of the farm operators were 65 years old and over compared with 16.6 percent in that age group in 1969.

Farm operators in both the youngest and oldest age groups are increasing. Those under 25 years old increased from 1.9 percent in 1969 to 2.3 percent in 1974. Operators under 35 years old accounted for 12.6 percent of all farm operators in 1974 compared with 12.0 percent in 1969 and 11.5 percent in 1964. The percentage of farm operators together with key measures of agricultural resources and production for each of the age groups for farms with sales of $2,500 and over are presented in Table 10. Operators in the age groups 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years account for a disproportionately large share of land in farms, value of land and buildings, harvested cropland, and value of sales.

By tenure, full owners had an average age of 53.3 years compared with 48.4 years for part owners and 43.5 years for tenants.

Race and ethnic group of farm operator—Only 59,000 farm operators reported a race other than White in 1974 compared with 104,000 in 1969. In 1974, there was a separate reporting group for Japanese, Chinese, and Filipinos who had been included in the other racial group in 1969. In Hawaii, where separate race data were collected for operators of Asian or Pacific Island origin; there were 184 Hawaiian, 1,733 Japanese, 86 Chinese, 208 Filipino, and 6 Korean out of a total of 3,020 farm operators.

Among the farm operators of selected racial groups in 1974, 77 percent were Black; 7 percent were American Indian; 11 percent were Japanese, Chinese, or Filipino; and 5 percent were other.

In 1969, when racial data included Blacks, American Indian, and others, 87