

CHAPTER I Continued

for the leasing of State and federal lands which are essentially all rented on a cash basis, no imputation procedures were used for rental arrangements, when the arrangements were not reported (table 21).

Of the \$11.4 billion of agricultural products sold from tenant farms in 1974, cash tenants accounted for \$3.7 billion. They had a larger proportion of nursery and greenhouse products, forest products, livestock and livestock products, and poultry and poultry products than any other class of tenant. Crop-share tenants, with over 39 percent of the value of crops and hay sold from tenant farms, had the largest proportion of any tenure class.

**Changes in Tenure**

**Number of farms**—The number of farms by tenure can be compared from 1950 to 1974. However, detailed characteristics by tenure are not available prior to the 1969 census.

Relatively little change took place in the tenure distributions between 1950 and 1954. However, a trend towards a decreasing proportion of tenants and an increasing proportion of part-owner farms took place between 1954 and 1964.

From 1964 to 1974 the nature of the trend has changed. These data still indicate a decreasing proportion of tenants, but now show a stable proportion of part-owner farms and a substantial increase in the proportion of full-owner farms. Between 1969 and 1974, there was an actual increase of 23,000 full-owner farms, while part-owner farms and tenant farms decreased by 16,000 and 46,000 respectively. The percentage distribution by tenure for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over for six censuses is shown in table 22.

The value of sales group distribution by tenure shows that 45 percent of the part-owner farms had sales of \$40,000 and over, compared with 32 percent of the tenant farms and 17 percent of the full-owner farms. Full owners tended to operate smaller farms than either part owners or tenants.

A comparison of 1974 data with that for 1969 indicates that the proportion of

tenant farms with sales of \$40,000 and over is more than 2½ times that of 1969. In comparison, full-owner farms and part-owner farms have doubled in number. In total, the proportion of farms with sales of \$40,000 and over has increased since 1964 for all three tenures and those with sales under \$20,000 have all decreased. Comparative data for value groups of farms and tenure are shown in table 23.

**Land ownership**—Of the 906 million acres of land in farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1974, 542 million acres (60 percent) was owned land operated by owners. Full owners operated 278 million acres. Part owners operated 264 million acres of owned land and 249 million acres of leased land. Tenants operated 115 million acres of rented land.

Several tables of data on land ownership are shown for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in this chapter. In table 43, the value of land and buildings is shown for the gross acreage owned and rented and for the acreage rented to others. In table 41, the value of land and buildings operated by full owners and by tenants is shown. Separate values for the owned and rented portions of land in part-owner farms were not obtained in the census.

**Grazing permits**—Millions of acres of land owned by the Federal Government was used for grazing under grazing-permit agreements in 1974. Most of this land is open range in the 11 Western States. Under permit agreements, one individual or more may have livestock on the same

**Table 21. Percent of Value of Agricultural Products Sold by Class of Tenants: 1974**

	Total	Crops and hay	Nursery and greenhouse products	Forest products	Livestock and livestock products	Poultry and poultry products
All tenants.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cash.....	32.1	24.0	77.7	36.4	42.7	52.2
Share-cash.....	12.8	13.9	.5	6.1	12.3	2.9
Crop-share.....	28.4	39.2	1.7	14.3	12.0	3.4
Livestock-share.....	7.9	5.5	.1	12.1	13.1	3.5
Other and unspecified.....	18.8	17.4	20.0	31.1	19.8	38.0

**Table 22. Percent Distribution by Tenure of Farm Operator: 1950 to 1974**

	1974	1969	1964	1959	1954	1950
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full owners.....	53.3	50.8	43.1	43.4	42.5	44.8
Part owners.....	33.4	33.5	34.6	31.5	27.5	25.2
Managers.....	(NA)	(NA)	.8	.8	.8	.9
Tenants.....	13.3	15.6	21.6	24.2	29.2	29.1
Cash.....	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.7	3.5
Share-cash.....	1.6	2.2	5.3	5.9	6.8	7.6
Crop-share.....	4.5	4.8	8.0	9.9	13.4	11.6
Livestock-share.....	1.1	1.6	3.1	3.9	4.8	4.7
Other and unspecified.....	2.8	4.0	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7

**Table 23. Percent Distribution by Value of Sales Group: 1974 and 1969**

	1974				1969			
	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants	Total	Full owners	Part owners	Tenants
Total sales.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$40,000 and over.....	28.1	16.9	44.6	32.0	12.8	8.4	19.6	12.6
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	19.0	16.1	22.0	22.7	19.1	13.7	25.9	22.1
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	18.3	20.2	15.0	19.1	22.8	20.6	25.1	25.2
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	17.5	22.6	10.4	14.6	22.5	26.3	17.3	21.6
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	17.1	24.2	8.0	11.6	22.8	31.1	12.2	18.4