The machinery and equipment items which have been covered in the census of agriculture, have varied from census to census. Various items of equipment have been added or dropped from the census report forms, based on the need to measure new trends in mechanization and the need for benchmark statistics for major items. In 1969, there were no census inquiries to obtain information about farm facilities, as there had been in previous censuses.

Table 2 indicates, for each of the 1969 inquiries for all farms, the availability of comparable census data from 1920 to 1964. Table 3 shows the comparable data available for Class 1-5 farms from 1950 to 1964.