

CHAPTER II Continued

of all large-scale farms while partnerships and corporations accounted for 18 and 10 percent, respectively. For all sales ranges (up to \$1 million and over), there were percentage increases between 1969 and 1974 in the number of large-scale farms operated by individuals and corresponding percentage decreases in large-scale farms operated by partnerships and corporations (table 11).

Corporations operated 25 percent of the acreage in large-scale farms compared with 53 percent for individual farms and 20 percent for partnerships. About 73 percent of the individually operated large-scale farms and 61 percent of the partnerships had sales between \$100,000

and \$200,000. Only 33 percent of the large-scale corporations had sales of less than \$200,000.

At the other extreme, there were only 1 percent of individually operated large-scale farms with sales of \$1 million and over compared with 3 percent for partnerships and 15 percent for corporations. Corporations also accounted for 75 percent of the large-scale farms with sales of \$5 million and over and 89 percent with \$10 million and over.

Source of farm sales—Of the various kinds of farm products or commodities sold, the proportion of each produced and sold by corporations varies substantially more than do the proportions sold by other types of organization. Corporations account for a disproportionately large percentage of the sales of nursery products (60 percent); vegetables, sweet corn, and melons (37 percent); cattle and calves (32 percent); fruits, nuts, and berries (32 percent); poultry and poultry products (28 percent); and sheep, lambs, and wool (23 percent). On the other hand, corporations sold less than 5 percent of the grains,

hogs, and tobacco and less than 10 percent of dairy products, forest products, and field seeds from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over (table 12).

In contrast to individuals, partnerships, and other organizations, which tend toward more general farming with a reliance on crop production, corporations specialized to a greater extent in livestock or crops which could be readily produced on a large scale, be more highly mechanized, and require large amounts of capital and other inputs. For example, the production of fresh market vegetables, sugarcane, pineapples, citrus fruit, broilers, turkeys, eggs, and fattened cattle are more easily adaptable to large-scale production. About 52 percent of the sales by corporations came from cattle and calves and poultry products, and another 28 percent from other field crops; vegetables, sweet corn, and melons; fruit, nuts, and berries; and nursery and greenhouse products.

Products produced—Farms operated by corporations sold 47 percent of the cattle fattened on grain and concentrates and 33 percent of all turkeys. They harvested 29 percent of the vegetable acreage,

Table 9. Percent of Farms by Value of Sales: 1974

	All farms	Individual	Partnership	Corporation	Other
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$500,000 and over....	.7	.3	1.7	16.4	2.9
\$200,000 to \$499,999	2.3	1.7	5.9	20.4	4.4
\$100,000 to \$199,999	6.0	5.2	11.6	18.2	6.7
\$40,000 to \$99,999..	19.1	18.5	25.5	19.7	19.5
\$20,000 to \$39,999..	19.0	19.1	19.1	9.7	19.1
\$10,000 to \$19,999..	18.3	18.7	15.7	6.9	18.2
\$5,000 to \$9,999....	17.5	18.3	11.9	4.7	15.2
\$2,500 to \$4,999....	17.1	18.2	8.6	4.0	14.0

Table 10. Large-Scale Farms, Land in Farms, and Percent, by Type of Organization: 1974

	Total		Individual		Partnership		Corporation		Other	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES										
Farms with sales of--										
\$100,000 and over.....	152,599	276,817,332	108,463	147,510,799	27,811	56,458,393	15,787	69,731,882	538	3,116,258
\$100,000 to \$199,999..	101,153	131,432,379	78,827	86,256,312	16,843	24,861,422	5,226	19,712,306	257	802,339
\$200,000 to \$299,999..	25,091	50,744,496	16,867	27,978,312	5,203	11,601,511	2,926	10,632,579	95	532,094
\$300,000 to \$499,999..	14,943	40,796,181	8,580	18,428,404	3,357	9,211,616	2,931	12,558,052	75	598,109
\$500,000 to \$699,999..	4,660	15,287,724	2,217	5,729,469	1,077	4,157,660	1,334	5,117,412	32	283,183
\$700,000 to \$999,999..	2,711	12,235,823	1,030	4,662,557	623	2,507,608	1,035	4,961,354	23	104,304
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	3,486	22,633,965	895	4,346,493	663	3,843,250	1,884	13,687,887	44	756,335
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	315	1,634,398	36	96,441	33	245,347	238	1,254,465	8	38,145
\$10,000,000 and over.....	240	2,052,366	11	12,811	12	229,979	213	1,807,827	4	1,749
PERCENT BY VALUE OF SALES										
Farms with sales of--										
\$100,000 and over.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$100,000 to \$199,999..	66.3	47.5	72.7	58.5	60.6	43.7	33.1	28.3	47.8	25.7
\$200,000 to \$299,999..	16.4	18.3	15.6	19.0	18.7	20.6	18.5	15.2	17.7	17.1
\$300,000 to \$499,999..	9.8	14.7	7.9	12.5	12.1	16.3	18.6	18.0	13.9	19.2
\$500,000 to \$699,999..	3.0	5.5	2.0	3.9	3.9	7.4	8.4	7.4	5.9	9.1
\$700,000 to \$999,999..	1.8	4.5	.9	3.2	2.2	4.4	6.6	7.1	4.3	3.3
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	2.3	8.2	.8	2.9	2.4	6.8	11.9	19.6	8.2	24.3
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	.2	.6	.1	.1	.1	.4	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.2
\$10,000,000 and over.....	.2	.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	.4	1.4	2.6	.7	.1
PERCENT BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION										
Farms with sales of--										
\$100,000 and over.....	100.0	100.0	71.1	53.3	18.2	20.4	10.3	25.2	.4	1.1
\$100,000 to \$199,999..	100.0	100.0	77.9	65.6	16.7	18.8	5.2	15.0	.2	.6
\$200,000 to \$299,999..	100.0	100.0	67.2	55.1	20.7	22.9	11.7	21.0	.4	1.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999..	100.0	100.0	57.4	45.2	22.5	22.6	19.6	30.8	.5	1.4
\$500,000 to \$699,999..	100.0	100.0	47.6	37.5	23.1	27.2	28.6	33.5	.7	1.8
\$700,000 to \$999,999..	100.0	100.0	38.0	38.1	23.0	20.5	38.2	40.5	.8	.9
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	100.0	100.0	25.7	19.2	19.0	17.0	54.0	60.5	1.3	3.3
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	100.0	100.0	11.4	5.9	10.5	15.0	75.6	76.8	2.5	2.3
\$10,000,000 and over.....	100.0	100.0	4.6	.6	5.0	11.2	88.8	88.1	1.6	.1