

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

percent of the farms with related income, but accounted for less than 8 percent of the farm-related income (table 26).

**Family Income From Off-Farm Sources**

Data on off-farm income of farm operator families were obtained in the 1974 census for the first time since the 1964 census. In the absence of a sample follow-on survey such as was conducted for the last three censuses, these questions were added to the 1974 report form for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over in order to provide a better understanding of income distribution and the relative importance of off-farm activities and other sources of income.

These data were not obtained for farms with sales of under \$2,500 or for corporations or other types of organizations with sales of \$2,500 and over. Thus these data represent off-farm income only for individual or family operated farms

**Table 25. Farm Income: 1974 and 1969**

Income of all farms				Income of farms with sales of \$2,500 and over			
Total (million dollars)		Average per farm (dollars)		Total (million dollars)		Average per farm (dollars)	
1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969	1974	1969
1,564	(NA)	2,883	(NA)	1,429	(NA)	3,306	(NA)
628	510	2,960	1,661	595	471	3,187	1,811
44	50	2,544	1,630	39	39	2,884	1,880
282	2,534	1,305	2,241	266	2,368	1,490	2,810
477	(NA)	3,014	(NA)	401	(NA)	3,781	(NA)
133	(NA)	2,450	(NA)	128	(NA)	2,641	(NA)

Total farm income..... 1,564 (NA) 2,883 (NA) 1,429 (NA) 3,306 (NA)  
 Agricultural services... 628 510 2,960 1,661 595 471 3,187 1,811  
 Recreation..... 44 50 2,544 1,630 39 39 2,884 1,880  
 Government programs... 282 2,534 1,305 2,241 266 2,368 1,490 2,810  
 Cash and share rents... 477 (NA) 3,014 (NA) 401 (NA) 3,781 (NA)  
 Other sources..... 133 (NA) 2,450 (NA) 128 (NA) 2,641 (NA)

**Table 26. Total Farms and Farms With Farm-Related Income: 1974**

	All farms	Farms with farm-related income				
		Farms	Percent of all farms	Gross receipts		
				Total (million dollars)	Percent	Average per farm (dollars)
Total farms.....	2,314,013	542,337	23.4	1,564	100.0	2,883
\$500,000 and over.....	11,412	3,300	28.9	133	8.5	40,183
\$200,000 to \$499,999....	40,034	12,503	31.2	121	7.8	9,668
\$100,000 to \$199,999....	101,153	32,181	31.8	169	10.9	5,261
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	324,310	98,302	30.3	331	21.1	3,367
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	321,771	85,518	26.6	239	15.3	2,795
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	310,011	72,944	23.5	178	11.3	2,435
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	296,373	65,438	22.0	134	8.5	2,042
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	289,983	61,902	21.3	125	8.0	2,013
Under \$2,500.....	616,728	109,591	17.8	116	7.4	1,061
Abnormal farms.....	2,238	658	29.4	19	1.2	28,708

**Income From Customwork and Other Agricultural Services: 1974 (All Farms—County Unit Basis)**

