

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS Continued

Table 40. Comparative Share of Resources: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Farms with sales of \$2,500 and over	Farms with sales of--					
		\$100,000 and over	\$40,000 to \$99,999	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$10,000 to \$19,999	\$5,000 to \$9,999	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Farms.....number, 1974..	100.0	9.0	19.1	19.0	18.3	17.5	17.1
.....number, 1969..	100.0	3.0	9.8	19.1	22.8	22.5	22.8
Land in farms.....acres, 1974..	100.0	30.6	27.2	17.7	11.3	7.3	5.9
.....acres, 1969..	100.0	18.7	20.1	22.6	18.7	11.6	8.3
Harvested cropland.....farms, 1974..	100.0	9.0	20.0	19.9	18.7	17.1	15.3
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	2.8	9.8	19.9	23.7	22.5	21.2
.....acres, 1974..	100.0	31.8	32.1	18.6	9.9	4.9	2.7
.....acres, 1969..	100.0	11.8	21.1	27.7	21.9	11.4	6.1
Value of land and buildings.....1974..	100.0	31.6	27.5	16.2	10.7	7.5	6.4
.....1969..	100.0	16.6	20.2	23.2	18.4	12.2	9.4
Value of machinery and equipment.....1974..	100.0	26.7	29.9	18.2	11.6	7.7	5.8
.....1969..	100.0	11.7	20.6	25.6	20.1	12.7	9.3
Value of agricultural products sold.....1974..	100.0	9.0	19.1	19.0	18.3	17.5	17.1
.....1969..	100.0	3.0	9.8	19.1	22.8	22.5	22.8
Value of selected products sold:							
Cash grain.....farms, 1974..	100.0	10.3	23.0	21.6	19.1	15.3	10.7
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	2.6	10.8	22.2	25.8	21.8	16.8
.....value, 1974..	100.0	42.0	32.9	14.6	6.7	2.8	1.0
.....value, 1969..	100.0	13.0	25.9	29.0	19.3	9.0	3.8
Tobacco.....farms, 1974..	100.0	3.3	10.2	15.4	21.8	25.8	23.4
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	.8	4.1	11.1	20.0	31.1	32.9
.....value, 1974..	100.0	20.2	25.9	20.9	16.8	10.8	5.4
.....value, 1969..	100.0	8.8	12.3	21.3	24.1	21.4	12.1
Cotton.....farms, 1974..	100.0	17.1	20.7	18.7	17.3	14.6	11.6
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	3.9	10.0	16.2	20.7	22.5	26.7
.....value, 1974..	100.0	67.3	18.0	7.9	4.0	1.9	.8
.....value, 1969..	100.0	32.8	23.7	18.7	12.8	7.4	4.7
Fruit, nuts, and berries.....farms, 1974..	100.0	12.7	16.2	17.3	19.5	18.5	15.7
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	6.1	11.3	16.6	20.1	23.1	22.9
.....value, 1974..	100.0	65.0	17.8	8.8	5.0	2.4	1.0
.....value, 1969..	100.0	48.4	20.5	14.1	9.0	5.4	2.5
Nursery and greenhouse products.....farms, 1974..	100.0	17.0	16.7	16.1	16.8	17.0	16.3
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	13.0	15.9	18.5	17.7	17.6	17.3
.....value, 1974..	100.0	78.2	12.0	5.1	2.7	1.4	.7
.....value, 1969..	100.0	70.1	15.4	8.1	3.7	1.8	.9
Poultry and poultry products.....farms, 1974..	100.0	16.4	25.9	20.0	15.5	12.3	10.1
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	5.4	15.2	23.6	24.5	18.3	13.0
.....value, 1974..	100.0	79.2	16.9	2.8	.7	.3	.1
.....value, 1969..	100.0	54.3	28.6	11.9	3.5	1.2	.5
Dairy products.....farms, 1974..	100.0	8.3	31.1	30.9	18.5	8.1	3.1
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	1.8	10.8	29.4	30.3	18.7	9.0
.....value, 1974..	100.0	36.1	38.4	18.8	5.5	1.1	.2
.....value, 1969..	100.0	16.4	25.8	34.3	17.4	5.0	1.1
Cattle and calves.....farms, 1974..	100.0	8.5	20.1	20.0	18.1	16.9	16.6
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....value, 1974..	100.0	65.0	15.8	8.5	5.3	3.4	2.1
.....value, 1969..	100.0	48.4	18.4	14.3	9.7	5.8	3.4
Hogs and pigs.....farms, 1974..	100.0	9.5	24.6	22.4	18.4	14.4	10.7
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....value, 1974..	100.0	37.9	35.5	15.4	6.9	3.0	1.2
.....value, 1969..	100.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Total production expenses.....farms, 1974..	100.0	9.0	19.1	19.0	18.3	17.5	17.1
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	3.0	9.8	19.1	22.8	22.5	22.8
.....value, 1974..	100.0	36.9	22.5	10.3	5.3	2.9	2.1
.....value, 1969..	100.0	37.7	21.7	18.7	11.6	6.0	4.3
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms, 1974..	100.0	9.1	20.5	19.6	17.4	16.5	16.8
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	3.2	11.0	21.4	23.8	21.1	19.5
.....value, 1974..	100.0	63.8	20.6	8.2	3.7	2.1	1.7
.....value, 1969..	100.0	43.1	23.5	18.0	9.0	4.0	2.5
Livestock and poultry purchased.....farms, 1974..	100.0	12.3	22.9	19.2	16.4	14.6	14.6
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	4.3	13.4	22.8	23.1	19.1	17.3
.....dollars, 1974..	100.0	73.3	14.1	5.7	3.2	2.0	1.8
.....dollars, 1969..	100.0	56.5	19.8	12.1	6.2	3.1	2.4
Fertilizer.....farms, 1974..	100.0	10.2	21.9	20.5	18.0	15.7	13.7
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	3.0	10.6	21.0	23.8	21.5	20.0
.....dollars, 1974..	100.0	44.2	29.4	13.4	6.9	3.7	2.3
.....dollars, 1969..	100.0	20.7	24.4	24.7	16.0	8.7	5.5
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil.....farms, 1974..	100.0	9.2	19.6	19.2	18.2	17.2	16.6
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	3.0	9.9	19.2	22.9	22.5	22.6
.....dollars, 1974..	100.0	35.0	29.1	16.9	9.9	5.5	3.6
.....dollars, 1969..	100.0	15.1	20.3	24.8	19.8	11.9	8.1
Hired farm labor.....farms, 1974..	100.0	16.8	25.6	19.3	15.0	12.5	10.9
.....farms, 1969..	100.0	4.6	13.3	22.7	23.1	19.1	17.2
.....dollars, 1974..	100.0	71.7	16.6	6.2	2.9	1.5	1.1
.....dollars, 1969..	100.0	50.0	21.3	14.3	7.6	3.9	2.9

Sales of cattle and calves accounted for almost 40 percent of the total agricultural sales and sales of cash grains represented 25 percent of the total. Although important to this size farm, these cattle sales were only 2 percent of the total for farms with sales of \$2,500 and over.

Production expenditures exceeded farm sales by \$300 million for these farms in 1974. Livestock feed, at \$226 million, was the largest single expenditure, but the all other category accounted for \$480 million or over one-third of the total.

One-half of the farms of this size were in the South with Texas, Kentucky, and Tennessee having the largest numbers.

Farms with sales of under \$2,500—Almost 27 percent of all farms had sales under \$2,500 in 1974. Sales of agricultural products from these farms total \$697 million and accounted for less than 1 percent of all farm sales. Sales averaged \$1,130 per farm and three-fifths came from livestock and livestock products.

These farms had less than 6 percent of the land in farms and 2 percent of land from which crops were harvested. Almost 63 percent of the harvested cropland was in hay.

Over two-thirds of the operators of these farms reported that farming was not their principal occupation and almost 80 percent that the income from off-farm sources was equal to or greater than the value of agricultural products sold. A number of operators did not report the relative level of off-farm income so the 80 percent is an understatement of the actual number (table 42).

The definition of a farm used for 1974 referred to places with sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 and over or the potential thereof. In 1974, 276,101 places were counted as farms based on their potential to produce sales of \$1,000 and over in the normal year. The criteria used to measure the potential sales included assigning estimated values to crop acreages, livestock and poultry inventories, and selected production expenditures (table 43).

income, which amounted to \$2.3 billion, or more than double farm sales of \$982 million in 1974. Almost three-quarters of the 200,000 farms had off-farm income of \$5,000 and over. The average age of these operators was 53.6 years, the oldest of any of the value groups with sales of

\$2,500 and over.

In resources, these farms had only 6 percent of the land in farms with sales of \$2,500 and over, less than 3 percent of the land from which crops were harvested, and less than 6 percent of the value of machinery and equipment.