

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1940

TABLE 9.—NUMBER OF FARMS, ALL LAND IN FARMS, AND VALUE OF FARMS, WITH

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF FARMS					APPROXIMATE LAND AREA, 1940 ¹		ALL LAND IN FARMS						
	1940	1935	1930	Increase or decrease (-), 1930-1940		Acres	Per cent in farms	Acres			Percent increase or decrease (-), 1930-1940	Average acreage per farm		
				Number	Per cent			1940	1935	1930		1940	1935	1930
1 United States	6,096,799	6,812,350	6,288,648	-191,849	-3.1	1,905,361,920	55.7	1,080,852,374	1,054,515,111	986,771,016	7.5	174.0	154.8	158.9
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:														
2 New England	135,190	158,241	124,925	10,265	8.2	40,451,840	33.1	13,371,473	15,465,420	14,283,197	-6.4	98.9	97.7	114.3
3 Middle Atlantic	348,100	397,684	357,603	-9,503	-2.7	64,517,440	52.3	35,636,875	36,455,194	35,047,145	-4.0	96.8	91.7	98.0
4 East North Central	1,006,095	1,083,687	966,502	39,593	4.1	158,807,040	72.5	118,956,562	118,956,767	110,681,179	2.5	113.0	107.9	114.7
5 West North Central	1,090,574	1,179,856	1,112,755	-22,181	-2.0	326,797,440	84.0	274,422,569	273,077,144	265,487,507	3.4	251.6	251.4	238.6
6 South Atlantic	1,019,451	1,147,133	1,058,468	-39,017	-3.7	171,795,840	53.9	92,554,759	95,987,439	86,362,715	7.2	90.8	85.7	81.6
7 East South Central	1,023,349	1,137,219	1,062,214	-38,865	-3.7	115,563,520	66.7	77,086,563	79,100,598	72,817,557	5.9	75.3	69.6	68.8
8 West South Central	964,370	1,137,571	1,103,134	-138,764	-12.6	275,730,580	72.7	200,527,339	201,118,174	183,906,346	9.0	207.9	178.8	168.7
9 Mountain	233,497	271,392	241,314	-7,817	-3.2	549,015,040	35.0	191,901,190	173,880,744	157,450,133	21.9	821.9	640.7	652.5
10 Pacific	276,175	299,587	281,733	14,440	5.5	204,683,200	31.1	63,694,446	62,475,841	60,525,037	5.2	230.6	208.6	231.2
NEW ENGLAND:														
11 Maine	38,980	41,907	39,006	-26	-0.1	19,865,600	21.3	4,223,297	4,721,842	4,639,938	-9.0	108.3	112.7	119.0
12 New Hampshire	16,554	17,695	14,906	1,648	11.1	5,775,360	31.3	1,809,314	2,115,548	1,960,061	-7.7	109.3	119.6	131.5
13 Vermont	23,582	27,061	24,898	-1,316	-5.3	5,937,920	61.8	3,666,655	4,042,658	3,896,097	-5.9	155.5	149.4	158.5
14 Massachusetts	31,897	35,094	25,598	6,299	24.6	5,060,480	38.3	1,937,963	2,195,714	2,005,461	-3.4	60.8	62.6	78.3
15 Rhode Island	3,014	4,327	3,322	-308	-9.3	677,120	32.8	221,913	307,725	279,361	-20.6	73.6	71.1	84.1
16 Connecticut	21,163	32,157	17,195	3,968	23.1	3,135,360	48.2	1,512,151	2,079,933	1,502,279	0.7	71.5	64.7	87.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:														
17 New York	153,238	177,025	159,806	-6,568	-4.1	30,674,560	36.0	17,170,337	18,685,741	17,979,633	-4.5	112.1	105.6	112.5
18 New Jersey	25,835	29,375	25,378	457	1.8	4,814,080	58.9	1,874,402	1,914,110	1,758,027	6.6	72.6	65.2	69.3
19 Pennsylvania	169,027	191,284	172,419	-3,392	-2.0	28,828,800	50.6	14,594,134	15,955,343	15,309,485	-4.7	86.3	82.9	88.8
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:														
20 Ohio	233,783	255,146	219,296	14,487	6.6	26,318,080	83.2	21,907,523	22,857,892	21,514,059	1.8	93.7	89.6	98.1
21 Indiana	184,549	200,835	181,870	2,979	1.6	23,171,200	85.5	19,800,778	20,518,745	19,688,675	0.6	107.3	102.2	108.4
22 Illinois	213,439	231,312	214,497	-1,058	-0.5	35,806,080	86.7	31,032,572	31,661,205	30,695,539	1.1	145.4	136.9	143.1
23 Michigan	187,589	196,517	169,372	18,217	10.8	36,494,080	49.4	18,037,995	18,459,922	17,119,951	5.4	96.2	93.9	101.1
24 Wisconsin	186,735	199,877	181,767	4,968	2.7	35,017,600	65.3	22,876,494	23,459,203	21,874,165	4.6	122.5	117.4	120.3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:														
25 Minnesota	197,351	203,302	185,255	12,096	6.5	51,205,760	63.7	32,606,962	32,817,911	30,913,867	5.5	165.2	161.4	166.9
26 Iowa	213,318	221,986	214,928	-1,610	-0.7	35,831,040	93.3	34,148,673	34,559,152	34,019,332	0.4	160.1	154.8	158.3
27 Missouri	256,100	276,454	255,940	180	0.1	44,332,800	78.4	34,739,598	35,054,542	33,743,019	3.0	135.6	125.9	131.8
28 North Dakota	73,962	84,606	77,975	-4,013	-5.1	44,834,560	84.6	37,936,136	39,118,136	38,657,894	-1.9	512.9	462.4	495.8
29 South Dakota	72,454	85,305	85,157	-10,703	-12.9	48,985,040	80.6	39,473,584	37,101,871	36,470,083	8.2	544.8	445.4	438.6
30 Nebraska	121,062	133,616	129,458	-8,396	-6.5	49,057,920	96.5	47,543,981	46,615,762	44,708,565	5.9	391.1	348.9	345.4
31 Kansas	156,327	174,589	166,042	-9,715	-5.9	52,552,320	91.7	48,173,635	48,009,770	46,975,647	2.6	308.2	275.0	282.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC:														
32 Delaware	8,994	10,361	9,707	-713	-7.3	1,265,920	70.7	895,507	921,251	900,815	-0.8	99.6	88.7	92.8
33 Maryland	42,110	44,412	43,203	-1,093	-2.5	6,527,680	66.3	4,197,827	4,383,641	4,374,598	-4.0	99.7	98.7	101.3
34 Dist. of Columbia	55	89	104	-39	-37.5	39,040	6.0	2,841	2,801	3,071	-23.8	36.0	31.5	29.5
35 Virginia	174,885	197,632	170,610	4,275	2.5	25,535,560	64.4	18,444,907	17,644,898	16,728,620	-1.7	94.0	89.3	98.1
36 West Virginia	95,232	104,747	82,641	16,641	20.1	15,417,600	57.8	8,308,803	9,423,655	8,802,548	1.2	89.0	80.0	106.5
37 North Carolina	276,276	300,967	279,708	-1,432	-0.5	31,450,980	59.9	18,945,538	19,956,507	18,055,103	4.4	67.7	66.2	64.5
38 South Carolina	137,538	185,504	157,931	-20,373	-12.9	19,580,697	57.4	11,238,697	12,259,958	10,593,113	8.1	81.7	74.5	65.8
39 Georgia	216,033	230,544	255,598	-39,565	-15.5	37,451,520	63.2	25,683,631	25,296,522	22,078,630	7.3	109.6	101.0	86.4
40 Florida	62,248	72,857	59,966	3,282	5.6	34,727,680	24.0	8,337,708	8,048,406	5,026,617	65.9	133.9	83.0	85.2
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:														
41 Kentucky	252,894	278,298	246,499	6,395	2.6	25,669,760	79.1	20,294,016	20,696,510	19,927,286	1.8	80.2	74.4	80.8
42 Tennessee	247,617	275,783	245,657	1,960	0.8	26,855,040	68.9	18,492,998	19,085,837	18,003,241	2.7	74.7	69.7	73.3
43 Alabama	231,746	275,455	257,395	-25,649	-10.0	32,689,920	58.6	19,145,591	19,680,928	17,554,635	9.1	82.6	71.9	68.2
44 Mississippi	291,092	311,683	312,663	-21,571	-6.9	30,348,800	65.1	19,156,058	19,655,413	17,332,195	10.5	65.8	63.1	55.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:														
45 Arkansas	216,674	253,013	242,334	-25,660	-10.6	33,744,000	53.5	18,044,542	17,741,627	16,052,962	12.4	83.3	70.1	66.2
46 Louisiana	150,007	170,216	161,445	-11,438	-7.1	28,913,280	34.6	9,996,108	10,444,288	9,355,437	6.8	66.6	61.4	57.9
47 Oklahoma	179,587	213,325	203,868	-24,179	-11.9	44,341,120	78.5	34,803,317	35,334,870	33,790,817	3.0	193.7	185.6	165.8
48 Texas	416,002	501,017	495,489	-77,487	-15.6	168,732,160	61.6	137,683,372	137,689,372	124,707,130	10.4	329.4	274.6	251.7
MOUNTAIN:														
49 Montana	41,823	50,564	47,495	-5,872	-11.9	93,642,240	49.6	48,451,594	47,511,868	44,659,152	4.0	1110.7	939.6	940.3
50 Idaho	43,663	45,113	41,674	1,989	4.8	92,997,120	19.4	10,297,745	9,951,661	9,345,908	10.2	235.8	220.6	224.3
51 Wyoming	15,017	17,487	16,011	-993	-6.2	82,403,840	44.9	28,025,979	28,121,911	25,525,234	19.1	1,966.2	1,610.4	1,469.3
52 Colorado	51,436	63,644	59,956	-8,520	-14.2	66,538,880	47.4	31,527,240	29,978,472	28,276,171	9.2	612.9	471.0	481.6
53 New Mexico	34,105	41,369	31,404	2,701	8.6	77,767,040	30.0	38,880,427	34,597,205	30,822,034	26.1	1,139.4	851.5	981.5
54 Arizona	19,468	19,824	14,173	4,295	30.3	72,691,200	35.3	25,651,092	14,018,540	10,526,627	143.7	1,368.9	744.7	742.7
55 Utah	25,411	30,695	27,159	-1,748	-6.4	52,701,440	15.9	7,302,007	6,239,318	5,613,101	30.1	287.4	203.3	206.7
56 Nevada	3,573	3,696	3,442	131	3.9	70,273,280	5.4	3,785,106	3,621,769	4,080,306	-7.2	1,058.4	979.9	1,165.6
PACIFIC:														
57 Washington	81,896	84,381	70,904	10,782	15.2	42,685,280	35.4	15,181,815	14,680,097	13,533,778	12.2	185.9	174.0	190.9
58 Oregon	61,829	64,828	55,153	6,676	12.1	61,664,000	29.2	17,988,307	17,357,549	16,548,878	8.7	290.9	267.8	300.1
59 California	132,658	150,360	135,676	-3,018	-2.2	100,353,920	30.4	30,524,524	30,437,995	30,442,561	0.3	230.1	202.4	224.4

¹The land areas shown represent complete remeasurements and therefore differ from those shown in reports for previous censuses.

²Less than one-hundredth of 1 percent.

FARMS AND FARM PROPERTY

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1940, 1935, AND 1930

VALUE OF FARMS (LAND AND BUILDINGS)										PERCENT DISTRIBUTION										
Amount (dollars)			Percent increase or decrease (-), 1930-1940	Average per farm (dollars)			Average per acre (dollars)			Number of farms			Approximate land area, 1940	Land in farms			Value of farms (land and buildings)			
1940	1935	1930		1940	1935	1930	1940	1935	1930	1940	1935	1930		1940	1935	1930	1940	1935	1930	
35,641,738,728	32,858,844,012	47,879,838,358	-29.7	5,518	4,823	7,614	31.71	31.18	48.52	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1
740,507,729	901,271,149	940,713,498	-21.3	5,478	5,696	7,530	55.38	59.28	65.88	2.22	2.32	1.99	2.12	1.26	1.47	1.45	2.20	2.74	1.96	2
2,089,079,874	2,141,412,065	2,817,767,499	-27.6	5,858	5,385	7,880	60.62	59.74	80.40	5.71	5.84	5.69	3.38	3.17	3.48	3.55	6.08	6.52	5.89	3
7,355,630,728	6,598,945,940	9,356,790,590	-21.5	7,689	6,097	9,860	64.55	56.40	84.20	18.50	15.91	15.37	8.25	10.71	11.09	11.24	21.90	20.08	19.50	4
6,795,913,122	9,365,140,925	15,158,529,598	-42.0	5,065	7,954	15,623	32.05	34.14	57.10	17.89	17.32	17.69	17.15	25.87	25.90	25.90	26.15	28.56	31.66	5
3,159,549,858	2,791,958,530	3,852,078,803	-16.0	3,099	2,454	5,839	34.14	29.09	44.60	18.72	16.84	16.83	9.02	8.72	9.10	8.75	9.39	8.50	8.05	6
2,524,756,915	1,915,217,803	2,895,363,886	-13.4	2,272	1,884	2,528	30.16	24.21	36.88	16.78	16.89	16.89	6.07	7.27	7.50	7.38	6.91	5.83	5.61	7
4,251,841,348	4,029,702,126	5,806,180,555	-27.1	4,398	3,542	5,283	21.10	20.04	31.57	15.82	18.70	17.54	14.47	18.90	18.64	12.58	12.58	12.26	12.13	8
1,779,843,231	1,772,459,155	2,458,482,740	-27.6	7,823	6,531	10,188	9.27	10.19	15.61	3.83	3.98	3.84	28.81	18.08	16.49	15.96	5.29	5.39	5.13	9
3,258,886,447	3,524,978,319	4,823,961,293	-32.9	11,720	11,099	18,431	50.82	55.22	79.70	4.53	4.40	4.18	10.75	6.00	5.92	6.13	9.62	10.12	10.08	10
124,082,841	143,539,330	194,279,884	-36.1	3,183	3,425	4,981	29.38	30.40	41.87	0.64	0.62	0.62	1.04	0.40	0.45	0.47	0.37	0.44	0.41	11
62,206,391	66,936,940	77,555,327	-19.6	3,758	3,783	5,190	34.38	31.84	39.47	0.27	0.28	0.24	0.30	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.20	0.18	12
111,108,534	115,998,472	145,935,241	-23.9	4,712	4,288	5,961	30.30	28.89	37.46	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.31	0.35	0.38	0.39	0.33	0.35	0.30	13
212,014,287	255,676,839	261,222,390	-18.8	8,647	7,285	10,205	109.40	116.44	130.26	0.52	0.52	0.41	0.27	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.63	0.78	0.55	14
26,334,374	35,237,680	34,507,749	-23.7	8,737	8,144	10,588	118.67	114.51	123.52	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.07	15
204,761,302	283,685,908	227,412,905	-10.0	9,875	8,828	13,228	135.41	136.49	151.38	0.35	0.47	0.27	0.16	0.14	0.20	0.15	0.61	0.86	0.47	16
947,073,893	1,045,391,981	1,315,904,741	-28.0	6,180	5,905	8,254	55.18	55.95	73.19	2.51	2.80	2.54	1.61	1.62	1.77	1.82	2.82	3.18	2.75	17
227,805,686	234,515,485	298,845,113	-23.8	8,818	7,977	11,776	121.54	122.41	169.99	0.42	0.45	0.40	0.25	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.68	0.71	0.82	18
864,199,798	861,706,599	1,203,017,645	-28.2	5,113	4,505	6,977	59.22	54.35	78.58	2.77	2.81	2.74	1.51	1.38	1.50	1.55	2.57	2.62	2.51	19
1,443,917,176	1,277,556,256	1,683,030,718	-14.7	6,176	5,007	7,720	65.91	55.89	78.69	3.83	3.75	3.49	1.39	2.07	2.17	2.18	4.29	3.89	3.54	20
1,251,481,614	1,040,258,254	1,415,542,192	-11.6	6,781	5,190	7,798	65.20	50.70	71.90	3.03	2.95	2.89	1.22	1.87	1.95	2.00	3.72	3.17	2.96	21
2,537,117,308	2,205,899,876	3,386,049,028	-23.9	11,827	9,556	15,553	81.78	69.67	108.68	3.50	3.40	3.41	1.88	2.93	3.00	3.11	7.54	6.71	6.97	22
912,545,223	826,260,594	1,180,651,607	-21.4	4,865	4,205	6,853	50.59	44.76	67.80	3.08	2.88	2.69	1.82	1.70	1.75	1.73	2.71	2.51	2.42	23
1,188,559,407	1,246,689,280	1,731,517,017	-31.4	6,365	6,238	9,526	51.98	53.15	79.16	3.08	2.93	2.89	1.84	2.16	2.22	2.22	3.53	3.79	3.62	24
1,443,021,290	1,383,072,263	2,125,093,278	-32.1	7,312	6,803	11,471	44.26	42.14	68.74	3.24	2.98	2.95	2.89	3.07	3.11	3.13	4.29	4.21	4.44	25
2,690,744,215	2,462,312,600	4,224,506,083	-36.3	12,614	11,092	19,655	78.79	71.66	124.18	3.50	3.28	3.42	1.88	3.22	3.28	3.45	8.00	7.49	8.80	26
1,107,302,598	1,099,281,255	1,986,246,519	-38.4	4,324	3,948	7,018	31.87	31.36	53.23	4.20	4.09	4.07	2.33	3.27	3.32	3.42	3.29	3.35	3.75	27
490,197,358	707,158,992	951,255,446	-48.5	6,628	8,358	12,199	12.92	18.08	24.61	1.21	1.24	1.24	2.35	3.58	3.71	3.92	1.46	2.15	1.99	28
505,452,178	691,865,413	1,285,153,558	-60.7	6,978	8,305	15,455	12.80	18.65	35.24	1.19	1.22	1.32	2.57	3.72	3.52	3.70	1.50	2.11	2.68	29
1,137,608,019	1,582,812,974	2,495,203,071	-54.4	9,399	11,696	19,274	24.03	33.53	55.81	1.99	1.96	2.06	2.57	4.46	4.42	4.53	3.38	4.76	5.21	30
1,421,387,464	1,478,659,428	2,281,101,631	-37.7	9,092	8,469	13,738	29.51	30.80	48.56	2.58	2.56	2.64	2.76	4.54	4.55	4.78	4.25	4.50	4.76	31
54,898,828	51,475,728	66,941,747	-18.0	6,104	4,959	6,896	61.30	55.88	74.31	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.16	0.14	32
273,960,352	242,714,142	358,170,168	-23.1	6,506	5,465	8,244	65.27	55.37	81.42	0.69	0.65	0.69	0.33	0.40	0.42	0.44	0.81	0.74	0.74	33
5,942,900	7,185,087	7,143,712	-16.8	91,429	80,709	68,690	2,538.62	2,564.47	2,326.18	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	0.02	0.02	0.01	34
674,975,424	593,854,761	855,849,672	-21.1	3,880	3,005	5,016	41.04	33.66	51.16	2.87	2.90	2.71	1.54	1.55	1.67	1.70	2.01	1.81	1.79	35
269,827,285	237,643,860	341,976,394	-21.1	2,718	2,269	4,138	30.29	25.22	38.85	1.63	1.54	1.31	0.81	0.84	0.89	0.80	0.80	0.72	0.71	36
736,708,125	622,718,510	844,121,809	-12.7	2,647	2,089	3,018	39.09	31.24	46.75	4.56	4.42	4.45	1.65	1.78	1.89	1.83	2.19	1.90	1.76	37
338,494,517	285,515,573	379,190,630	-10.7	2,461	1,725	2,401	30.12	25.16	36.48	2.28	2.43	2.51	1.03	1.06	1.17	1.05	1.01	0.87	0.79	38
480,344,531	429,755,216	577,338,409	-16.8	2,223	1,715	2,259	20.28	16.99	26.15	3.54	3.68	4.06	1.97	2.23	2.40	2.24	1.43	1.31	1.21	39
324,377,874	321,077,655	425,346,262	-25.4	5,211	4,407	7,179	38.90	55.08	84.22	1.02	1.07	0.94	1.82	0.79	0.57	0.51	0.96	0.98	0.88	40
776,494,098	620,408,700	871,448,632	-10.9	3,070	2,229	3,535	38.26	29.97	43.73	4.15	4.09	3.92	1.35	1.91	1.96	2.02	2.31	1.89	1.82	41
664,474,287	555,790,791	745,222,363	-10.6	2,883	2,030	3,025	35.93	29.12	41.28	4.06	4.02	3.91	1.41	1.74	1.81	1.82	1.98	1.69	1.55	42
408,782,468	368,219,654	502,570,806	-18.6	1,764	1,347	1,952	21.35	18.73	28.62	3.80	4.01	4.09	1.72	1.80	1.86	1.78	1.22	1.12	1.05	43
474,986,062	370,838,658	588,522,065	-16.4	1,632	1,190	1,818	24.80	18.87	32.79	4.77	4.58	4.97	1.59	1.81	1.86	1.76	1.41	1.13	1.19	44
458,848,156	376,087,716	547,828,250	-16.6	2,108	1,486	2,261	25.32	21.20	34.13	3.55	3.71	3.85	1.77	1.70	1.68	1.63	1.36	1.14	1.14	45
353,873,506	295,515,197	416,181,773	-15.4	2,359	1,736	2,590	35.40	28.29	44.70	2.46	2.50	2.57	1.52	0.94	0.99	0.95	1.05	0.90	0.87	46
831,140,748	784,394,241	1,242,725,526	-33.1	4,625	3,677	6,096	25.88	22.20	36.78	2.95	3.13	3.24	2.33	3.28	3.35	3.42	2.47	2.39	2.60	47
2,589,978,936	2,575,704,972	3,597,406,986	-28.0	6,198	5,137	7,260	18.81	18.70	28.85	6.86	7.55	7.88	8.86	12.98	15.05	12.64	7.70	7.83	7.51	48
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