

Table 45. Changes in Resources and Production for Farms With Sales of Under \$2,500: 1959 to 1974

All Farms	All farms				Farms with sales under \$2,500 ¹			
	1974	1969	1964	1959 ²	1974	1969	1964	1959 ²
Farms.....number..	2,314,013	2,730,250	3,157,857	3,707,973	616,728	994,456	1,338,239	1,637,849
	Figures in thousands							
Land in farms.....acres..	1,017,030	1,062,893	1,110,187	1,123,378	56,325	89,780	137,605	140,326
Total cropland.....acres..	440,039	458,990	434,232	450,975	26,068	40,514	45,418	53,896
Harvested cropland.....acres..	303,002	273,016	286,892	313,637	6,277	11,265	18,354	26,386
Irrigated land.....acres..	41,243	39,122	37,056	33,419	464	623	1,304	1,233
Farm operators by age group:								
Under 35 years.....number..	292	326	362	465	76	113	126	164
35 to 44 years.....number..	400	523	654	806	109	173	230	297
45 to 54 years.....number..	577	724	851	980	144	235	315	393
55 to 64 years.....number..	589	704	742	803	146	246	317	366
65 years and over.....number..	421	453	548	617	142	227	351	404
Farm operators reporting days of work								
off farm.....number..	1,841	1,482	1,462	1,664	554	731	802	954
100 days and over.....number..	815	1,091	1,013	1,108	365	617	666	757
Value of agricultural products								
sold.....dollars..	81,531,026	45,563,892	35,292,431	30,625,934	696,944	935,276	1,142,863	1,514,510
Crops, including nursery								
products and forest products.....dollars..	42,022,275	17,082,970	16,410,672	13,458,951	278,230	419,144	574,838	733,760
Livestock and poultry and								
their products.....dollars..	39,508,750	28,480,921	18,841,027	17,166,982	418,714	516,133	565,644	780,750
Expenditures of--								
Feed for livestock and poultry.....dollars..	13,651,116	7,082,274	5,511,813	4,775,471	234,694	181,545	278,937	306,647
Commercial fertilizer.....dollars..	5,137,361	2,209,185	1,771,617	(NA)	96,689	95,636	113,998	(NA)
Gasoline and other petroleum								
fuel and oil for the farm								
business.....dollars..	3,087,606	1,906,579	1,786,796	1,554,367	104,597	143,914	137,540	148,120
Hired farm labor.....dollars..	4,652,075	3,375,203	2,798,571	2,621,651	35,008	76,049	68,130	78,942
Contract labor and machine								
hire and customwork.....dollars..	1,854,335	1,405,259	869,780	804,587	36,476	64,811	62,038	77,967
Motortrucks, including pickups.....number..	3,038	2,985	3,030	2,834	500	656	815	740
Tractors, excluding garden tractors								
and motor tillers.....number..	4,467	4,619	4,787	4,688	625	868	968	937
Grain and bean combines,								
self-propelled.....number..	524	467	341	(NA)	9	21	13	(NA)
Cornpickers, corn heads, and								
picker-shellers.....number..	615	635	690	792	29	46	62	77
Pickup balers.....number..	666	708	751	680	79	94	104	72
Cattle and calves.....number..	113,175	106,346	105,558	93,694	8,332	7,654	13,018	10,088
Milk cows.....number..	10,655	11,175	14,623	16,824	177	289	1,046	1,965
Hogs and pigs.....number..	45,304	55,455	54,080	69,460	861	1,699	3,363	7,436
Chickens 3 months old or older.....number..	335,740	371,008	*343,162	*369,864	3,387	6,420	*21,517	*50,855
Crops harvested:								
Field corn for all purposes.....acres..	72,330	60,402	63,515	79,896	979	1,867	3,464	7,705
Wheat for grain.....acres..	62,957	45,373	47,958	(NA)	321	1,252	1,693	(NA)
Cotton.....acres..	12,224	11,496	13,917	(NA)	65	409	839	(NA)
Tobacco.....acres..	877	877	1,025	(NA)	35	87	128	(NA)
Vegetables, sweet corn, and								
melons for sale.....acres..	3,124	3,352	3,334	(NA)	39	73	151	(NA)
Land in orchards (see text).....acres..	4,190	4,234	4,251	4,185	128	203	535	591

¹Abnormal farms not included.
²Based on only a sample number of farms.
³Includes recreational income.
⁴Chickens 4 months old and over.