

# U.S. Has 33 Million Owners of Farmland

Q: How many farmland owners do we have?

A: Around 3.3 million, according to the latest figures.

Q: How many owners are "active" farmers?

A: Not quite 3 out of 4. The others are nonfarm landlords—they lease their holdings to other parties.

These findings are contained in a new ERS report entitled "Farm Landlords in the United States," which analyzes data drawn from the 1969 Census of Agriculture and the 1970 Survey of Agricultural Finance.

The report says there were 927,400 nonfarm landlords in 1970, and they represented 28 percent of the 3,315,000

farmland owners in the 48 contiguous States.

Of the 3.3 million, Texas led in the State breakdown (287,600), followed by Iowa (170,700), and Illinois (164,700). These States also made the top three in the nonfarm landlord class: Texas with 87,500 nonfarm landlord owners, Illinois with 70,900, and Iowa with 63,100.

The average amount of land owned by all title holders—operators and nonoperators—was 320 acres. The nonfarm landlords had larger holdings on the average than the owner-operators—380 acres versus 296.

In the Eastern States, most landlords owned less

than 180 acres. Their holdings were generally valued at less than \$40,000. Landlords in the West, in contrast, had larger holdings in terms of acreage and in value. Over half the dollar value of rented land was rented from landlords whose holdings were worth \$100,000 and up.

On the whole, the report says, it appears that no one landlord or group of landlords controlled the land resource in a given area. The distribution of ownership among landlords was quite uneven. Concentration of landlord holdings varied widely among States and regions, depending on the prevailing types of farming enterprises and on land tenure patterns.

Total farmland being rented in 1969 came to 398 million acres, divided up among an estimated 1.7 million leaseholds or rental arrangements. About 59 percent of all rented acreage was cash rented, much of which was pasture and grazing land in the West. Another 30 percent was rented under share arrangements, and the remainder under various cash and share combinations.

## USDA Amends Oats Standards

Amendments of the U. S. standards for oats will become effective June 1, 1975, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced recently. The amendments are basically the same as proposed Dec. 17, 1973.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) said the amendments delete the genetic and color-based class names (White, Red, Gray, Black, and Mixed) because classification by genetic background has become increasingly difficult. Under the amendments, inspectors will be authorized to show on inspection certificates, upon request by an applicant for inspection certificates, upon request by an applicant for inspection, the overall color of oats without regard to the genetic background of the oats. Other changes:

—Increase the minimum test weight requirement for U. S. No. 1 from 34 pounds to 36 pounds and for U. S. No. 2 from 32 pounds to 33 pounds.

—Increase the test weight requirement for "Extra-heavy oats" from "38 pounds or more" to "40 pounds or more" and for "Heavy oats" from "36 pounds or more but less than 38 pounds" to "38 pounds or more but less than 40 pounds."

The amended standards are scheduled to be

published in the Sept. 5 Federal Register.

Official grading is provided under the U.S. Grain Standards Act upon request

of an applicant, usually a buyer or seller, for a fee to cover the cost of the service. Grading is required when the grain is sold by grade for export.

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OF REAL ESTATE

112 Acre Farm more or less

Thurs. Eve., Sept. 26, 1974

7:00 P.M.

Located along Cloverleaf Road, 3 miles Northeast of Elizabethtown, Pa. Get off 283 bypass at Rheems & Milton Grove interchange turn North.

No. 1 Large Bank barn, implement shed, Corn Barn tobacco Shed w-cellar & stripping room Hanged 6 acres, Silo, 4 car garage, 100 acres of tillable, 12 acres of Pasture has Stream. Steer farm, it could be made in to Dairy.

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10 Room House w-bath, Large porch, Summer House, attic, cellar.

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8 room House w-Bath, Coal Furnace. 2 car garage, attic, cellar. To inspect both properties call 717-653-5689. We will be selling both properties at No. 1, No. 2 will be sold first. Real Estate to be offered at 7:00 p.m.

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### FARM MACHINERY

Location: 3 miles southeast of Quarryville. From Route 372 take May Post Office road to Springville Rd. go East to Walt Sively Jr. repair shop.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1974

1 P.M.

FORD 5000 DIESEL  
FORD 4000 GAS

John Deere disc., Ferguson transport disc, John Deere 24T baler w-No. 2 thrower, J.D. wagon w-racks, J.D. No. 246 Cornplanter, J.D. 12 ft. 3 sec. harrow, J.D. plow, J.D. manure spreader, Allis Chalmers hay, bine 9 ft., Smoker 24 ft. elevator, Dunham Cultipacker, I.H.C. flail chopper, Agway dumping station, DeLaval 76 milker pump, 6 Surge milkers 50 lb., Agway hot water heater, SS double wash tub, SS strainer, 2 feed carts and other articles.

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## PUBLIC SALE

OF 83-ACRE FARM, LIVESTOCK,  
HORSE-DRAWN FARM EQUIPMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1974

AT 10:30 A.M.

Located approximately 2 miles west of Route 104 along road leading to Oriental, Perry Township, Snyder County, Pa., the following to wit:

83-ACRE FARM (more or less)  
(SNYDER COUNTY)

LARGE BANK BARN with Attached Milk House (New). Barn Equipped with 12 Stanchions. New Horse Stable.

### 2½-STORY DWELLING

(Aluminum Siding, New Plumbing and Electric) IMPLEMENT SHED, CORN SHED, BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Well and Pressure System. 4 Acres Meadow with Pond. Creek on edge of property. This farm is well located with many feet of road frontage. Land in high state of cultivation. Real Estate at 2:00 P.M.

### 11 HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS

(Grade and Purebred — Health Charts)

BULL (Purebred, 1½ years old. Holstein Astronaut). 4 WORK HORSES (Extra fine); CARRIAGE HORSE (Standard Bred); 14 PIGS (100-125 lbs.); PUREBRED CALF.

### FARMEQUIPMENT

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12-Can Milk Cooler (stainless steel); 3 Surge Milers (50 lb. buckets); 20-Qt. Carrying Bucket (stainless steel); 23 Milk Cans; S.P. 22 Surge Vacuum Pump; Stainless Steel Twin Tubs; Stainless Steel Strainers; Kerosene Glass Lined Water Heater (40 gal.); Vacuum Clipper (extra blades, new); Cow Chains; Halters; Bridles; Collars and Pads; Five Sticks; Many Single, Double and Triple Trees; 4, 5, and 6 Sets Work Harness (like new); Check Lines; Saddle; Jockey Hitches; Middle Rings; 3-H.P. Cobler Compressor; 3-H.P. Briggs & Stratton Engine; 64' Endless Belt, 6"; Log Chains; Corn Chopper; Aluminum Shovel; Plow Shears; Baler Twine; 275-Gal. Fuel Tank (half full); 50-Gal. Tank and Filter; Meat Bench; 3 Double Coleman Lanterns; Alfalfa; Clover, Oats Seeds; 23½ ACRES CORN (in field). All implements in extra good condition. Do not miss this sale! (Call Auctioneer for Directions).

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