

commodities and the quantities to be produced according to the central government purchasing contracts. Cooperatives are small family-owned units, which merged for production and purchase purposes.

Table 1 shows the structure of individual farms in 1974 by their dimensions. Although all farms are relatively small (less than 50 hectares), farmers with 10 or more hectares account for 34.2 percent of all agricultural land, followed by farms with 7 to 10 hectares, which control 22 percent of the land. Furthermore, almost sixty percent of the farms fall within the categories of 0.5 to 5 hectares, together holding almost 28 percent of the land.⁹

Table 1. Structure of Individual Farms In 1974.

Size Hectares	# of Farms percent	Area of ag.land
under 0.5	n.a.	0.6
0.5 - 2.0	28.4	6.5
2.0 - 5.0	31.0	20.6
5 - 7.0	13.8	16.1
7.0 - 10	13.6	22.0
over 10	13.2	34.2

⁹Source: O'Hagan, p 100, (table 5.2)

Despite private ownership, the small scale of Polish agriculture structure has resulted in

⁹There has been little change in structure since 1974. However, today the government is encouraging small farmers to sell their land to more efficient farmers. This will eventually modify the structure of the agricultural land.