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WASHINGTON FARMS GREW IN SIZE AND VALUE,
REPORTS 1964 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Washington State farms expanded an average of 55.2 acres in size and \$21,534 in average value in 1964 compared with 1959, reports William H. Flood, Director of the Seattle Field Office, U. S. Department of Commerce. According to the 1964 Census of Agriculture just issued by the Bureau of the Census, the average size of farms in 1964 was 418.1 acres and the average value was \$65,609.

The 45,574 total number of farms in Washington in 1964 is a drop of 6,003 below the 1959 figures; all smaller size farms declined in number, but larger farms of 1,000 or more acres increased in number. Some specialty type farms increased in number in 1964, such as: 4,679 fruit and nut farms for an increase of 158 over 1959; livestock other than poultry and dairy farms 5,246, up 687; and the 2,871 general type farms up 838 over the 1959 total.

These and many additional detailed data are available in the Washington State Summary and each individual county report, at 10¢ for each report, from the Seattle Field Office, U. S. Department of Commerce, 809 Federal Office Bldg., Seattle 98104.

Selected county data of general interest indicates Ferry County showed the greatest percentage increase in value per farm--from \$27,795 in 1959 up to \$80,545 in 1964. Two Columbia Basin counties, as might be expected, saw increased number of farms in 1964 compared with 1959--Grant County, with 1,592 farms in 1964 is up 95 farms, and Franklin County is up 47 farms to a 1964 total of 789 farms.

Yakima County continues to lead in total value of all farm products sold in 1964, with \$118,095,725, followed by Grant County with \$63,088,996, Whitman County with \$50,770,514, and Adams County with \$31,023,531. Highest value farms are in the wheat growing areas. Garfield County leads in 1964 average value per farm at \$202,683, followed by Whitman County with \$188,970, Adams County with \$187,279, Lincoln County with \$186,486 and Columbia County at \$185,811.

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UNITED STATES EARTHQUAKES 1965, RELEASED
BY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMIN.

The 1965 issue of United States Earthquakes, has been prepared and released by the Coast & Geodetic Survey of the Environmental Science Services Administration, reports William H. Flood, Director, Seattle Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Most of 19 pages describes the effects of the major Seattle earthquake. Seven pages are devoted to earthquakes of the Western Mountain Region (including Montana and Idaho), and three pages to Alaskan earthquakes.

The 91-page report provides a summary of earthquake activity in the various states and from outside the United States, as well as the three tsunamis recorded in the Pacific region during 1965. United States Earthquakes 1965 is available at 55¢ from the U. S. Department of Commerce, 809 Federal Office Building, Seattle, Washington 98104.

Western States in which earthquake activity centered during 1965 included Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Nevada. Earthquakes during 1965 of an intensity of VI or more, however, throughout the United States, were centered only in Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, Oregon and Washington. (Description of Intensity VI: "Felt by all... Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster or damaged chimneys. Damage slight.")

This series of annual United States Earthquakes publications was begun in 1928. Information concerning availability of the earlier annual reports can be provided by the Seattle Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

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WE THE PEOPLE -- 200 MILLION

"And now, in 1967, there are 200 million Americans. By 1975, there may be about 225 million of us. By 2000, there may be about 300 million of us."

To commemorate the 200 million population milestone, the Census Bureau has published a beautifully illustrated book entitled 200 Million Americans which explains who we are, where we came from, what we do, how and where we live, how we can expect to live in the future, and how we can improve our level of living. Price of this book is \$1.00 from the U. S. Department of Commerce Field Office, 809 Federal Office Building, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

The book is crammed with facts. There are about 102 million females, and 98 million males; 19 million under 5 years of age and 19 million over 65 years of age; 175 million white and 25 million not white; 33 million white collar workers and 27 million blue collar workers; 125 million "city" dwellers and 33 million home owners.

There is more food, but there are fewer farmers. About 1900, one farm worker could supply food for seven people. By 1935, he could feed about ten people, and today, one farm worker can feed almost 40. In 1964, the average U. S. farm consisted of about 352 acres and farmers were using modern equipment valued at close to \$24 billion.

We play a lot, too. At the turn of the century, a normal work week was something like 60 hours. Now it is down to somewhere around 39 hours a week. As for recreation, we spent \$9.2 billion on it in 1947 and \$28.7 billion in 1966.

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