Definitions and explanations are limited to those having particular significance in respect to the color or race and tenure classification and to the presentation of statistics classified by color or race and/or tenure of operator. Definitions and explanations of general application are included in chapter 1 of this volume. The descriptive terms and explanations refer principally to the 1969 Census of Agriculture, although for comparable items they will also apply, in general, to earlier census years. The most significant changes in definitions or procedures that affect comparability among the various censuses are given separately following the presentation of the 1969 definitions.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

General

The definitions consist primarily of a résumé of the report-form wording supplemented by any pertinent instructions or procedures for enumerating or processing the agriculture report form. For the exact wording of the inquiries pertaining to tenure, reference should be made to the facsimile of the parts of the 1969 Census of Agriculture report form shown in the text.

Selected Terms

Basis of the tenure classification—Farm tenure deals with the respective rights of individuals in the use of land and resources associated with the land required in agricultural production. The tenure classifications used in 1969 and in earlier censuses of agriculture are restricted to the farm operator and his rights on the land he operates. The tenure arrangement under which farmland is operated may affect the way the land is used and the amounts of capital and labor used with the land.

The census classification of tenure of farm operators was based on replies to inquiries on land owned, land rented to others, and land rented to others by farm operators, and on the basis of the rental arrangements for land rented from others. For farm operators renting land to others, the tenure of the farm operator was determined on the basis of the tenure of the land retained.

The classifications of tenure, as used in the 1969 census, were as follows:

Full owners operate only land they own.

Part owners operate land they own and also land they rent from others or work on shares for others.

Tenants operate only land they rent from others, or work on shares for others.

Land owned and rented—Definitions of land owned and rented are a further description of the tenure classification. A facsimile of the A2 report-form inquiries for land owned, land...