

## ■ Land Tenure

Land tenure describes the farm operator's ownership interest in the land farmed. The major land tenure categories are (1) full owners, who own all the land they operate, (2) part owners, who own some and rent the remainder of their land, and (3) tenants, who rent all of their land or work on shares for others. The majority of farms in the 1993 Farm Costs and Returns Survey (54 percent) reported full ownership of the land they operated, while 36 percent owned part and rented part of the farmland they operated. Only 10 percent of operations reported that they rented all of their land.

Part owners generally operate the largest farms, averaging 730 acres in 1993, followed by tenants with 534 acres and full owners with 225 acres per farm. Part owners account for the largest share of acreage operated (60 percent of the total in 1993).

Gross farm sales are also concentrated on part-owner operations (55 percent of gross farm sales in 1993). The average value of gross farm sales for part owners in 1993 was \$113,300, very close to the average for tenants at \$111,000. Gross farm sales for full-owner operations averaged \$40,700.

Table 2-4.

U.S. agricultural landholdings of foreign owners, by State,  
December 31, 1994

<i>State</i>	<i>Foreign-owned agricultural land</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Foreign-owned agricultural land</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Foreign-owned agricultural land</i>
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>
Alabama . . . . .	300,375	Louisiana . . . . .	667,587	Ohio . . . . .	199,521
Alaska . . . . .	75	Maine . . . . .	2,052,701	Oklahoma . . . . .	58,047
Arizona . . . . .	331,859	Maryland . . . . .	51,112	Oregon . . . . .	642,812
Arkansas . . . . .	178,928	Massachusetts . . . . .	2,029	Pennsylvania . . . . .	91,880
California . . . . .	918,771	Michigan . . . . .	443,377	Puerto Rico . . . . .	839
Colorado . . . . .	642,309	Minnesota . . . . .	221,502	Rhode Island . . . . .	17
Connecticut . . . . .	822	Mississippi . . . . .	485,589	South Carolina . . . . .	197,137
Delaware . . . . .	5,878	Missouri . . . . .	73,790	South Dakota . . . . .	42,957
Florida . . . . .	621,201	Montana . . . . .	476,198	Tennessee . . . . .	82,734
Georgia . . . . .	561,412	Nebraska . . . . .	76,585	Texas . . . . .	1,173,564
Hawaii . . . . .	179,971	Nevada . . . . .	285,773	Utah . . . . .	60,604
Idaho . . . . .	22,375	New Hampshire . . . . .	16,451	Vermont . . . . .	85,784
Illinois . . . . .	203,761	New Jersey . . . . .	18,366	Virginia . . . . .	148,604
Indiana . . . . .	66,113	New Mexico . . . . .	784,030	Washington . . . . .	388,439
Iowa . . . . .	32,459	New York . . . . .	275,995	West Virginia . . . . .	167,632
Kansas . . . . .	67,958	North Carolina . . . . .	224,737	Wisconsin . . . . .	78,474
Kentucky . . . . .	114,225	North Dakota . . . . .	27,840	Wyoming . . . . .	186,975
				<b>Total</b>	<b>14,058,174</b>