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acres were harvested. Almost two-thirds of these operators were full owners, operating 40 percent of the 12.9 million minority-controlled acres and approximately 34 percent of the harvested cropland. Slightly more than one-fifth of these operators were part owners, who operated approximately 42 percent of the minority-controlled land and accounted for 47 percent of the harvested cropland (table 24).

Of the minority operators, 68 percent were Black; 6 percent were American Indians; 11 percent were of Spanish origin; 9 percent were Japanese, Chinese and Filipino; and 5 percent were other races. Black farm operators accounted for 34 percent of the minority-operated land; American Indians accounted for 17 percent (this does not include Indian reservations classified as abnormal farms and thus not classified by tenure of operator); Spanish origin accounted for 30 percent; Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino accounted for 6 percent; and other races accounted for 13 percent. Of the 2.8 million acres of harvested cropland, Black

operators accounted for 45 percent; American Indians, 11 percent; Spanish origin, 16 percent; Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino, 14 percent; and other races, 13 percent.

**Geographic summary for minorities**—The geographic concentration of minorities by tenure could best be illustrated by a breakdown for the United States and regions. Table 25 shows that of the 30,487 Black full owners, 9,403 Black part owners, and 5,704 Black tenants, 96.8 percent of the full owners, 96.3 percent of the part owners, and 96.8 percent of the tenants were in the South. Of the 4,322 American Indians, the South included 60.0 percent of the full owners, 52.3 percent of the part owners, and 50.9 percent of the tenants. The farm operators of Spanish origin in the South and the West combined accounted for 95.6 percent of all full owners of Spanish origin and 96.3 percent of all part owners and tenants of Spanish origin.

The Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino operators were concentrated mainly in

the West where 95.4 percent of the 3,656 full owners, 94.9 percent of the 1,187 part owners, and 97.0 percent of the 1,432 tenants resided. The 3,180 operators of "other" racial groups were predominantly in the West and North Central regions, where 73.6 percent of their full owners, 79.6 percent of their part owners, and 84.1 percent of their tenants were concentrated. For all minority racial and ethnic groups, the Northeast region had the smallest concentration with less than 1 percent of all minorities.

**Farm operators of Black and other races**—The number of farms operated by Black and other races has declined steadily from 954,000 in 1920 to 59,371 in 1974 (table 26). Between 1969 and 1974 they dropped by 44,000.

**Tenure for Minority Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over**

Data by tenure for operators of Spanish origin for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over were not tabulated for 1974. However, 56 percent or 4,280 of the 7,621 operators of Spanish origin had sales of \$2,500 and over; California alone accounted for 25 percent. For minority operators other than those of Spanish origin, only 51.6 percent had sales of \$2,500 and over compared with 73.2 percent of all farms. These other minority operators included 16,220 full owners, 8,836 part owners, and 5,560 tenants. The South accounted for 21,214 of these 30,616 operators, of which 52.4 percent were full owners, 30.6 percent were part

Table 25. Tenure of Farm Operators for Farms and Land in Farms, by Selected Racial and Ethnic Group: 1974

All Farms	Tenure of Farm Operators for Farms and Land in Farms, by Selected Racial and Ethnic Group: 1974					
	Total	Black	American Indian	Spanish origin	Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino	Other
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Full owners.....number..	43,429	30,487	2,720	4,648	3,656	1,918
Land in farms...acres..	5,148,474	2,427,559	684,098	1,275,964	231,506	529,347
Part owners.....number..	14,050	9,403	1,019	1,734	1,187	707
Land in farms...acres..	5,420,998	1,409,962	951,263	1,882,195	439,023	738,555
Tenants.....number..	9,513	5,704	583	1,239	1,432	555
Land in farms...acres..	2,286,220	503,763	519,572	752,873	110,790	399,222
<b>NORTHEAST</b>						
Full owners.....number..	317	82	48	24	30	133
Land in farms...acres..	32,828	8,576	5,630	2,812	2,567	13,243
Part owners.....number..	109	39	24	3	6	37
Land in farms...acres..	27,240	7,901	6,213	1,464	726	10,936
Tenants.....number..	27	4	4	4	2	13
Land in farms...acres..	6,658	399	550	93	36	5,580
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>						
Full owners.....number..	1,923	686	446	179	77	535
Land in farms...acres..	453,172	81,876	209,306	28,039	13,730	120,221
Part owners.....number..	859	272	224	62	37	264
Land in farms...acres..	674,617	104,144	354,475	32,059	22,539	161,400
Tenants.....number..	483	151	110	42	19	161
Land in farms...acres..	245,615	38,647	114,934	19,400	8,239	64,395
<b>SOUTH</b>						
Full owners.....number..	33,745	29,512	1,626	2,172	62	373
Land in farms...acres..	3,342,212	2,315,648	202,043	736,654	3,343	84,524
Part owners.....number..	10,649	9,055	533	935	18	108
Land in farms...acres..	2,381,708	1,288,466	174,470	814,074	13,615	91,083
Tenants.....number..	6,577	5,523	297	660	22	75
Land in farms...acres..	939,616	461,683	61,836	373,063	6,075	36,959
<b>WEST</b>						
Full owners.....number..	7,444	207	600	2,273	3,487	877
Land in farms...acres..	1,320,262	21,459	267,119	508,459	211,866	311,359
Part owners.....number..	2,433	37	238	734	1,126	298
Land in farms...acres..	2,337,433	9,451	416,105	1,034,598	402,143	475,136
Tenants.....number..	2,426	26	172	533	1,389	306
Land in farms...acres..	1,094,331	3,034	342,252	360,317	96,440	292,288

Table 26. Farm Operators of Black and Other Races: 1900 to 1974

All Farms	Total	Black <sup>1</sup>	Other races <sup>1</sup>
1974.....	59,371	45,594	13,777
1969.....	103,847	87,393	16,454
1964.....	199,952	184,004	15,948
1959.....	290,831	272,541	18,290
1954 <sup>2</sup> .....	483,650	467,656	15,994
1950.....	585,917	559,980	25,937
1945 <sup>2</sup> .....	689,215	(NA)	(NA)
1940.....	723,504	681,790	41,714
1935 <sup>2</sup> .....	855,555	(NA)	(NA)
1930.....	921,400	882,852	38,548
1920.....	954,284	925,710	28,574
1910 <sup>3</sup> .....	924,450	893,377	31,073
1900.....	769,528	746,717	22,811

<sup>1</sup>For 1959, 1950, and 1940, blacks were not separately identified for Hawaii; for these years "other" includes "all other" races reported for Hawaii.  
<sup>2</sup>Conterminous States only; Alaska and Hawaii not included in these censuses or 1925.  
<sup>3</sup>Forty-nine States; no classification by color for Alaska.