

CHAPTER III Continued

part-time farms if their occupation was other than farming. Corporation and "other" farms such as cooperatives, estates, or trusts, etc., were not classified as to the occupation of the person in charge.

The farm classification of corporations was based upon the percentage of gross business income received from the sale of agricultural products. Those receiving 50 percent or more from the sale of agricultural products were classified as primary farms and those with less than 50 percent were classified as business-associated farms.

**Off-farm work**—Information about off-farm work by farm operators was first collected for the 1930 Census of Agriculture and similar information has been obtained in each subsequent census. The off-farm work practices of farm operators varies from the supplementation of farm income with spare-time jobs to those operators who have regular nonfarm jobs and use the farm to supplement their primary income and to serve as a place of residence.

The 1974 and the 1969 data are tabulated for operators working one or more days off the farm. In 1969, no distinction was made between farm operators reporting none and those not reporting. In 1974 and some previous censuses, this distinction was made, and in others this category was omitted entirely from the tables. For more detailed information on previous censuses see Volume II, **General Report**, for the respective census year.

Data for days of work off the farm for both the farm operator and the persons in the operator's household are presented in Volume I, **State and County Data**, for the individual States. Volume I also contains data on the number of operators whose off-farm income in 1974 exceeded the value of agricultural products sold.

**Tenure**—The tenure data presented in this chapter are limited to age and year began operation. Tenure by race and other operator characteristics are shown in chapter I of this part.

**Characteristics of Farm Operators**

**Residence of farm operator**—In 1974, 80.2 percent of the farm operators reported residing on the farm operated. About 17.8 percent (405,000) operators did not report place of residence com-

pared with 10.6 percent in 1969. Of those reporting, 84.8 percent in the North and slightly less than 75 percent in the South resided on the farm operated. Between 1969 and 1974, the on-farm residency for all farms decreased by only 1 percent while that for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over decreased 3 percent.

Table 2. **Farm Operators by Residence: 1940 to 1974**

All Farms	Place of residence			Percent reporting		Percent not reporting
	On farm operated	Not on farm operated	Not reporting	On farm operated	Not on farm operated	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
1974.....	1,502,488	371,833	404,949	80.2	19.8	17.8
1969.....	1,982,738	457,679	289,833	81.2	18.8	10.6
1964.....	2,773,815	290,971	93,071	90.5	9.5	2.9
1959.....	3,236,247	266,988	207,268	92.4	7.6	5.6
1954 <sup>1</sup> .....	4,392,205	289,876	100,335	93.8	6.2	2.1
1950.....	4,987,134	269,546	131,757	94.9	5.1	2.4
1945 <sup>1</sup> .....	5,459,841	336,893	62,435	94.2	5.8	1.4
1940 <sup>1</sup> .....	5,506,322	313,598	276,879	94.6	5.4	4.5
<b>NORTH</b>						
1974.....	812,996	145,576	172,865	84.8	15.2	15.3
1969.....	1,028,612	163,422	111,716	86.3	13.7	8.6
1964.....	1,333,993	109,070	36,518	92.4	7.6	2.5
1959.....	1,529,703	104,498	81,240	93.6	6.4	4.7
1954.....	1,907,865	105,068	30,159	94.8	5.2	1.5
1950.....	2,111,847	106,481	47,738	95.2	4.8	2.2
1945.....	2,330,614	132,527	20,437	94.6	5.4	0.8
1940.....	2,351,054	120,664	108,241	95.1	4.9	4.2
<b>SOUTH</b>						
1974.....	536,414	184,825	198,286	74.4	25.6	21.6
1969.....	762,340	246,871	152,188	75.5	24.5	13.1
1964.....	1,181,713	143,313	47,706	89.2	10.8	3.5
1959.....	1,412,867	125,363	107,719	91.9	8.1	6.5
1954.....	2,107,121	145,290	64,196	93.5	6.5	2.8
1950.....	2,456,595	121,327	74,501	95.3	4.7	2.8
1945.....	2,683,655	159,442	38,038	94.4	5.6	1.3
1940.....	2,708,859	149,848	148,463	94.8	5.2	4.9
<b>WEST</b>						
1974.....	153,078	41,432	33,798	78.7	21.3	14.8
1969.....	191,786	47,386	25,929	80.2	19.8	9.8
1964.....	258,109	38,588	8,847	87.0	13.0	2.9
1959.....	293,677	37,127	18,309	88.8	11.2	5.2
1954.....	377,219	39,518	5,980	90.5	9.5	1.4
1950.....	418,692	41,738	7,518	90.9	9.1	1.6
1945.....	445,572	44,924	3,960	90.8	9.2	0.8
1940 <sup>1</sup> .....	446,409	43,086	20,175	91.2	8.8	4.0

<sup>1</sup>Alaska and Hawaii not included.

Table 3. **Farm Operators by Residence: 1959 to 1974**

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Place of residence			Percent reporting		Percent not reporting
	On farm operated	Not on farm operated	Not reporting	On farm operated	Not on farm operated	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
1974.....	1,125,054	260,328	277,160	81.2	18.8	16.7
1969.....	1,344,557	246,509	142,617	84.5	15.5	8.2
1964.....	1,603,548	168,292	45,600	90.5	9.5	2.5
1959.....	1,829,504	151,591	85,968	92.3	7.7	4.2
<b>NORTH</b>						
1974.....	683,989	115,671	137,457	85.5	14.5	14.7
1969.....	800,702	96,297	67,653	89.3	10.7	7.0
1964.....	952,662	72,840	22,095	92.9	7.1	2.1
1959.....	1,077,473	65,300	40,131	94.3	5.7	3.4
<b>SOUTH</b>						
1974.....	326,861	112,410	114,736	74.4	25.6	20.7
1969.....	405,230	117,965	59,984	77.5	22.5	10.3
1964.....	496,034	69,997	18,393	87.6	12.4	3.1
1959.....	568,394	61,994	36,612	90.2	9.8	5.5
<b>WEST</b>						
1974.....	114,204	32,247	24,967	78.0	22.0	14.6
1969.....	138,625	32,247	14,980	81.1	18.9	8.1
1964.....	154,852	25,455	5,112	85.9	14.1	2.8
1959.....	183,637	24,297	9,225	88.3	11.7	4.2