The proportion of farm operators reporting that they had lived on their present place 10 years or more increased by 10.0 percent between 1950 and 1954, and by another 11.5 percent between 1954 and 1959. However, there has been little change since 1959. The data for present farm vary considerably by region, as shown in the table 11.

Several major tables related to year began operation, as reported in the 1968 census, are included in this part of chapter 3. These include year began by tenure and residence; year began, value of sales and residence by type of organization; year began, value of sales, and residence by type of farm; and year began, value of sales, and residence by age of operator. This is the first census for which these data have been tabulated in this manner.

Age of Farm Operator

From 1945 to 1964, the changes in age of operator were slight but there was a tendency toward older operators. This tendency

Table 7. Year Operator Began Operating Present Farm, Percent Distribution for All Farms: 1969

Table 8. Year Operator Began Operating Present Farm, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969

Table 9. Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution for All Farms: 1969

Table 10. Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969

Table 11. All Farm Operators by Years on Present Farm, Percent Distribution: 1969

Table 12. Farm Characteristics by Age of Farm Operator, Percent Distribution for Class 1-5 Farms: 1969