2.1	1.8	100.0	65.0	28.0	7.0
Poultry and poultry products.....	7.7	15.0	3.3	2.6	100.0	74.6	20.6	4.8
Dairy products.....	10.2	10.8	10.5	7.2	100.0	40.6	49.4	10.0
Cattle and calves.....	22.7	27.0	20.7	18.1	100.0	45.2	43.5	11.3
Hogs and pigs.....	6.7	6.7	6.6	7.2	100.0	38.1	46.7	15.2
Sheep, lambs, and wool.....	.6	.6	.5	.6	100.0	39.3	44.8	15.9
Other livestock and livestock products.....	.5	.9	.2	.3	100.0	71.5	19.6	8.9
Nursery and greenhouse products.....	2.1	3.3	1.2	2.0	100.0	59.8	26.7	13.5
Forest products.....	.3	.5	.2	(2)	100.0	66.0	31.9	2.1

Table 20. Farms Operated by Tenants: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Farms		Land in farms		Harvested cropland	
	Number	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Total .....	225,107	100.0	114,589,235	100.0	45,113,880	100.0
Cash.....	55,349	24.6	42,211,909	36.7	8,034,960	17.8
Share-cash.....	27,118	12.1	13,831,757	12.1	7,640,624	16.9
Crop-share.....	77,254	34.3	25,987,305	22.7	18,111,363	40.2
Livestock-share.....	18,519	8.2	7,849,996	6.9	3,856,323	8.5
Other and unspecified.....	46,867	20.8	24,708,268	21.6	7,470,610	16.6

Table 19. Percent of Standard Industrial Classification of Farms by Tenure of Farm Operator: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants
	Total.....	100.0	53.3	33.4
Cash-grain farms (011)	100.0	42.9	38.5	18.6
Cotton farms (0131).....	100.0	34.3	41.9	23.8
Tobacco farms (0132).....	100.0	58.7	25.3	16.0
Sugar crop, Irish potato, hay, peanut, and other field crop farms (0133, 0134, 0139).....	100.0	54.1	33.1	12.8
Vegetable and melon farms (016).....	100.0	48.9	34.0	17.1
Fruit and tree nut farms (017).....	100.0	82.8	12.7	4.5
Horticultural specialty farms (018).....	100.0	79.7	10.7	9.6
General farms, primarily crop (0191).....	100.0	47.3	42.4	10.3
Livestock farms, except dairy, poultry, and animal speciality (021).....	100.0	59.6	30.2	10.2
Dairy farms (024).....	100.0	51.3	40.0	8.7
Poultry and egg farms (025).....	100.0	81.6	15.1	3.3
Animal speciality farms (027).....	100.0	77.4	13.0	9.6
General farms, primarily livestock (0291).....	100.0	47.7	40.7	11.6
Farms not classified by SIC.....	100.0	77.6	19.2	3.2