

CHAPTER III Continued

age living in rural areas, but not on a farm.

Of the nonresident operators under 25 years of age, 58 percent lived on a farm other than the one operated, indicating that many of them may reside on their parents' farms. At the 65 years old and over range, 68 percent lived in a town, city, or urban area.

Seventy-five percent of nonresident operators of farms with sales of \$500,000 and over lived in a town, city, or urban area. The highest percentage of nonresident farm operators living in a rural area but not on a farm was for farms with sales of under \$2,500. Table 6 shows nonresident farm operators by place of residence, age of operator, and value of agricultural products sold.

Years on present farm and year began operating present farm—In 1974, 70.4 percent of all operators reported the year they began operating their farms. Of those reporting, 36.8 percent reported less than 10 years on the present farm, 22.3 percent reported less than 5 years, and 9.0 percent reported less than 2 years. This compares with 35.4, 20.0, and 8.1 percent respectively in the 1969 Census of Agriculture. The distribution of farm operators by year began operation is provided in table 7 for the United States and the four regions.

Farm operators in the Northeast and North Central regions had a higher average number of years on their present farms than those in the South and West regions. In general, operators of farms

with sales of \$2,500 and over had operated their places for a longer period than had operators of other farms.

The distribution of years of operator on present farm by tenure indicates that part owners had operated their farms for the longest period of time and tenants the shortest. The proportion of farm operators operating their present farm 10 years or more has changed little since 1959. The percentage of those operating their present farms for less than 5 years increased slightly in all regions between 1969 and 1974 (tables 8 and 9).

Age of farm operator—Between 1945 and 1974, the average age of farm operators increased: 48.7 in 1945, 51.2 in 1969, and 51.7 in 1974. In 1974, 18.2 percent

Table 5. All Farm Operators by Residence for Selected Counties: 1974

(Includes counties with 300 nonresident farm operators and over in 1974, provided these represented 20 percent or more of all farm operators in the county)

All Farms	Farm operators			All Farms	Farm operators			All Farms	Farm operators		
	Farms	Residing on farm operated	Not residing on farm operated		Farms	Residing on farm operated	Not residing on farm operated		Farms	Residing on farm operated	Not residing on farm operated
ALABAMA				NORTH CAROLINA--Con.				TEXAS--Con.			
Madison.....	1,375	778	308	Pitt.....	1,576	789	387	Fort Bend.....	1,251	630	373
ARIZONA				Robeson.....	2,532	1,221	583	Freestone.....	1,018	353	466
Maricopa.....	1,842	879	491	Rockingham.....	1,626	942	332	Gillespie.....	1,057	577	306
Yuma.....	699	177	304	Wake.....	1,755	959	347	Gonzales.....	1,500	695	517
ARKANSAS				Wayne.....	1,792	940	387	Grayson.....	1,625	791	502
Craighead.....	1,286	684	323	NORTH DAKOTA				Grimes.....	1,012	408	393
CALIFORNIA				Williams.....	1,106	607	337	Guadalupe.....	1,467	842	406
Butte.....	1,517	933	321	OKLAHOMA				Hale.....	1,078	494	317
Kern.....	1,667	717	569	Alfalfa.....	974	441	320	Harris.....	1,478	591	540
Los Angeles.....	1,797	978	385	Blaine.....	1,053	513	307	Haskell.....	774	288	331
Riverside.....	2,333	1,085	822	Caddo.....	1,828	1,004	455	Henderson.....	1,340	608	438
San Bernardino.....	1,878	1,040	507	Custer.....	1,028	484	350	Hidalgo.....	2,827	991	1,143
San Diego.....	3,829	2,238	1,012	Garfield.....	1,434	745	413	Hill.....	1,562	748	522
San Joaquin.....	4,107	2,561	815	Grant.....	1,092	545	357	Hopkins.....	1,639	828	438
San Luisobispo.....	1,292	775	316	Jackson.....	809	281	354	Houston.....	1,206	520	444
Santa Barbara.....	1,179	594	353	Kiowa.....	1,010	410	402	Hunt.....	1,686	770	595
Santa Clara.....	1,542	828	383	Texas.....	951	398	344	Johnson.....	1,376	871	308
Tulare.....	5,083	2,832	1,251	Tillman.....	878	312	366	Jones.....	951	381	360
Ventura.....	1,639	741	534	Washita.....	1,431	655	465	Karnes.....	1,023	453	373
FLORIDA				Woods.....	861	363	308	Kaufman.....	1,212	598	372
Hardee.....	982	418	312	SOUTH CAROLINA				Lamar.....	1,429	687	429
Hillsborough.....	2,335	1,357	491	Orangeburg.....	1,588	926	317	Lavaca.....	2,137	1,074	666
Lake.....	1,535	1,450	625	Williamsburg.....	1,636	842	339	Lee.....	1,223	591	405
Orange.....	1,099	426	364	TEXAS				Leon.....	1,040	433	399
Polk.....	2,388	763	937	Anderson.....	1,159	559	336	Limestone.....	1,165	418	535
HAWAII				Atascosa.....	1,129	534	397	Lubbock.....	1,226	582	376
Hawai'i.....	1,641	798	488	Austin.....	1,466	734	465	McLennan.....	1,977	1,073	554
ILLINOIS				Bastrop.....	1,207	555	410	Medina.....	1,303	623	442
Champaign.....	1,983	1,241	414	Bell.....	1,635	915	417	Milam.....	1,493	789	424
Lee.....	1,533	1,033	301	Bexar.....	1,614	834	404	Montague.....	991	482	309
Pike.....	1,551	937	342	Brazoria.....	1,038	455	350	Navarro.....	1,531	498	704
Sangamon.....	1,512	941	315	Brown.....	1,072	479	384	Red River.....	1,094	520	317
Shelby.....	1,774	1,116	364	Burleson.....	1,133	548	361	Robertson.....	982	393	400
Vermilion.....	1,627	1,013	337	Caldwell.....	802	294	362	Rusk.....	1,299	602	383
KANSAS				Cameron.....	1,324	704	331	Smith.....	1,524	746	465
Marshall.....	1,389	821	313	Cherokee.....	1,378	698	406	Starr.....	784	265	375
Sumner.....	1,469	928	301	Collin.....	1,430	654	467	Taylor.....	904	397	341
KENTUCKY				Colorado.....	1,295	584	455	Van Zandt.....	2,026	1,018	617
Madison.....	1,573	888	306	Comanche.....	1,320	718	365	Washington.....	1,619	853	451
LOUISIANA				Cooke.....	1,178	618	318	Wharton.....	1,413	645	488
St. Landry.....	1,900	1,070	399	Denton.....	1,293	676	363	Williamson.....	1,935	1,058	505
Vermilion.....	1,475	770	339	De Witt.....	1,456	739	447	Wilson.....	1,378	687	443
NORTH CAROLINA				Duval.....	877	222	485	Young.....	718	276	304
Bladen.....	1,420	707	321	Eastland.....	1,117	498	365	UTAH			
Nash.....	1,519	810	355	Ellis.....	1,486	767	458	Cache.....	1,273	648	352
				Erath.....	1,438	825	365	Sanpete.....	749	176	404
				Falls.....	1,199	545	414	Utah.....	1,605	854	410
				Fannin.....	1,593	753	473	VIRGINIA			
				Fayette.....	2,368	1,250	692	Halifax.....	1,873	1,086	382
								Scott.....	1,660	914	344