

CHAPTER I Continued

land, paying for the use of the land on a per-head basis. Some private land was used under similar agreements.

A count of farms with sales of \$2,500 and over reporting grazing permits for 11 Western States was obtained in the 1974 census. Of the 12,504 farms reporting permits, 9,407 were livestock farms, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialty. Permits reported by selected standard industrial classifications and for the 11 Western States are:

| | Farms |
|---|--------|
| Total | 12,504 |
| Cash grain | 1,392 |
| Federal farms, primarily crop | 256 |
| Livestock farms, except dairy, poultry and animal specialty | 9,407 |
| Dairy | 235 |
| General farms, primarily livestock | 68 |
| Farms not classified by SIC | 1,146 |
| Montana | 2,834 |
| Idaho | 1,495 |
| Wyoming | 1,294 |
| Colorado | 1,437 |
| New Mexico | 1,013 |
| Arizona | 613 |
| Utah | 1,373 |
| Nevada | 433 |
| Washington | 362 |
| Oregon | 993 |
| California | 657 |

Other Farms—Farms With Sales of Less Than \$2,500 and Abnormal Farms

In 1974, farms with sales of less than \$2,500 totaled 617,000 or about 27 percent of all farms. Of these farms, 84 percent were full owners, 10 percent were part owners, and 6 percent were tenants. Additionally, there were 2,238 farms classified as abnormal farms, of which 68 percent were reported as full owners, 23 percent as part owners, and 10 percent as tenants. These farms may have had sales

of over \$2,500 but by definition are not included in the tabulations of farms with sales of \$2,500 and over.

| | Farms with sales of under \$2,500 | Abnormal farms |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Total | 616,728 | 2,238 |
| Full owners | 518,113 | 1,520 |
| Part owners | 62,099 | 505 |
| Tenants | 36,516 | 213 |

Comparison of farms with sales of less than \$2,500 from 1969 to 1974 must be made with caution. Of the approximately 380,000 decrease in number of farms, slightly more than 152,000 were excluded due to change in farm definition (see text on excluded operations).

Not only do these other farms have a relatively low value of sales, but they

have a disproportionately low share of production resources. Although they represent 27 percent of the farms, these "other farms" account for 11 percent of the land, less than 3 percent of the harvested cropland, less than 2 percent of the irrigated land, and sell 1 percent of the value of agricultural products. Some selected data for these farms are shown by tenure in this chapter.

Farms operated by minorities—Data were collected on race and ethnicity of the operator for individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships. These farms account for 98 percent of the 2.3 million farms for the 1974 census. There were 66,992 minority farm operators in 1974. This includes 7,621 operators of Spanish origin who have not been identified separately in prior censuses. These farms contained 12.9 million acres of which approximately 2.8 million

Table 24. Percent of Tenure of Farm Operator by Selected Racial and Ethnic Group: 1974

| All Farms | Total | Blacks | | American Indians ¹ | Spanish origin | Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino | Other |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | Total | In the 16 Southern States | | | | |
| All farm operators...number.. | 66,992 | 45,594 | 44,090 | 4,322 | 7,621 | 6,275 | 3,180 |
| Full owners.....farms.. | 43,429 | 30,487 | 29,512 | 2,720 | 4,648 | 3,656 | 1,918 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 5,148,474 | 2,427,559 | 2,315,648 | 684,098 | 1,275,964 | 231,506 | 529,347 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 941,479 | 465,819 | 428,317 | 95,599 | 149,844 | 112,332 | 117,885 |
| Part owners.....farms.. | 14,050 | 9,403 | 9,055 | 1,019 | 1,734 | 1,187 | 707 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 5,420,998 | 1,409,962 | 1,288,466 | 951,263 | 1,882,195 | 439,023 | 738,555 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 1,311,859 | 570,323 | 512,007 | 170,741 | 188,116 | 213,282 | 169,397 |
| Tenants.....farms.. | 9,513 | 5,704 | 5,523 | 583 | 1,239 | 1,432 | 555 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 2,286,220 | 503,763 | 461,683 | 519,572 | 752,873 | 110,790 | 399,222 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 532,804 | 225,927 | 202,133 | 48,215 | 107,254 | 76,413 | 74,995 |
| PERCENT BY SELECTED RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUP | | | | | | | |
| All farm operators...number.. | 100.0 | 68.1 | 96.7 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 9.4 | 4.8 |
| Full owners.....farms.. | 100.0 | 70.2 | 96.8 | 6.3 | 10.7 | 8.4 | 4.4 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 100.0 | 47.2 | 95.4 | 13.3 | 24.8 | 4.5 | 10.3 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 100.0 | 49.5 | 92.0 | 10.2 | 15.9 | 11.9 | 12.5 |
| Part owners.....farms.. | 100.0 | 66.9 | 96.3 | 7.2 | 12.3 | 8.5 | 5.0 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 100.0 | 26.0 | 91.4 | 17.6 | 34.7 | 8.1 | 13.6 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 100.0 | 43.5 | 89.8 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 16.3 | 12.9 |
| Tenants.....number.. | 100.0 | 60.0 | 96.8 | 6.1 | 13.0 | 15.1 | 5.8 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 100.0 | 22.0 | 91.6 | 22.7 | 32.9 | 4.9 | 17.5 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 100.0 | 42.4 | 89.5 | 9.0 | 20.1 | 14.3 | 14.1 |
| PERCENT BY TENURE | | | | | | | |
| All farm operators...number.. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full owners.....farms.. | 64.8 | 66.9 | 66.9 | 62.9 | 61.0 | 58.3 | 60.3 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 40.0 | 55.9 | 57.0 | 31.8 | 32.6 | 29.6 | 31.7 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 33.8 | 36.9 | 37.5 | 30.4 | 33.7 | 27.9 | 32.5 |
| Part owners.....farms.. | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 22.8 | 18.9 | 22.2 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 42.2 | 32.5 | 31.7 | 44.1 | 48.1 | 56.2 | 44.3 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 47.1 | 45.2 | 44.8 | 54.3 | 42.2 | 53.1 | 46.8 |
| Tenants.....number.. | 14.2 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 16.3 | 22.8 | 17.5 |
| Land in farms.....acres.. | 17.8 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 24.1 | 19.2 | 14.2 | 24.0 |
| Harvested crop-land.....acres.. | 19.1 | 17.9 | 17.7 | 15.3 | 24.1 | 19.0 | 20.7 |

¹This does not include Indian reservations (classified as abnormal farms).