

TABLE 3.—FARMS REPORTING, ACREAGE HARVESTED, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE OF SPECIFIED MINOR FIELD CROPS FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1869 TO 1939

(Figures for States are shown in table 56)

CROP	Farms reporting	Acreage	PRODUCTION		Value (dollars)	CROP	Farms reporting	Acreage	PRODUCTION		Value (dollars)
			Unit	Amount					Unit	Amount	
Root crops for feed:						Miscellaneous seed crops and other miscellaneous crops—Continued					
Artichokes for feed—1939	44	97	tons	1,084	4,856	Gourds—1939	7	81	no.	501,000	6,892
Beets for feed—1939	811	1,587	tons	18,686	86,125	Green peas for feed—1939	1	9	tons	9	40
Carrots for feed—1939	683	830	tons	10,684	46,413	Hemp seed—1939	12	366	bu.	131,436	6,125
Dasheens for feed—1939	1	1	tons	7	75	Mangels for feed—1939	40	537	bu.	4,602	13,588
Mangels for feed—1939	1,457	1,633	tons	18,138	92,313	Rutabagas for feed—1939	37	257	bu.	2,724	10,876
Rutabagas for feed—1939	2,020	2,161	tons	15,084	95,409	Sugar beets for feed—1939	84	116	tons	2,548	20,007
Sugar beets for feed—1939	84	116	tons	487	2,548	Turnips for feed—1939	783	1,085	tons	9,687	46,772
Turnips for feed—1939	783	1,085	tons	9,687	46,772	Combinations of root crops for feed—1939	(1)	2,634	tons	80,949	565,402
Combinations of root crops for feed—1939	(1)	2,634	tons	80,949	565,402	Medicinal crops:					
Medicinal crops:						Aloe vera—1939	2	2	doz. leaves	2,800	3,500
Aloe vera—1939	2	2	doz. leaves	2,800	3,500	Ginseng root—1939	112	139	lbs.	25,508	77,270
Ginseng root—1939	112	139	lbs.	25,508	77,270	Ginseng #—1939	8	5	lbs.	447	4,217
Ginseng #—1939	8	5	lbs.	447	4,217	Ginseng #—1939	303	434	lbs.	59,299	584,274
Ginseng #—1939	303	434	lbs.	59,299	584,274	Golden seal—1939	(1)	54	lbs.	18,561	129,927
Golden seal—1939	(1)	54	lbs.	18,561	129,927	Golden seal—1939	(1)	23	lbs.	(1)	151,868
Golden seal—1939	(1)	23	lbs.	(1)	151,868	Golden seal—1939	51	50	lbs.	15,144	40,464
Golden seal—1939	51	50	lbs.	15,144	40,464	Golden seal—1939	124	87	lbs.	42,638	76,265
Golden seal—1939	124	87	lbs.	42,638	76,265	Golden seal—1939	1	3	grams	50	9,100
Golden seal—1939	1	3	grams	50	9,100	Golden seal—1939	240	927	lbs.	38,261	95,787
Golden seal—1939	240	927	lbs.	38,261	95,787	Golden seal—1939	124	356	lbs.	12,536	35,924
Golden seal—1939	124	356	lbs.	12,536	35,924	Golden seal—1939	19	279	lbs.	3,872	12,300
Golden seal—1939	19	279	lbs.	3,872	12,300	Golden seal—1939	14	301	lbs.	3,915	56,225
Golden seal—1939	14	301	lbs.	3,915	56,225	Golden seal—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	(1)	2,419
Golden seal—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	(1)	2,419	Golden seal—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	(1)	139
Golden seal—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	(1)	139	Golden seal—1939	1	1	lbs.	172	139
Golden seal—1939	1	1	lbs.	172	139	Miscellaneous seed crops and other miscellaneous crops:					
Miscellaneous seed crops and other miscellaneous crops:						Bent seed—1939	3	3	lbs.	460	36
Bent seed—1939	3	3	lbs.	460	36	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	2	32	lbs.	2,500	2,500
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	2	32	lbs.	2,500	2,500	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	37	86	tons	455	5,513
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	37	86	tons	455	5,513	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	12	tons	24	1,896
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	12	tons	24	1,896	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	19	114	bu.	508	304
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	19	114	bu.	508	304	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	12	133	bu.	428	963
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	12	133	bu.	428	963	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1909	46	bu.	2,077	3,432
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1909	46	bu.	2,077	3,432	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1899	25,738	bu.	143,368	134,084
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1899	25,738	bu.	143,368	134,084	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	5	24	tons	145	543
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	5	24	tons	145	543	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	3	33	tons	246	1,107
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	3	33	tons	246	1,107	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	(4)	tons	2	10
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	(4)	tons	2	10	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	127	2,771	bu.	13,420	58,427
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	127	2,771	bu.	13,420	58,427	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	(4)	tons	1	5
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	(4)	tons	1	5	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	14	259	lbs.	13,429	15,621
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	14	259	lbs.	13,429	15,621	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	4	bundles	1,000	100
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	1	4	bundles	1,000	100	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	258	3,031	tons	4,808	122,730
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	258	3,031	tons	4,808	122,730	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	297	3,903	tons	6,688	205,514
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	297	3,903	tons	6,688	205,514	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	241,389	(1)
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	241,389	(1)	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	1,565,546	(1)
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	1,565,546	(1)	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	27,133,054	(1)
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939	(1)	(1)	lbs.	27,133,054	(1)	Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939					
Birdsfoot trefoil seed—1939						Miscellaneous seed crops and other miscellaneous crops—Continued					
Miscellaneous seed crops and other miscellaneous crops—Continued						Kale for feed—1939	44	65	tons	398	1,352
Kale for feed—1939	44	65	tons	398	1,352	Kudzu—1939	419	3,500	tons	3,043	36,685
Kudzu—1939	419	3,500	tons	3,043	36,685	Kudzu—1939	1	3	tons	5	23
Kudzu—1939	1	3	tons	5	23	Kudzu—1939	2	32	bu.	802	1,084
Kudzu—1939	2	32	bu.	802	1,084	Kudzu—1939	161	328	tons	4,027	5,006
Kudzu—1939	161	328	tons	4,027	5,006	Kudzu—1939	1	26	bu.	1,366	186
Kudzu—1939	1	26	bu.	1,366	186	Kudzu—1939	1	2	lbs.	1,300	195
Kudzu—1939	1	2	lbs.	1,300	195	Kudzu—1939	4	7	tons	45	240
Kudzu—1939	4	7	tons	45	240	Kudzu—1939	1	10	lbs.	1,500	120
Kudzu—1939	1	10	lbs.	1,500	120	Kudzu—1939	9	18	tons	32	165
Kudzu—1939	9	18	tons	32	165	Kudzu—1939	7	124	bu.	446	1,418
Kudzu—1939	7	124	bu.	446	1,418	Kudzu—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	2,336
Kudzu—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	2,336	Kudzu—1939	5	58	lbs.	17,850	491
Kudzu—1939	5	58	lbs.	17,850	491	Kudzu—1939	1	1	lbs.	120	168
Kudzu—1939	1	1	lbs.	120	168	Kudzu—1939					
Kudzu—1939						Sesbania seed—1939	4	3.14	bu.	2,203	4,626
Sesbania seed—1939	4	3.14	bu.	2,203	4,626	Sugar beet seed—1939	285	7,087	lbs.	11,022,625	918,005
Sugar beet seed—1939	285	7,087	lbs.	11,022,625	918,005	Sugar beet seed—1939	8	93	lbs.	90,360	13,555
Sugar beet seed—1939	8	93	lbs.	90,360	13,555	Sugar beet seed—1939	69	7,022	lbs.	3,608,947	2,012,142
Sugar beet seed—1939	69	7,022	lbs.	3,608,947	2,012,142	Sugar beet seed—1939	8	13	tons	91	616
Sugar beet seed—1939	8	13	tons	91	616	Sugarcane for feed—1939					
Sugarcane for feed—1939						Sunflower seed—1939	437	4,235	bu.	104,432	83,989
Sunflower seed—1939	437	4,235	bu.	104,432	83,989	Sunflower seed—1939	1,267	25,523	bu.	624,181	436,340
Sunflower seed—1939	1,267	25,523	bu.	624,181	436,340	Sunflower seed—1939	1,919	8,614	bu.	135,947	331,708
Sunflower seed—1939	1,919	8,614	bu.	135,947	331,708	Sunflower seed—1939	1,909	665	bu.	63,877	58,318
Sunflower seed—1939	1,909	665	bu.	63,877	58,318	Sunflower seed—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	28,896
Sunflower seed—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	28,896	Sunflower seed—1939	1	40	tons	2	7
Sunflower seed—1939	1	40	tons	2	7	Sunflower seed—1939	1	80	lbs.	1,200	3,600
Sunflower seed—1939	1	80	lbs.	1,200	3,600	Sunflower seed—1939	2	15	lbs.	410	1,333
Sunflower seed—1939	2	15	lbs.	410	1,333	Sunflower seed—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	415
Sunflower seed—1939	(1)	(1)	---	(1)	415	Sunflower seed—1939					
Sunflower seed—1939						Tarragon—1939	1	3	lbs.	5,520	469
Tarragon—1939	1	3	lbs.	5,520	469	Tessinte seed—1939	1	(4)	lbs.	10	6
Tessinte seed—1939	1	(4)	lbs.	10	6	Tobacco seed—1939	5	26	lbs.	224	2,278
Tobacco seed—1939	5	26	lbs.	224	2,278	Tobacco seed—1939	4	18	lbs.	1,544	3,861
Tobacco seed—1939	4	18	lbs.	1,544	3,861	Tobacco seed—1939	1	1	lbs.	117	1,404
Tobacco seed—1939	1	1	lbs.	117	1,404	Tobacco seed—1939	3	1	lbs.	389	1,789
Tobacco seed—1939	3	1	lbs.	389	1,789	Tobacco seed—1939	57	378	---	(1)	26,211
Tobacco seed—1939	57	378	---	(1)	26,211	Other and unspecified #—1939					
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1 Not available.

2 Use not specified.

3 Figures for other and unspecified field crops shown on this table differ from those on table 56 as more crops are shown separately for the United States than for the individual States.

4 Less than 1 acre.

**Corn.**—The 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule contained four questions relating to corn harvested in 1939. These four questions called for: (1) Total acreage of corn for all purposes; (2) acreage and production of corn for grain, whether snapped, husked, or machine-harvested for grain; (3) acreage and production of corn cut for silage; and (4) acreage from which the whole corn plant was hogged or grazed off by livestock, or cut for green or dry fodder and not husked or snapped. Prior to 1925, the several inquiries on corn were not grouped together on the farm schedule; also, fewer inquiries were made concerning corn used for various purposes. This may have resulted in the enumerator reporting, in some instances, the total acreage for all purposes as corn harvested for grain. The corn acreage interplanted with other crops in 1919 was allotted to each crop which gave a smaller acreage of corn than would be secured on the present basis.

The total acreage of corn harvested for all purposes in 1939 was 86,989,626 acres or 11 percent smaller than the 1929 acreage of 97,740,740 and 0.6 percent less than the 87,476,444 acres harvested in the drought year, 1934. A number of factors have contributed to hold corn acreage to the low level induced by the 1934 drought. The corn and hog adjustment programs in 1934 and 1935, and the agricultural conservation programs since then have tended to restrict corn acreage. The series of drought years before and following 1934 encouraged planting of drought resisting varieties of grain sorghums on the western Great Plains in preference to corn. Higher yielding varieties of hybrid corn have also made possible the production of a desirable volume of corn on fewer acres. High yields in 1937 and 1938 built up a surplus for carry-over that

was becoming burdensome and a menace to price. On the other hand, the cotton adjustment programs tended, in the southern States, to divert some acreage formerly devoted to cotton to the production of corn. The marked reduction from 1934 to 1939 took place in the western Corn Belt States.

Farms reporting corn for all purposes for 1939 and 1934, classified by number of acres harvested, are shown in table 9.

**Sorghums.**—Three standardized questions relating wholly to sorghums were carried for all regions on the 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule. These questions called for the acreage and production of all sorghums: (1) Harvested for grain, (2) cut for silage only, and (3) cut for hay or fodder. In 7 regions a fourth question was carried which called for the acreage and production of sweet sorghums harvested for sirup while in the remaining 2 regions (8 and 9) the enumerator was required to write in under "Other field crops not elsewhere reported" any acreage of this crop harvested. In addition the acreage of sorghums hogged or grazed off was shown under the inquiry "Root and grain crops (other than corn and annual legumes) hogged or grazed off."

The 1935 schedule contained two questions relating to sorghums. One specified, "grain sorghums (kafir, milo maize, feterita, hegari, and 'Egyptian corn') harvested for grain, either threshed or fed in the head after cutting from stalk." The other called for "sweet and grain sorghums cut for silage, hay, or fodder (heads not cut off or threshed)." Sweet sorghums for sirup were reported under "All other crops."

The 1930 and 1925 schedules carried three questions relating to sorghums. They were the acreage