

**Table 6. Nonresident Farm Operators, Age, and Value of Sales, by Residence: 1974**

All Farms	Nonresident farm operator	Places of residence					
		On another farm		In rural area not on a farm		In a city, town, or urban area	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>							
United States.....	371,833	94,073	25.3	67,312	18.1	210,448	56.6
Northeast.....	10,381	2,100	20.2	3,875	37.3	4,406	42.5
North Central.....	135,195	48,079	35.6	18,346	13.6	68,770	50.8
South.....	184,825	36,905	20.0	37,858	20.5	110,062	59.5
West.....	41,432	6,989	16.9	7,233	17.4	27,210	65.7
<b>AGE OF FARM OPERATOR</b>							
Total.....	371,833	94,073	25.3	67,312	18.1	210,448	56.6
Under 25.....	18,233	10,585	58.1	3,047	16.7	4,601	25.2
25 to 34.....	52,171	18,668	35.8	12,516	24.0	20,987	40.2
35 to 44.....	69,978	17,361	24.8	15,731	22.5	36,906	52.7
45 to 54.....	92,967	20,327	21.9	16,113	17.3	56,527	60.8
55 to 64.....	83,938	17,179	20.5	12,460	14.8	54,299	64.7
65 and over.....	54,546	9,973	18.3	7,445	13.6	37,128	68.1
<b>VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total.....	371,833	94,073	25.3	67,312	18.1	210,448	56.6
\$500,000 and over.....	1,928	185	9.6	305	15.8	1,438	74.6
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	5,951	680	11.4	984	16.5	4,287	72.1
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	11,630	1,965	16.9	2,004	17.2	7,661	65.9
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	34,719	8,329	24.0	5,739	16.5	20,651	59.5
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	42,062	12,102	28.8	6,746	16.0	23,214	55.2
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	51,320	15,232	29.7	8,659	16.9	27,429	53.4
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	55,725	16,232	29.1	10,161	18.2	29,332	52.7
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	56,993	14,233	25.0	10,653	18.7	32,107	56.3
Under \$2,500.....	111,505	25,115	22.5	22,061	19.8	64,329	57.7

**Table 7. Percent of Farm Operators by Year Operator Began Operating Present Farm: 1974**

ALL FARMS	Total	1973 and	1970 to	1965 to	1960 to	1955 to	1950 to	1945 to	Before 1945
		1974	1972	1969	1964	1959	1954	1949	
United States...	100.0	9.0	13.3	14.5	12.2	10.1	10.8	12.3	17.8
Northeast.....	100.0	6.7	12.0	14.5	12.2	11.0	11.8	12.1	19.7
North Central.....	100.0	8.2	12.0	13.4	12.0	10.9	11.4	13.4	18.7
South.....	100.0	10.1	14.3	15.4	12.3	9.2	10.2	11.4	17.1
West.....	100.0	10.1	15.4	15.6	12.5	9.9	9.7	11.3	15.5
<b>FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 AND OVER</b>									
United States...	100.0	7.8	11.5	13.4	12.3	10.9	11.6	13.6	18.9
Northeast.....	100.0	5.6	10.4	13.5	12.5	11.7	12.7	12.9	20.7
North Central.....	100.0	7.2	10.7	12.7	12.1	11.4	12.0	14.3	19.6
South.....	100.0	8.9	12.5	14.4	12.6	9.8	11.2	12.7	17.9
West.....	100.0	8.9	13.3	14.3	12.3	10.5	10.5	12.8	17.4

of the farm operators were 65 years old and over compared with 16.6 percent in that age group in 1969.

Farm operators in both the youngest and oldest age groups are increasing. Those under 25 years old increased from 1.9 percent in 1969 to 2.3 percent in 1974. Operators under 35 years old accounted for 12.6 percent of all farm operators in 1974 compared with 12.0 percent in 1969 and 11.5 percent in 1964. The percentage of farm operators together with key measures of agricultural resources and production for each of the age groups for farms with

sales of \$2,500 and over are presented in table 10. Operators in the age groups 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years account for a disproportionately large share of land in farms, value of land and buildings, harvested cropland, and value of sales.

By tenure, full owners had an average age of 53.3 years compared with 48.4 years for part owners and 43.5 years for tenants.

**Race and ethnic group of farm operator—** Only 59,000 farm operators reported a race other than White in 1974 compared with 104,000 in 1969. In 1974, there was

**Table 8. Percent Years on Present Farm by Tenure of Farm Operator: 1974**

All Farms	Total	Less than 5 years			10 years and over
		Under 2 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over	
Total.....	100.0	22.3	9.0	14.5	63.2
Full owners.....	100.0	22.3	8.9	14.6	63.1
Part owners.....	100.0	15.4	5.5	13.4	71.2
Tenants.....	100.0	39.8	18.8	16.6	43.6

**Table 9. Percent of Farm Operators by Years On Present Farm: 1950 to 1974**

All Farms	Total	Years on present farm		
		Under 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
1974.....	100.0	22.3	14.5	63.2
1969.....	100.0	20.0	15.4	64.6
1964.....	100.0	20.5	15.7	63.8
1959.....	100.0	17.7	17.5	64.8
1954 <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	21.6	25.1	53.3
1950.....	100.0	36.7	20.0	43.3
<b>NORTH</b>				
1974.....	100.0	20.1	13.6	66.3
1969.....	100.0	17.8	14.6	67.6
1964.....	100.0	18.4	15.9	65.8
1959.....	100.0	16.2	17.2	66.6
1954.....	100.0	18.7	25.0	56.3
1950.....	100.0	31.8	21.0	47.2
<b>SOUTH</b>				
1974.....	100.0	24.4	15.4	60.2
1969.....	100.0	22.0	16.1	61.9
1964.....	100.0	22.0	15.2	62.8
1959.....	100.0	18.7	17.3	64.0
1954.....	100.0	24.0	24.9	51.1
1950.....	100.0	41.0	18.7	40.3
<b>WEST</b>				
1974.....	100.0	25.4	15.6	59.0
1969.....	100.0	23.2	16.8	60.0
1964.....	100.0	24.0	17.4	58.7
1959.....	100.0	20.1	19.3	60.5
1954 <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	22.8	26.9	50.3
1950.....	100.0	36.2	22.2	41.6

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

a separate reporting group for Japanese, Chinese, and Filipinos who had been included in the other racial group in 1969. In Hawaii, where separate race data were collected for operators of Asian or Pacific Island origin; there were 184 Hawaiian, 1,733 Japanese, 86 Chinese, 208 Filipino, and 6 Korean out of a total of 3,020 farm operators.

Among the farm operators of selected racial groups in 1974, 77 percent were Black; 7 percent were American Indian; 11 percent were Japanese, Chinese, or Filipino; and 5 percent were other.

In 1969, when racial data included Blacks, American Indian, and others, 87