Introduction

Data shown in this chapter are organized into four parts. Part 1 shows data on farm equipment; part 2 deals with farm labor; part 3 presents information on farm production expenses; and part 4 shows statistics in three sections—section A on the use of fertilizer and lime, section B on the use of other agricultural chemicals, and section C on land improvement practices.

The comparability of data for 1969 with those of earlier censuses is discussed in chapter 1 of this volume together with general definitions and explanations for the 1969 Census of Agriculture. Chapter 1 also contains information on how the 1969 census was taken and processed and factors influencing the accuracy of the data.

Data for 1969 are based on reports from farms with sales of $2,500 and over and from a sample of approximately 50 percent of those farms with sales of less than $2,500. Most of the data shown in this chapter for 1964, 1959, 1954, and 1950 are based on reports from a sample of approximately 20 percent of the farms.