

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1940

TABLE 4.—ALL LAND IN FARMS AND SPECIFIED USES OF LAND, IN THE UNITED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1850 TO 1940

(Figures for divisions and States for 1940, 1935, and 1930 in tables 10 to 15 and 19)

ITEM AND YEAR	FARMS REPORTING				ACRES						
	Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census		Total	Percent of all land in farms	Increase or decrease (-) from preceding census		Average		
			Number	Percent			Number	Percent	Per farm (based on all farms)	Per farm reporting	
All land in farms	1940	6,096,799	100.0	-715,551	-10.5	1,060,852,374	100.0	6,337,263	0.6	174.0	174.0
	1935	6,812,350	100.0	525,702	8.3	1,054,515,111	100.0	67,744,095	6.9	154.8	154.8
	1930	6,288,648	100.0	-82,992	-1.3	986,771,016	100.0	62,451,664	6.8	156.9	156.9
	1925	6,371,640	100.0	-76,705	-1.2	924,319,352	100.0	31,564,363	-3.3	145.1	145.1
	1920	6,448,343	100.0	86,841	1.4	955,883,715	100.0	77,085,390	8.8	148.2	148.2
	1910	6,361,502	100.0	624,130	10.9	878,798,325	100.0	40,206,551	4.8	138.1	138.1
	1900	5,737,372	100.0	1,172,751	25.7	838,591,774	100.0	215,373,155	34.6	146.2	146.2
	1890	4,564,641	100.0	555,734	13.9	623,218,619	100.0	87,136,784	16.3	136.5	136.5
	1880	4,008,907	100.0	1,348,922	50.7	536,081,855	100.0	128,346,794	31.5	133.7	133.7
	1870	2,659,985	100.0	615,908	30.1	407,755,041	100.0	522,503	0.1	153.3	153.3
	1860	2,044,077	100.0	595,004	41.1	407,212,538	100.0	113,651,924	38.7	199.2	199.2
	1850	1,449,073	100.0			298,580,614	100.0			202.6	202.6
Cropland harvested ²	1939	5,713,255	93.7	-855,933	-10.3	521,242,450	30.3	25,618,254	8.7	52.7	56.2
	1934	6,369,188	93.5	407,496	6.8	295,624,176	28.0	-65,617,915	-17.7	43.4	46.4
	1929	5,961,692	94.8	(s)	(s)	359,242,091	36.4	14,692,824	4.3	57.1	60.3
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	344,549,267	37.3	-5,999,282	-1.1	54.1	(s)
	1919	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	348,603,729	36.5	37,310,347	12.0	54.1	(s)
	1909	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	311,293,362	35.4	26,075,102	9.9	48.9	(s)
	1899	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	285,218,280	33.8	65,512,716	28.9	49.4	(s)
	1889	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	219,705,564	35.3	55,518,980	14.2	46.1	(s)
	1879	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	166,186,584	31.0			41.5	(s)
Crop failure	1939	604,404	9.9	-644,848	-51.6	20,580,017	1.9	-43,101,760	-67.7	5.4	34.1
	1934	1,249,252	18.3	697,930	126.6	65,681,777	6.0	50,975,194	401.2	9.4	51.0
	1929	551,322	8.8	(s)	(s)	12,706,583	1.3	-311,366	-2.4	2.0	23.0
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	13,017,949	1.4			2.0	(s)
Cropland, idle or fallow	1939	1,652,219	27.1	-379,747	-18.7	56,928,656	5.4	899,678	1.6	6.3	34.5
	1934	2,031,966	29.8	647,374	46.8	56,028,978	5.3	14,741,762	35.7	8.2	27.6
	1929	1,384,592	22.0	(s)	(s)	41,287,216	4.2	7,594,530	21.8	6.6	29.6
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	33,892,686	3.7			5.3	(s)
Plowable pasture	1939	3,290,587	54.0	425,793	14.9	131,379,940	12.4	32,800,902	33.3	21.5	39.9
	1934	2,864,794	42.1	159,618	5.9	98,579,038	9.3	-10,580,876	-9.7	14.5	34.4
	1929	2,704,976	43.0	140,457	5.5	109,159,914	11.1	-4,407,584	-3.9	17.4	40.4
	1924	2,564,519	40.2			113,567,498	12.3			17.8	44.3
Woodland	1939	2,902,156	47.6	(s)	(s)	137,177,658	12.9	-48,297,307	-26.0	22.5	47.3
	1934	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	185,474,965	17.6	35,529,240	23.7	27.2	(s)
	1929	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	149,945,725	15.2	6,174,564	4.3	23.8	(s)
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	143,771,161	15.6	-23,989,633	-14.3	22.6	(s)
	1919	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	167,730,794	17.5	-23,134,759	-12.1	26.0	(s)
	1909	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	190,865,533	21.7	(s)	(s)	30.0	(s)
	1879	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	190,255,744	35.5	30,945,567	19.4	33.2	(s)
	1869	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	159,310,177	39.1			34.9	(s)
Woodland pasture	1934	2,186,106	32.1	254,738	13.2	108,095,711	10.3	22,775,611	26.7	15.9	49.4
	1929	1,851,368	30.7	153,484	8.6	85,321,900	8.6	8,617,954	11.2	13.6	44.2
	1924	1,777,884	27.9			76,703,946	8.3			12.0	43.1
Woodland not pastured	1934	1,909,067	28.0	297,869	18.5	77,379,254	7.3	12,755,429	19.7	11.4	40.5
	1929	1,611,198	25.6	-25,442	-1.6	64,623,825	6.5	-2,443,590	-3.6	10.3	40.1
	1924	1,636,640	25.7			67,067,215	7.3			10.5	41.0
All other land	1939	5,222,744	85.7	(s)	(s)	393,543,673	37.1	58,417,496	10.8	64.5	75.4
	1934	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	355,126,177	33.7	40,396,690	12.9	52.1	(s)
	1929	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	314,429,487	31.9	58,908,696	14.1	50.0	(s)
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	275,520,791	29.8			43.2	(s)
Pasture other than plowable and woodland	1934	2,019,431	29.6	254,428	14.4	311,225,652	29.5	41,552,942	15.4	45.7	154.1
	1929	1,765,003	28.1	153,078	9.5	269,672,710	27.3	51,985,565	23.9	42.9	152.8
	1924	1,611,925	25.3			217,687,145	23.6			34.2	135.0
Other land ⁴	1934	6,003,964	88.1	1,252,653	26.4	43,800,525	4.2	-856,252	-1.9	6.4	7.3
	1929	4,751,311	75.6	(s)	(s)	44,756,777	4.5	-13,076,869	-22.6	7.1	9.4
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	57,833,646	6.3			9.1	(s)
Land used for crops (harvested and failure)	1939	5,748,404	94.3	(s)	(s)	341,822,447	32.2	-17,483,506	-4.9	56.1	59.5
	1934	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	359,305,953	34.1	-12,642,721	-3.4	52.7	(s)
	1929	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	371,948,674	37.7	14,381,458	4.0	59.1	(s)
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	357,587,216	38.7			56.1	(s)
Land available for crops (harvested, failure, idle or fallow, and plowable pasture)	1939	5,991,303	99.3	(s)	(s)	530,131,043	50.0	16,217,074	3.2	87.0	88.5
	1934	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	513,913,969	48.7	-8,481,835	-1.6	75.4	(s)
	1929	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	522,395,804	52.9	17,368,404	5.4	83.1	(s)
	1924	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	505,027,400	54.6			79.3	(s)
Improved land ⁵	1920	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	508,073,007	52.6	24,621,257	5.1	78.0	(s)
	1910	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	478,451,750	54.4	63,955,235	15.4	75.2	(s)
	1900	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	414,498,487	49.4	56,881,732	15.9	72.2	(s)
	1890	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	357,616,755	37.4	72,845,715	25.6	78.3	(s)
	1880	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	284,771,042	33.1	95,848,945	50.7	71.0	(s)
	1870	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	186,921,039	46.3	25,810,379	15.8	71.0	(s)
	1860	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	165,110,720	40.1	60,076,106	44.3	79.8	(s)
	1850	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	113,082,614	38.5			78.0	(s)
Irrigated cropland harvested and/or pasture ⁶	1939	299,604	4.9			17,882,630	1.7			2.9	60.0
Irrigated cropland harvested ⁶	1939	289,146	4.7	-7,043	-2.4	15,230,245	1.4	2,196,071	16.8	2.5	52.7
	1934	296,189	4.3	31,042	11.7	13,034,174	1.2	-1,599,078	-10.9	1.9	44.0
	1929	265,147	4.2			14,633,252	1.5			2.3	55.2
Irrigated pasture ⁶	1939	80,115	1.3			2,752,585	0.3			0.5	34.4

¹ Includes 489 farms reporting no land owned or leased. ² Prior to 1924, the total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except for 1919 when 14,502,932 acres of corn cut for forage were excluded (as most of this was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested as grain). ³ Not available. ⁴ Includes waste-land, house yards, barnyards, feed lots, lanes, roads, etc. ⁵ Nominally includes all land regularly tilled or mowed; land in pasture that has been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in gardens, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries; and land occupied by buildings, yards, barnyards, etc. See text discussion. ⁶ For additional historical data for irrigated land, see tables 6 and 7. ⁷ Acreage of irrigated crops harvested, including some duplication where 2 or more irrigated crops were harvested from the same land. Data available for 19 States only. See table 19.