

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

**Cotton and cottonseed**—Cotton sales from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1974 was \$2.3 billion. These represented 5.5 percent of the market value of all crops sold and 2.8 percent of the total value of all agricultural products sold. California had the largest value of sales, followed by Texas, Mississippi, and Arizona. These States had a combined value of sales equal to two-thirds of the total value of cotton and cottonseed sold in 1974. For farms reporting sales, the average value was \$28,245 per farm.

More than 70 percent of the value of cotton sold came from farms with cotton sales of \$40,000 and over. These represented 15.3 percent of the 80,025 farms reporting cotton sold and one-half of the value came from 4,435 farms. Farms with cotton sales of less than \$10,000 represented 55.9 percent of the farms but accounted for less than 8 percent of cotton sales (table 9).

**Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage**—The value of sales for this group of crops was \$2 billion in 1974; representing 4.8 percent of the value of all crops sold and 2.5 percent of the value of all agricultural products sold from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over. California had the largest value of sales and accounted for

Table 9. Cotton and Cottonseed Sold: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Sales (mil. dol.)		Percent	
	Farms	Sales	Farms	Sales
Cotton and cottonseed sold.....	80,025	2,260	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$2,499.....	16,489	22	20.6	1.0
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	13,987	50	17.5	2.2
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	14,206	101	17.8	4.5
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	13,244	186	16.5	8.3
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	9,805	273	12.3	12.1
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	7,859	479	9.8	21.2
\$100,000 and over....	4,435	1,148	5.5	50.8

Table 10. Field Seeds, Hay, Forage, and Silage Sold: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Sales (mil. dol.)		Percent	
	Farms	Sales	Farms	Sales
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage sold	347,972	2,002	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$2,499.....	207,353	191	59.6	9.5
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	56,947	203	16.4	10.1
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	43,069	300	12.4	15.0
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	23,562	323	6.8	16.1
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	10,391	282	3.0	14.1
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	4,828	285	1.4	14.2
\$100,000 and over....	1,822	418	.5	20.9

15.8 percent of the total value of these products sold in 1974. For farms reporting sales, the average value was \$5,754 per farm (table 10).

Almost three-fifths of the 348,000 farms with sales of these products had sales of less than \$2,500. Only 12 percent of the farms had sales of \$10,000 or more but they accounted for almost two-thirds of the sales.

**Other field crops**—This group of crops consists of peanuts, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, sugar beets, sugarcane, popcorn, mint for oil, hops, etc. The market value of sales for these crops sold from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1974 was \$3.9 billion; comprising 9.5 percent of all crops sold and 4.9 percent of the total value of all agricultural products sold. Hawaii had the largest value of sales with sugarcane the principal crop. Other States with large sales were Idaho, California, and Louisiana. These four States had a combined value of sales equal to 37.7 percent of the total value of these crops sold in 1974. For farms reporting sales, the average value was \$55,515 per farm (table 11).

The 7,571 farms with sales of \$100,000 and over for these crops accounted for over 70 percent of the value

Table 11. Other Field Crops Sold: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Sales (mil. dol.)		Percent	
	Farms	Sales	Farms	Sales
Other field crops sold.	70,690	3,924	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$2,499.....	14,670	16	20.8	.4
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	8,759	32	12.4	.8
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	10,006	71	14.1	1.8
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	10,067	144	14.2	3.6
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	9,667	275	13.7	7.0
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	9,950	621	14.1	15.8
\$100,000 and over....	7,571	2,765	10.7	70.4

Table 12. Vegetables, Sweet Corn, and Melons Sold: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Sales (mil. dol.)		Percent	
	Farms	Sales	Farms	Sales
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons sold.....	55,736	2,339	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$2,499.....	16,441	17	29.5	.7
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	9,689	34	17.4	1.5
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	9,741	68	17.5	3.0
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	7,524	105	13.5	4.5
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	4,834	134	8.7	5.7
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	3,836	238	6.9	10.1
\$100,000 and over....	3,671	1,742	6.6	74.5

of sales. Farms with sales of \$40,000 to \$99,999 had 16 percent of the sales.

**Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons**—The value of vegetables, sweet corn, and melons for sale from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over was \$2.3 billion in 1974, or about a 77-percent increase from the value of \$1.3 billion in 1969. The value of sales represented 5.6 percent of all crops sold and 2.9 percent of the value of all agricultural products sold in 1974.

California had the largest value of sales, followed by Florida. The combined sales for these two States were equal to over one-half of the total value of sales of these crops from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1974. For farms reporting sales, the average value was \$41,965 per farm (table 12).

Less than 56,000 farms with sales of \$2,500 or more reported sales for these crops of which nearly one-half reported vegetable sales of less than \$5,000. Almost three-quarters of the sales were concentrated on 3,671 farms with vegetable sales of \$100,000 and over.

**Fruits, nuts, berries, and pineapples**—The value of fruits, nuts, berries, and pineapples sold from farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in 1974 was \$3 billion, about 76 percent higher than the \$1.7 billion reported in 1969. The value of sales was 7.1 percent of all crops sold and 3.6 percent of the value of all agricultural products sold. California had the largest value of sales accounting for 49.2 percent of the value. Florida had the next largest value of sales accounting for 16.3 percent. All major fruit growing States had a larger value of sales in 1974 than in 1969. For farms reporting sales, the average value was \$43,392 per farm (table 13).

Production of fruits, nuts, berries, and pineapples is highly concentrated on a small number of farms. About 14,300 farms or 21 percent of the 67,639 farms reporting sales of these products accounted for more than 80 percent of the value of sales. Farms with sales of \$100,000 and over accounted for over two-fifths of the total sales (table 14).