

ABANDONED OR IDLE FARMS—UNITED STATES SUMMARY

TABLE 1.—ABANDONED OR IDLE FARMS—NUMBER AND ACREAGE, WITH CLASSIFICATION OF THOSE REPORTING ACREAGE, BY CAUSE

ITEM	UNITED STATES	GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS					
		New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central
1 Farms operated, Census of 1940—number	6,096,799	135,190	348,100	1,006,095	1,090,574	1,019,451	1,023,349
2 All land in farms—acres	1,060,852,374	13,371,473	33,658,873	113,655,362	274,422,569	92,554,759	77,086,363
3 Average per farm—acres	174.0	98.9	96.6	113.0	251.6	90.8	75.3
4 Abandoned or idle farms, Census of 1940—number	76,704	7,261	20,615	16,920	5,926	11,523	5,311
5 Reporting acreage—number	76,252	7,167	20,475	16,881	5,902	11,464	5,284
6 Land in these farms—acres	6,484,292	508,392	1,213,517	1,012,396	896,005	877,372	196,825
7 Average per farm—acres	85.0	70.9	59.6	60.0	151.8	76.5	59.9
8 Not reporting acreage—number	452	94	140	59	24	59	27
9 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by cause of nonoperation—number	67,453	6,395	18,225	14,895	5,274	9,591	3,007
10 acres	5,700,005	462,141	1,084,285	889,246	798,150	684,237	179,511
11 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—number	2,139	104	551	627	237	168	73
12 acres	404,460	14,617	72,662	82,558	55,414	32,748	6,827
13 Converted to nonagricultural uses—number	5,834	1,041	1,859	1,442	372	434	111
14 acres	475,049	87,155	124,165	98,911	55,313	42,163	7,781
15 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—number	23,151	1,473	4,614	5,515	2,826	3,117	1,100
16 acres	2,264,978	106,979	279,882	336,734	485,121	219,840	68,168
17 Physical condition or death of operator—number	8,507	1,178	2,951	1,680	280	1,167	289
18 acres	468,238	74,019	147,124	80,086	19,431	76,537	11,649
19 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—number	12,146	1,355	3,784	2,742	595	1,816	560
20 acres	639,966	72,785	174,604	111,999	56,042	99,639	28,895
21 No tenant or insufficient labor—number	4,696	142	1,431	933	320	1,178	292
22 acres	359,824	9,077	90,539	56,299	49,955	91,266	20,485
23 Financial or legal difficulties—number	2,809	331	865	458	176	459	113
24 acres	287,768	31,920	64,868	34,057	27,744	42,053	8,558
25 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—number	5,767	507	1,591	922	288	938	293
26 acres	439,450	43,585	84,747	51,754	24,752	55,900	17,751
27 Other miscellaneous reasons—number	2,404	264	579	576	180	514	176
28 acres	360,272	22,004	45,694	36,848	26,378	24,091	9,417
29 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—number	8,799	774	2,250	1,986	628	1,873	277
30 acres	784,287	46,251	135,232	123,152	97,855	193,135	17,314
31 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by year of abandonment—number	66,846	6,173	17,638	14,417	5,142	10,200	5,143
32 acres	5,649,212	451,182	1,053,637	835,512	758,925	758,740	189,809
33 1938—number	14,018	1,211	3,094	3,040	1,334	2,261	902
34 acres	1,294,144	90,850	195,071	185,434	174,760	153,884	54,381
35 1937—number	10,741	794	2,495	2,214	1,000	1,879	610
36 acres	868,392	55,600	155,086	133,073	151,668	120,531	33,142
37 1936—number	8,949	709	2,136	1,850	837	1,487	470
38 acres	805,085	48,845	123,973	112,172	146,596	112,915	26,566
39 1935—number	10,283	939	2,762	2,305	733	1,571	403
40 acres	832,431	73,201	163,442	123,878	103,377	125,234	26,610
41 1934—number	4,879	451	1,039	372	681	681	212
42 acres	437,556	33,694	75,615	68,372	61,568	48,994	11,556
43 1933—number	2,764	263	779	572	190	354	102
44 acres	242,402	16,021	46,750	32,077	27,775	23,425	6,282
45 1932—number	4,313	504	1,387	806	240	587	129
46 acres	367,271	35,398	80,544	47,091	36,226	44,436	10,819
47 1931—number	2,343	314	773	442	99	283	73
48 acres	187,415	24,441	49,192	23,742	11,131	23,269	4,990
49 1930—number	8,556	988	2,881	337	1,097	2,097	242
50 acres	614,518	71,082	165,964	111,673	45,824	106,452	15,463
51 Year of abandonment not reported—number	9,406	994	2,837	2,464	760	1,264	141
52 acres	835,080	57,260	165,880	176,886	137,080	118,632	7,016
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by cause of nonoperation:							
53 Reporting cause of nonoperation—acres	84.5	72.3	59.5	59.7	151.3	71.3	59.7
54 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—acres	189.1	140.5	131.9	131.7	233.8	194.9	93.5
55 Converted to nonagricultural uses—acres	81.4	83.7	66.8	69.6	148.7	97.1	70.1
56 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—acres	97.8	72.6	60.7	61.1	171.0	70.5	62.0
57 Physical condition or death of operator—acres	55.0	62.8	49.9	47.7	69.4	65.6	40.3
58 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—acres	52.7	53.8	46.1	40.8	94.2	54.9	51.6
59 No tenant or insufficient labor—acres	76.6	63.9	63.3	60.3	156.1	77.5	70.2
60 Financial or legal difficulties—acres	95.3	96.4	75.0	74.4	157.6	91.6	75.7
61 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—acres	76.2	86.0	53.3	56.1	85.9	59.6	60.6
62 Other miscellaneous reasons—acres	158.2	85.3	78.9	64.0	146.5	76.7	53.5
63 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—acres	89.1	59.8	60.1	62.0	155.8	103.1	62.5
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by year of abandonment:							
64 Reporting year of abandonment—acres	84.5	73.1	59.7	58.0	147.6	74.4	60.4
65 1938—acres	92.3	75.0	63.0	60.3	151.0	68.0	60.3
66 1937—acres	80.8	70.0	61.4	60.1	151.7	64.0	54.3
67 1936—acres	90.0	68.9	58.0	60.6	175.1	75.9	56.5
68 1935—acres	81.0	78.0	59.2	53.7	141.0	79.7	66.0
69 1934—acres	89.7	74.7	56.8	65.8	165.5	71.9	54.5
70 1933—acres	87.7	68.5	60.0	56.1	146.2	66.2	61.6
71 1932—acres	85.2	70.2	58.4	58.4	150.9	75.7	65.9
72 1931—acres	80.0	77.8	63.6	53.7	112.4	82.2	68.4
73 1930—acres	71.8	71.9	57.8	52.0	136.0	97.0	63.9
74 Not reporting year of abandonment—acres	88.8	57.6	58.5	71.8	180.4	93.9	49.8

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OF NONOPERATION AND BY YEAR OF ABANDONMENT; AND AVERAGE ACREAGE; BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: CENSUS OF 1940

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS—Continued			NEW ENGLAND DIVISION						MIDDLE ATLANTIC DIVISION			
West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Maine	New Hampshire	Vermont	Massachusetts	Rhode Island	Connecticut	New York	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	
964,370	233,497	276,173	38,980	16,554	23,582	31,897	3,014	21,163	153,238	25,835	169,027	1
200,527,339	191,901,190	63,694,446	4,223,297	1,809,314	3,666,835	1,937,963	221,913	1,512,151	17,170,337	1,874,402	14,594,134	2
207.9	821.9	230.6	108.3	109.3	155.5	60.8	73.6	71.5	112.1	72.6	86.3	3
4,182	3,757	3,209	2,162	1,054	1,103	1,625	469	848	7,482	1,953	11,180	4
4,157	3,742	3,180	2,123	1,032	1,091	1,610	466	845	7,405	1,950	11,120	5
557,818	1,231,225	184,740	162,608	90,963	129,548	58,078	23,306	43,889	530,706	78,848	609,963	6
86.1	329.0	58.1	76.6	88.1	118.7	86.1	50.0	51.9	71.7	40.4	54.9	7
25	15	29	39	22	12	15	3	3	77	3	60	8
3,924	3,328	2,816	1,857	958	1,001	1,446	389	744	6,490	1,731	10,004	9
340,101	1,104,369	157,965	146,348	85,178	119,083	51,348	20,263	39,921	465,774	71,569	546,942	10
120	216	43	36	20	34	7	7	7	439	15	97	11
23,337	113,566	2,731	7,249	2,503	4,090	370	405	405	61,463	675	10,524	12
219	102	254	164	222	257	187	55	156	742	171	946	13
23,384	26,221	9,956	11,400	19,164	32,982	9,010	2,870	11,729	56,728	11,156	56,281	14
1,695	2,088	723	521	188	267	292	51	154	1,530	361	2,723	15
172,075	545,000	53,179	37,614	16,530	32,575	11,129	2,869	6,262	107,423	16,623	155,836	16
398	159	405	366	190	77	326	107	112	325	112	1,632	17
20,044	20,467	18,881	27,663	14,885	7,920	11,904	6,069	5,578	54,932	11,116	81,076	18
590	268	438	385	203	112	402	109	142	1,273	371	2,140	19
34,990	41,606	19,406	28,462	12,950	11,500	10,300	4,426	5,147	71,936	12,522	90,146	20
260	42	98	56	22	22	15	1	26	488	68	875	21
16,282	13,376	12,545	4,299	1,444	2,005	662	100	567	33,378	2,733	54,428	22
117	120	170	116	30	51	54	37	43	218	140	507	23
13,828	86,455	8,285	10,291	9,790	5,065	2,302	1,802	2,669	23,061	6,996	34,811	24
443	282	503	133	56	128	96	26	68	551	232	808	25
30,008	107,110	23,863	12,009	6,088	16,138	2,925	1,987	4,438	35,836	7,321	41,590	26
82	51	182	80	25	53	67	3	36	265	58	276	27
6,153	200,568	9,119	7,361	1,824	6,807	2,746	140	3,126	21,017	2,427	22,250	28
233	414	364	266	76	90	164	77	101	915	219	1,116	29
17,717	126,856	26,775	16,260	5,785	10,465	6,730	3,043	3,968	64,932	7,279	63,021	30
3,887	3,388	2,858	1,878	952	1,041	1,234	349	719	6,545	1,658	9,435	31
330,301	1,105,804	165,352	146,242	78,850	123,705	46,638	18,475	37,222	460,510	64,355	528,772	32
836	676	664	358	184	246	221	67	135	1,154	278	1,662	33
60,840	345,426	35,698	29,482	15,751	27,669	8,391	3,166	6,391	85,886	10,855	98,330	34
738	539	472	230	109	159	171	41	84	948	240	1,307	35
73,937	126,367	21,188	19,796	7,542	16,228	5,360	2,087	4,587	72,876	8,304	71,906	36
557	526	377	214	97	125	159	41	73	744	204	1,168	37
40,581	174,763	18,672	17,625	7,581	12,586	4,972	2,461	3,800	50,107	6,417	67,449	38
584	519	467	275	168	164	190	51	91	1,077	278	1,407	39
49,944	137,167	29,578	20,312	13,799	24,618	7,116	3,045	4,111	75,518	10,492	77,432	40
302	175	156	76	78	60	77	21	61	466	121	744	41
34,135	88,992	14,630	11,189	7,072	8,906	3,118	901	2,508	31,471	4,480	39,664	42
183	205	116	87	28	52	60	13	23	269	70	440	43
18,803	62,983	6,286	5,514	2,315	5,558	2,514	611	1,509	19,617	2,889	24,244	44
247	251	162	154	74	68	107	41	60	501	140	746	45
18,159	82,629	11,969	12,270	6,121	6,622	4,987	2,080	3,318	34,386	6,270	39,888	46
141	123	95	112	45	42	54	26	35	261	70	442	47
10,878	31,527	8,245	9,707	3,799	5,619	2,107	1,248	1,961	18,256	3,918	27,018	48
299	233	330	292	171	125	195	48	157	1,125	257	1,499	49
23,024	55,950	19,066	20,347	14,870	15,899	8,073	2,856	9,037	72,393	10,730	82,841	50
270	354	322	245	80	50	376	117	126	860	292	1,685	51
27,517	125,421	19,368	16,366	12,113	5,843	11,440	4,831	6,667	70,196	14,493	81,191	52
86.7	331.8	56.1	78.8	69.1	119.0	35.5	52.1	53.7	71.8	41.3	54.7	53
194.5	525.8	63.5	201.4	125.2	120.3	52.9	57.9	57.9	140.0	45.0	108.5	54
106.8	257.1	39.2	69.5	86.3	128.3	48.2	52.2	75.2	76.5	65.2	59.5	55
101.5	261.0	73.6	72.2	87.9	122.0	38.1	56.3	40.7	70.2	46.0	57.2	56
50.4	128.7	46.6	75.6	78.3	102.9	36.5	56.7	49.8	55.8	33.2	49.7	57
59.3	155.2	44.3	73.9	63.8	102.7	25.6	40.6	56.2	56.5	33.8	42.1	58
62.6	318.5	128.0	76.8	65.6	91.1	44.1	100.0	21.8	68.4	40.2	62.2	59
118.2	305.8	48.7	88.7	323.3	99.3	42.6	48.7	62.1	105.8	50.0	68.7	60
87.7	379.8	47.4	90.3	108.7	126.1	30.5	76.4	65.3	65.0	31.6	51.5	61
75.0	3,932.7	50.1	92.0	73.0	128.4	41.0	46.7	86.8	79.3	63.9	80.6	62
76.0	306.4	73.6	61.1	76.1	116.3	41.0	39.5	39.3	71.0	33.2	56.5	63
85.0	326.4	57.9	77.9	82.8	118.8	37.8	52.9	51.8	70.4	38.8	56.0	64
72.8	511.0	53.8	82.4	85.6	112.5	38.0	47.3	47.3	74.4	39.0	59.2	65
100.2	234.4	44.9	86.1	69.2	102.1	31.3	50.9	54.6	67.9	34.6	55.0	66
72.9	332.2	49.5	82.4	78.2	99.1	31.3	60.5	52.1	67.3	31.5	56.8	67
85.5	264.3	63.3	73.9	82.1	151.3	37.5	59.7	45.2	70.1	37.7	55.0	68
113.0	281.6	83.6	71.7	93.1	148.4	40.5	42.9	41.1	67.5	37.0	53.3	69
102.7	307.2	54.2	63.4	82.7	106.9	41.9	47.0	65.6	72.9	41.3	55.1	70
73.5	329.2	73.9	79.7	82.7	97.4	46.6	50.7	53.3	68.6	44.8	53.5	71
77.1	256.3	86.8	86.7	84.4	133.8	39.0	48.0	56.0	69.9	56.0	61.1	72
77.0	240.1	57.8	69.7	87.0	127.2	41.4	59.5	57.6	64.3	41.8	55.3	73
101.9	354.3	60.2	66.8	151.4	116.9	30.4	41.3	52.9	81.6	49.6	48.2	74

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TABLE 1.—ABANDONED OR IDLE FARMS—NUMBER AND ACREAGE, WITH CLASSIFICATION OF THOSE REPORTING ACREAGE, BY CAUSE

ITEM	EAST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION					WEST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION	
	Ohio	Indiana	Illinois	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Iowa
1 Farms operated, Census of 1940—number	233,783	184,549	213,439	187,589	186,735	197,351	213,318
2 All land in farms—acres	21,907,523	19,800,778	31,032,572	18,037,995	22,876,494	32,608,962	34,148,673
3 Average per farm—acres	93.7	107.3	145.4	96.2	122.5	165.2	160.1
4 Abandoned or idle farms, Census of 1940—number	5,790	1,985	1,205	5,904	2,036	1,169	98
5 Reporting acreage—number	5,781	1,961	1,205	5,890	2,026	1,164	95
6 Land in these farms—acres	307,134	112,505	92,010	328,953	171,796	100,180	5,435
7 Average per farm—acres	53.1	56.8	76.5	55.8	84.8	86.1	57.2
8 Not reporting acreage—number	9	4	2	14	10	5	3
9 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by cause of nonoperation—number	5,084	1,748	1,075	5,143	1,845	1,076	89
10 acres	264,069	100,781	81,866	287,068	155,462	93,401	5,145
11 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—number	160	38	106	177	146	69	6
12 acres	15,762	5,473	28,690	18,136	14,297	10,069	277
13 Converted to nonagricultural uses—number	682	103	98	493	66	25	4
14 acres	45,483	7,623	7,169	33,791	4,845	1,465	282
15 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—number	1,535	869	445	1,918	748	459	42
16 acres	85,714	50,484	28,070	107,786	64,680	41,455	2,854
17 Physical condition or death of operator—number	680	131	65	625	179	102	9
18 acres	25,170	6,519	2,264	31,653	14,480	7,283	179
19 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—number	1,011	232	124	1,117	258	162	8
20 acres	34,221	8,471	3,064	48,125	18,118	10,876	266
21 No tenant or insufficient labor—number	399	119	103	187	125	50	5
22 acres	22,022	7,238	6,209	9,494	11,336	4,470	267
23 Financial or legal difficulties—number	140	39	22	162	95	68	3
24 acres	9,863	2,977	839	10,960	9,418	5,494	280
25 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—number	324	107	62	258	173	106	5
26 acres	17,638	4,375	2,718	13,069	13,954	7,274	429
27 Other miscellaneous reasons—number	153	110	50	208	55	35	7
28 acres	8,196	7,621	2,643	14,054	4,334	5,015	311
29 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—number	697	233	128	747	181	88	6
30 acres	43,065	11,724	10,144	41,885	16,334	6,779	290
31 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by year of abandonment—number	4,843	1,786	1,021	4,903	1,864	1,064	86
32 acres	247,961	102,190	63,079	265,239	157,043	85,993	5,180
33 1938—number	960	410	256	962	452	375	33
34 acres	54,144	24,029	15,944	53,518	35,799	32,351	2,105
35 1937—number	705	280	204	712	313	186	23
36 acres	34,555	15,602	14,784	41,197	26,935	13,837	1,355
37 1936—number	573	213	127	617	320	155	7
38 acres	27,993	10,293	8,234	35,270	30,382	13,291	262
39 1935—number	830	273	159	809	234	118	9
40 acres	42,039	14,807	8,601	41,031	17,400	9,665	585
41 1934—number	340	130	54	353	162	45	8
42 acres	19,980	9,176	3,270	18,952	16,994	4,275	481
43 1933—number	202	76	30	208	56	27	2
44 acres	9,070	4,760	1,143	12,250	4,854	1,355	192
45 1932—number	279	93	41	294	99	56	1
46 acres	12,005	7,123	5,211	15,259	7,493	4,033	40
47 1931—number	171	50	19	154	48	29	1
48 acres	7,656	3,454	646	8,329	3,657	1,584	80
49 1930—number	783	261	131	794	180	73	2
50 acres	40,519	12,946	5,246	39,433	13,529	5,602	80
51 Year of abandonment not reported—number	938	195	182	967	162	100	9
52 acres	59,173	10,315	28,931	63,714	14,753	14,187	255
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by cause of nonoperation:							
53 Reporting cause of nonoperation—acres	51.9	57.7	76.2	55.8	84.3	86.8	57.8
54 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—acres	98.5	144.0	272.5	102.5	97.9	145.9	46.2
55 Converted to nonagricultural uses—acres	66.7	74.0	73.2	68.5	73.4	58.6	70.5
56 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—acres	55.8	58.1	63.1	56.2	86.5	90.3	68.0
57 Physical condition or death of operator—acres	37.0	49.8	34.8	50.6	80.9	71.4	19.9
58 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—acres	33.8	36.5	24.7	43.1	70.2	67.1	33.2
59 No tenant or insufficient labor—acres	55.2	60.8	60.3	50.8	90.7	89.4	53.4
60 Financial or legal difficulties—acres	70.4	76.3	38.1	67.7	99.1	80.8	93.3
61 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—acres	54.4	40.9	43.8	51.1	80.7	68.8	85.8
62 Other miscellaneous reasons—acres	53.6	69.3	52.9	67.6	76.8	145.3	44.4
63 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—acres	61.8	50.3	79.2	56.1	80.2	77.0	48.3
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by year of abandonment:							
64 Reporting year of abandonment—acres	51.2	57.2	61.8	54.1	84.3	80.8	60.2
65 1938—acres	56.4	58.6	62.3	55.6	79.2	86.3	63.8
66 1937—acres	49.0	55.7	72.5	57.9	86.1	74.4	58.9
67 1936—acres	48.9	48.3	64.8	57.2	94.9	85.7	37.4
68 1935—acres	50.6	54.2	54.1	50.7	74.4	81.9	65.0
69 1934—acres	58.8	70.6	60.6	53.7	104.9	95.0	60.1
70 1933—acres	44.9	62.6	38.1	58.9	86.7	50.2	96.0
71 1932—acres	43.0	76.6	127.1	51.9	75.7	72.0	40.0
72 1931—acres	44.8	69.1	34.0	54.1	76.2	54.6	80.0
73 1930—acres	51.7	49.6	40.0	49.7	75.2	76.7	40.0
74 Not reporting year of abandonment—acres	63.1	52.9	159.0	64.6	91.1	141.9	28.3

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WEST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION—Continued					SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION							
Missouri	North Dakota	South Dakota	Nebraska	Kansas	Delaware	Maryland	District of Columbia	Virginia	West Virginia	North Carolina	South Carolina	
256,100	73,962	72,454	121,062	156,327	8,994	42,110	65	174,885	99,282	278,276	137,558	1
34,739,598	37,966,136	39,473,584	47,343,981	48,173,635	895,507	4,197,827	2,341	16,444,907	8,908,803	18,845,338	11,238,697	2
135.6	512.9	544.8	391.1	308.2	99.6	99.7	36.0	94.0	89.7	67.7	81.7	3
1,698	1,368	954	173	466	258	2,192	15	2,472	1,359	1,389	716	4
1,688	1,365	951	173	466	254	2,181	15	2,463	1,348	1,383	712	5
124,539	293,831	190,544	38,650	142,826	21,700	113,214	335	161,118	124,616	98,040	70,828	6
73.8	215.3	200.4	223.4	306.5	85.4	51.9	22.3	65.4	92.4	71.5	99.5	7
10	3	3			4	11		9	11	6	4	8
1,485	1,178	856	189	421	234	1,525	15	2,238	1,162	1,176	665	9
106,611	248,468	173,302	38,266	132,937	20,527	68,981	335	141,529	104,327	79,057	67,187	10
12	64	85	2	1	6	14	3	17	42	8	36	11
3,258	18,140	23,188	560	122	3,560	892	43	3,028	11,808	2,727	7,722	12
106	150	58	8	21	22	92	3	100	52	57	19	13
8,964	26,434	11,539	1,377	5,252	1,551	3,240	169	16,105	6,548	3,014	3,108	14
634	711	584	132	264	59	525	2	617	478	368	208	15
50,437	152,628	116,295	24,309	95,143	7,176	24,913	16	36,641	37,508	24,013	17,988	16
135	15	8	1	12	33	182		290	120	98	85	17
6,773	2,210	1,860	160	1,466	1,710	6,677		16,196	8,884	4,709	6,602	18
277	36	31	4	77	55	237	6	559	219	183	107	19
13,230	6,597	4,045	275	20,753	1,888	9,027	103	29,073	12,493	9,294	11,509	20
79	97	53	10	26	33	173		257	95	201	99	21
6,189	22,468	9,818	1,251	5,492	1,560	8,035		17,310	7,611	16,482	10,021	22
39	39	16	5	6	3	55		100	63	70	42	23
3,600	7,600	4,280	4,416	2,074	130	3,956		7,369	13,162	5,973	2,550	24
109	37	21	3	7	20	162		206	53	163	60	25
6,797	6,065	2,457	897	833	2,744	5,896		9,601	2,917	10,203	7,204	26
94	31	2	4	7	3	85	1	92	40	28	9	27
7,363	6,326	320	5,241	1,802	208	6,345	4	6,206	3,396	2,642	483	28
203	187	95	4	45	20	656		225	186	207	47	29
17,928	45,363	17,242	364	9,889	1,173	44,233		19,589	20,289	19,783	3,641	30
1,469	1,130	899	163	331	233	1,564	15	2,282	1,219	1,318	677	31
107,168	240,003	178,310	37,764	104,507	20,963	75,042	335	151,445	99,359	92,755	67,833	32
358	192	229	58	89	56	355	3	468	263	299	147	33
27,459	38,489	41,317	9,798	23,241	3,417	13,960	61	29,391	20,604	19,631	12,999	34
285	242	164	33	67	39	283	1	409	210	268	140	35
18,690	51,541	30,624	11,327	24,294	2,518	12,908	12	22,117	14,786	16,848	12,007	36
200	237	158	24	56	40	225	2	320	187	197	96	37
12,597	50,215	34,417	5,523	30,291	5,151	11,406	54	21,085	23,378	13,225	10,140	38
243	171	122	18	52	39	258	2	346	151	194	107	39
16,503	39,459	23,516	2,178	11,471	2,256	12,414	101	21,511	11,510	15,254	9,375	40
103	104	71	11	30	15	103	2	161	83	72	48	41
8,487	23,983	15,716	2,336	6,290	1,337	4,939	16	7,947	6,441	5,627	8,409	42
50	61	41	2	7	6	60		92	38	49	18	43
3,991	12,616	8,541	160	1,120	661	3,108		6,378	2,984	3,288	2,012	44
68	40	58	6	11	22	82	1	137	84	71	24	45
8,738	7,205	13,173	476	2,561	4,402	4,565	5	9,259	6,206	5,000	2,707	46
34	18	9	2	6	2	38	1	63	47	44	22	47
2,947	3,586	1,196	84	1,654	65	1,795	25	4,955	3,447	5,176	1,440	48
128	65	47	9	13	14	160	3	286	136	124	75	49
7,756	12,909	10,010	5,882	3,585	1,176	7,947	63	29,002	10,023	8,726	8,744	50
219	255	52	10	135	21	617		181	129	65	35	51
17,371	53,828	12,234	886	38,319	717	40,172		9,673	25,257	6,085	2,395	52
71.8	210.9	202.5	226.5	315.8	87.7	45.2	22.3	63.2	89.8	67.2	101.0	53
271.5	283.4	279.4	180.0	122.0	593.3	63.7	14.3	178.1	281.1	340.9	214.5	54
84.6	176.2	198.9	172.1	250.1	70.5	35.2	56.3	161.0	125.9	52.9	163.6	55
79.6	214.7	199.1	184.2	360.4	121.6	47.5	8.0	59.4	78.5	65.3	86.5	56
50.2	170.0	170.0	160.0	122.2	51.8	36.7		55.8	74.0	48.1	77.7	57
47.8	185.2	130.5	68.8	269.5	34.3	38.1	17.2	52.0	57.0	50.8	107.6	58
78.3	231.6	165.2	125.1	211.2	47.3	46.4		67.4	80.1	82.0	101.2	59
92.3	194.9	267.5	885.2	345.7	43.3	71.9		73.7	208.9	85.3	60.7	60
62.4	165.9	117.0	299.0	119.0	137.2	36.4		46.6	55.0	62.6	120.1	61
78.3	204.1	160.0	1,310.2	257.4	69.3	74.6	4.0	67.5	84.9	94.4	53.7	62
88.3	242.6	181.5	91.0	219.8	58.6	67.4		87.1	109.1	95.6	77.5	63
73.0	212.4	198.3	231.7	315.7	90.1	46.7	22.3	66.4	81.5	70.4	100.2	64
76.7	200.5	180.4	168.9	261.1	61.0	39.3	20.3	62.8	72.8	65.7	88.4	65
65.6	213.0	186.7	343.2	382.6	64.6	45.6	12.0	54.1	70.4	62.9	85.8	66
63.0	211.9	217.8	230.1	540.9	128.8	50.7	20.1	65.9	125.0	67.1	105.6	67
67.9	230.8	192.8	121.0	220.6	57.8	48.1	50.5	61.6	76.2	78.5	87.6	68
82.4	230.6	221.4	212.4	209.7	89.1	48.0	8.0	49.4	77.6	78.2	175.2	69
79.8	206.8	203.4	80.0	160.0	110.2	51.8		69.3	78.0	67.1	111.8	70
128.5	180.1	227.1	79.3	232.8	200.1	55.7	5.0	67.6	73.9	70.4	112.8	71
86.7	199.2	132.9	42.0	275.7	32.5	47.2	23.0	78.7	73.3	117.6	65.5	72
60.6	198.6	213.0	653.6	275.8	84.0	49.7	21.0	101.4	73.7	70.4	116.6	73
79.3	229.1	235.3	88.6	283.8	34.1	65.1		53.4	195.8	93.6	85.6	74

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TABLE 1.—ABANDONED OR IDLE FARMS—NUMBER AND ACREAGE, WITH CLASSIFICATION OF THOSE REPORTING ACREAGE, BY CAUSE

ITEM	SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION—Continued		EAST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION				WEST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION	
	Georgia	Florida	Kentucky	Tennessee	Alabama	Mississippi	Arkansas	Louisiana
1 Farms operated, Census of 1940—number	216,033	62,248	252,894	247,617	231,746	291,092	216,674	150,007
2 All land in farms—acres	23,685,631	8,337,706	20,294,016	18,492,898	19,143,391	19,156,058	18,044,542	9,996,108
3 Average per farm—acres	109.6	133.9	80.2	74.7	82.6	65.8	85.3	66.6
4 Abandoned or idle farms, Census of 1940—number	1,928	1,194	1,236	1,116	543	416	1,526	762
5 Reporting acreage—number	1,917	1,191	1,235	1,109	539	401	1,522	758
6 Land in these farms—acres	225,099	61,622	80,671	57,282	32,770	26,102	111,396	36,743
7 Average per farm—acres	117.4	51.7	65.3	51.7	60.8	65.1	73.2	48.5
8 Not reporting acreage—number	11	3	1	7	4	15	4	4
9 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by cause of nonoperation—number	1,509	1,067	1,145	985	489	388	1,447	705
10 acres	148,267	54,027	73,252	52,691	29,048	24,520	105,834	34,375
11 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—number	11	51	21	34	2	16	75	5
12 acres	947	2,021	2,189	3,654	80	924	8,005	122
13 Converted to nonagricultural uses—number	69	20	27	44	24	16	28	13
14 acres	8,015	413	1,851	2,293	2,301	1,856	2,241	904
15 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—number	527	533	502	369	128	101	685	185
16 acres	60,102	11,483	31,048	20,382	9,079	7,659	49,643	9,827
17 Physical condition or death of operator—number	144	215	73	103	66	47	96	149
18 acres	9,539	22,220	3,089	4,563	2,434	1,563	6,665	6,817
19 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—number	255	195	191	186	92	91	205	159
20 acres	18,078	8,174	12,680	7,587	3,793	5,035	12,897	6,119
21 No tenant or insufficient labor—number	270	50	100	72	79	41	83	76
22 acres	28,257	1,990	7,219	4,659	5,814	2,793	5,871	4,137
23 Financial or legal difficulties—number	51	75	44	39	12	18	43	40
24 acres	5,997	2,916	4,374	2,341	576	1,267	2,846	1,649
25 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—number	157	117	97	68	78	50	192	96
26 acres	15,481	3,854	6,685	3,948	4,391	2,707	14,727	4,781
27 Other miscellaneous reasons—number	25	31	90	70	8	8	42	2
28 acres	3,851	956	4,617	3,484	580	736	2,939	19
29 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—number	408	124	90	124	50	13	75	53
30 acres	76,832	7,595	7,419	4,591	3,722	1,582	5,562	2,368
31 Abandoned or idle farms reporting acreage classified by year of abandonment—number	1,760	1,132	1,184	1,052	515	392	1,455	740
32 acres	194,040	58,948	77,695	55,430	31,407	25,277	107,824	35,933
33 1938—number	397	253	325	317	137	123	315	157
34 acres	42,917	10,704	21,561	16,133	8,040	8,647	22,220	6,108
35 1937—number	361	168	235	192	104	79	268	165
36 acres	34,006	5,123	14,346	9,465	5,871	3,960	19,344	8,708
37 1936—number	253	167	147	166	98	59	243	111
38 acres	21,994	6,492	8,139	9,171	5,420	3,836	16,664	5,245
39 1935—number	290	184	157	125	73	48	219	88
40 acres	32,878	20,155	12,276	6,190	5,117	3,027	17,411	4,047
41 1934—number	105	92	83	68	26	35	117	64
42 acres	10,584	3,694	4,475	3,122	2,069	1,890	9,518	2,805
43 1933—number	49	42	38	37	16	11	72	36
44 acres	3,995	1,019	3,948	998	864	472	5,960	2,560
45 1932—number	89	77	49	43	19	18	86	55
46 acres	8,514	3,778	3,504	4,945	1,307	1,063	5,384	3,068
47 1931—number	28	38	38	25	4	6	50	18
48 acres	3,231	3,137	2,482	1,290	315	903	3,402	635
49 1930—number	188	111	112	79	38	13	85	46
50 acres	35,931	4,840	6,964	4,116	2,904	1,479	7,921	2,759
51 Year of abandonment not reported—number	157	59	51	57	24	9	67	18
52 acres	31,059	2,674	2,976	1,852	1,363	825	3,572	810
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by cause of nonoperation:								
53 Reporting cause of nonoperation—acres	98.3	50.6	64.0	53.5	59.4	63.2	73.1	48.8
54 Expropriated under eminent domain or purchased for governmental purposes—acres	86.1	65.2	104.2	106.9	40.0	57.8	106.7	24.4
55 Converted to nonagricultural uses—acres	116.2	20.6	50.0	52.1	95.9	114.8	80.0	69.5
56 Land condition or other physical or natural factors—acres	114.0	34.5	61.8	55.2	70.9	75.8	72.7	59.6
57 Physical condition or death of operator—acres	66.2	103.3	42.3	44.3	36.9	33.3	69.4	45.8
58 Change in occupation of operator or other personal reasons—acres	70.9	41.9	66.4	39.7	41.2	55.3	62.9	39.5
59 No tenant or insufficient labor—acres	104.7	39.8	72.2	64.7	73.6	68.1	70.7	54.4
60 Financial or legal difficulties—acres	117.6	36.9	98.4	60.0	48.0	70.4	66.2	41.2
61 Other economic reasons for nonoperation—acres	85.9	32.8	68.9	58.1	56.3	54.1	76.7	49.8
62 Other miscellaneous reasons—acres	154.0	30.8	51.3	49.8	72.5	92.0	70.0	9.5
63 No reason or reason insufficient for classification—acres	188.3	61.2	82.4	37.0	74.4	121.7	74.2	44.7
Average acreage per abandoned or idle farm by year of abandonment:								
64 Reporting year of abandonment—acres	110.2	52.1	65.6	52.7	61.0	64.5	74.1	48.6
65 1938—acres	108.1	42.3	66.3	50.9	58.7	70.3	70.5	38.9
66 1937—acres	94.2	30.5	61.0	49.3	51.6	50.1	72.2	52.8
67 1936—acres	86.9	38.9	55.4	55.2	55.3	65.0	68.6	47.3
68 1935—acres	113.4	109.5	78.2	49.5	70.1	63.1	79.5	46.0
69 1934—acres	100.8	40.2	53.9	45.9	79.6	54.0	81.4	43.8
70 1933—acres	81.5	24.3	103.9	27.0	54.0	42.9	82.8	71.1
71 1932—acres	95.7	49.1	71.5	115.0	68.8	59.1	62.6	55.8
72 1931—acres	115.4	82.6	65.3	51.6	78.8	150.5	68.0	35.2
73 1930—acres	191.1	43.6	62.2	52.1	76.4	113.8	93.2	60.0
74 Not reporting year of abandonment—acres	197.8	45.3	58.4	32.5	56.8	91.7	53.3	45.0

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WEST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION—Continued		MOUNTAIN DIVISION								PACIFIC DIVISION			
Oklahoma	Texas	Montana	Idaho	Wyoming	Colorado	New Mexico	Arizona	Utah	Nevada	Washington	Oregon	California	
179,687	418,002	41,823	43,663	15,018	51,436	34,105	18,468	25,411	3,573	61,688	61,829	132,658	1
34,805,317	137,683,372	46,451,594	10,297,745	28,025,979	31,527,240	38,860,427	25,651,092	7,302,007	3,785,106	15,181,815	17,988,307	30,524,324	2
193.7	329.4	1,110.7	235.8	1,866.2	612.9	1,139.4	1,388.9	287.4	1,059.4	185.9	290.9	290.1	3
655	1,239	1,056	245	81	1,264	495	268	283	65	1,436	497	1,276	4
638	1,239	1,056	242	81	1,256	495	264	283	65	1,431	492	1,257	5
110,056	99,623	388,978	35,335	16,518	397,750	323,322	26,800	27,326	20,198	68,490	44,411	71,839	6
172.5	80.4	363.6	146.0	203.9	316.7	653.2	101.5	96.6	310.7	47.9	90.3	57.2	7
17			3		8		4			5	5	19	8
591	1,181	1,014	225	76	1,056	424	230	242	61	1,286	428	1,102	9
104,725	95,167	373,305	32,947	15,238	331,856	284,659	22,693	24,563	19,108	62,220	31,765	63,980	10
40		130		2	25	35	4	7		36		7	11
15,210		61,758	7,773	200	30,340	12,869	167	459		2,055		676	12
43	135	42	8	9	52	5	2	3	1	60	25	169	13
9,723	10,516	8,207	5,786	2,880	7,847	1,165	85	91	160	1,733	3,511	4,712	14
380	467	567	114	51	841	189	112	171	43	303	109	311	15
70,004	42,601	201,173	11,902	8,999	226,690	48,255	12,917	19,989	15,075	21,598	9,427	22,154	16
20	133	40	20	3	32	19	29	13	3	225	64	116	17
1,156	5,406	8,118	954	399	5,357	2,775	2,098	538	228	8,522	5,158	5,201	18
36	190	52	24	5	50	81	42	8	6	205	96	137	19
2,648	13,326	10,379	2,240	1,480	11,676	10,906	3,407	453	1,085	7,546	4,972	6,888	20
10	91	17	3	1	9	7	1	4		41	12	45	21
800	5,474	5,023	350	160	2,045	4,278	640	880		2,241	1,211	9,093	22
6	28	48	12	1	23	10	5	15	6	76	35	59	23
533	8,800	21,003	781	220	10,100	611	299	1,381	2,060	2,755	2,481	3,049	24
41	114	108	22	3	39	69	23	17	1	240	52	211	25
3,051	7,449	55,237	1,601	760	35,541	10,740	2,228	683	320	9,178	3,672	10,813	26
15	23	10	9	1	5	9	12	4	1	100	35	47	27
1,600	1,595	2,407	1,560	160	2,260	193,060	852	89	180	6,592	1,133	1,394	28
47	58	42	17	5	200	71	34	41	4	145	64	155	29
5,331	4,456	10,671	2,388	1,280	65,894	38,663	4,107	2,763	1,090	6,270	12,646	7,859	30
584	1,158	974	222	80	1,121	440	241	253	57	1,332	431	1,095	31
95,540	91,004	569,042	33,729	15,878	321,093	296,440	24,568	25,876	19,178	64,319	36,010	65,023	32
95	269	145	55	13	189	156	64	49	4	335	93	236	33
9,588	22,954	44,789	5,813	2,724	53,292	226,221	6,982	4,775	830	12,954	5,167	17,577	34
113	192	124	40	15	168	99	46	58	9	215	66	191	35
30,086	15,799	40,438	4,658	3,334	46,760	20,209	5,148	3,400	2,420	7,806	2,829	10,533	36
60	143	157	33	12	197	71	30	20	6	186	59	132	37
8,629	10,043	62,312	13,300	2,769	64,586	23,597	4,311	1,408	2,280	8,158	4,289	6,225	38
95	182	139	26	15	208	42	41	39	10	202	64	201	39
16,047	12,439	53,775	2,837	2,354	58,950	9,675	3,899	3,401	2,296	11,789	7,204	10,585	40
44	77	19	14	14	127	21	15	21	2	80	28	67	41
10,274	11,538	35,809	2,007	2,502	36,341	9,136	440	2,490	267	6,826	2,264	5,540	42
20	55	86	8	1	70	9	12	15	4	54	19	43	43
6,680	3,603	38,751	802	35	18,922	1,643	591	1,579	660	2,472	1,721	2,093	44
41	65	113	12	4	54	16	16	36	5	69	26	45	45
6,001	3,706	56,581	1,344	900	14,731	2,133	688	4,367	1,885	4,426	2,909	4,634	46
19	54	49	10	1	42	6	5	8	2	34	24	57	47
2,245	4,598	17,033	1,080	320	10,945	1,026	289	846	8	2,182	2,896	3,167	48
47	121	84	18	5	66	20	17	28	15	157	52	121	49
6,020	6,324	19,554	1,708	960	16,566	2,800	2,220	3,610	8,532	7,706	6,731	4,649	50
104	81	82	20	1	135	55	23	30	8	99	61	162	51
14,516	8,619	14,934	1,606	640	76,657	26,882	2,232	1,450	1,020	4,171	8,401	6,816	52
177.2	80.6	368.2	146.4	200.5	314.3	671.4	98.7	101.5	313.2	48.4	74.2	58.1	53
380.2		475.1	597.9	100.0	1,213.6	367.7	41.8	65.6		57.1		96.6	54
226.1	77.9	195.4	723.2	320.0	245.2	233.0	42.5	30.3	160.0	28.9	140.4	27.9	55
184.2	91.2	354.8	104.4	176.5	269.5	255.3	115.3	116.9	350.6	71.3	86.5	71.2	56
57.8	40.6	205.0	47.7	135.0	167.4	146.1	72.3	41.4	76.0	37.9	80.6	44.8	57
73.8	70.1	199.6	95.3	292.0	233.5	134.6	81.1	56.6	180.8	36.8	51.8	50.3	58
80.0	60.2	295.5	116.7	160.0	227.2	611.1	640.0	220.0		54.7	100.9	202.1	59
88.8	314.3	437.6	65.1	220.0	439.1	61.1	59.8	92.1	343.3	36.2	70.9	51.7	60
74.4	65.3	511.5	72.8	253.3	911.3	155.7	96.9	40.2	320.0	36.2	74.5	51.2	61
106.7	69.3	240.7	173.3	160.0	452.0	21,451.1	71.0	22.2	180.0	65.9	32.4	29.7	62
113.4	76.8	254.1	140.5	256.0	329.5	544.5	120.8	67.4	272.5	43.2	197.6	50.7	63
178.9	78.6	378.9	151.9	198.5	286.4	675.7	101.9	102.3	336.5	48.3	83.5	59.4	64
100.6	85.3	308.9	103.8	209.5	282.0	1,450.1	109.1	97.4	207.5	58.7	55.6	74.5	65
286.2	82.3	326.1	116.4	222.3	278.5	204.1	111.9	89.5	268.9	36.3	42.9	55.3	66
143.8	70.2	396.9	409.1	230.8	327.8	332.4	143.7	70.4	380.0	43.9	72.7	47.2	67
168.9	68.3	386.9	109.1	155.6	285.4	230.4	95.1	89.5	229.6	58.4	112.6	52.7	68
233.5	149.8	369.2	105.6	179.7	286.1	435.0	29.3	118.6	133.5	85.3	80.9	82.7	69
334.0	65.5	450.6	100.2	35.0	270.3	162.6	49.2	105.3	165.0	45.8	90.6	48.7	70
146.4	57.0	500.7	112.0	225.0	272.8	133.3	62.5	121.3	377.0	64.1	111.9	69.2	71
119.2	85.1	847.6	106.0	320.0	260.6	171.0	57.8	105.8	4.0	64.2	120.7	85.6	72
128.1	52.3	305.5	94.9	192.0	251.0	140.0	130.6	128.9	568.8	49.1	129.4	38.4	73
139.6	106.4	182.1	80.3	640.0	567.8	488.8	97.0	48.3	127.5	42.1	137.7	42.1	74