

Ag census outlines

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include any place operated under the control of an individual management on which the sales of agricultural products amounted, or normally would amount, to \$1,000 in the census year.

Data are also published for 1974 for the smaller agricultural operations that would have qualified as farms under the prior definition but had sales of less than \$1,000. (That definition included as farms places of less than 10 acres if the sales of agricultural products amounted, or normally would amount, to at least \$250. Places of 10 acres or more were counted as farms if the sales of agricultural products amounted, or normally would amount, to at least \$50.)

Data on agriculture in the United States have been published periodically for every census from 1840 (every 10 years up to 1920 and every five years thereafter). Most of the statistics are issued in printed reports; those for 1974 include the following series.

Prior to publication of the final census figures, a separate 4-page report for each county in the United States with 10 or more farms was released giving statistical highlights on basic data items, including the principal crops and livestock for each county, along with comparable data for 1969. At the earliest possible date, this series provides usable information on a limited number of major items — in less detail than the final reports. For Agricultural services, a preliminary 2-page state report was issued showing the number of agricultural service establishments, gross receipts, and payroll.

A separate report was published for each of the 50 States and for the United States, by State. Volume I reports also were published for Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, con-

taining data for each area and its subdivisions. Each of the State reports is divided into four chapters:

1. Thirty-three tables showing detailed data at the State level.

2. Thirty-three tables of selected data for counties and the State, organized by subject.

3. County data, by subject, for miscellaneous crop and livestock items found in relatively few counties.

4. Fifteen tables of detailed data for each county.

Volume II. Statistics, by Subject — This report presents statistics, by subject, for the United States, regions, geographic divisions, and States. It also includes some data tabulated in greater detail than shown in the Volume I reports.

Volume III. Agricultural Services — This volume covers agricultural service establishments at the U.S., State, and county level.

Volume IV. Special Reports — This is a series of reports including the Procedural History, Coverage Evaluation, Ranking Counties and States, and the Graphic Summary. The latter offers

a profile of the nation's agricultural system in a series of U.S. maps, a number of which are printed in color. The graphic summary and the ranking counties report are two of the most widely used census of agriculture publications.

Three reports, based on surveys drawn from the 1974 census, contain information on the number of corporations and partnerships engaged in agriculture, their organizational structure and production characteristics, the extent of their nonfarm business activity, and agricultural production and marketing contracts.

Agricultural data also are presented in convenient digest form in several Bureau publications, Pocket Data Book, USA (a paperback issued every 2 years), the annual Statistical Abstract of the United States, Historical Statistics of the United States From Colonial Times to 1970, and the periodic County and City Data Book. Certain reports from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing and the 1972 Economic Censuses contain some data related to agriculture, such as farm residence or employment, food processing, tran-

sportation of agricultural products, and foreign trade involving such items.

The Census Bureau and the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperatively prepare certain reports, for example, the annual Farm Population of the United States, Series P-27. Publications of the Department of Agriculture and various States also contain additional information.

The printed summary reports and some of the special reports are also made available on microfiche. Summary data, available on computer tapes contain the same data published in chapters 3 and 4 of Volume I.

Published reports from the agriculture censuses and surveys are available for use in nearly 1,200 depository libraries across the country. These are mainly college, university, and large public libraries, but many smaller libraries in agricultural areas have them also. (A list is available from the Census Bureau on request.) The publications are available for reference and/or order at U.S. Department of Commerce district offices and

Census Bureau regional offices, or they can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or through its bookstores in other parts of the nation.

Microfiche copies of published reports, summary tapes, and special tabulations of census or survey results can be ordered from the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. There are also several private summary tape processing centers that are able to provide tape copies and services to their customers.

The Census Bureau assists its data users in a number of ways. It publishes a catalog and the monthly Data User News, and issues guides to particular segments of its statistics. The Bureau also conducts workshops on the availability and use of statistics. It offers exhibits and resources for the conventions of interested national organizations, and each Bureau regional office has a user services specialist trained to answer inquiries and assist in locating data.

Inquiries and suggestions

about the agriculture statistics program and other Bureau activities are invited. Write or call: Chief, Agriculture Division Bureau of the Census Washington, D.C. 20233

Sales contest winner named

ELIZABETHTOWN — Claude Keefer, marketing manager at Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch, Inc., Elizabethtown, recently announced the winner of the egg producing and marketing company's winter sales contest.

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