

Beginning with 1920, five successive censuses have enumerated "Sows and gilts to farrow." However, these enumerations are not entirely comparable. The 1940 schedule asked for the number on hand April 1, 1940 that were "Sows and gilts on hand April 1, that farrowed since December 1, 1939, or will farrow before June 1, 1940." The 1935 schedule asked for the number on hand January 1, 1935 that were "Sows and gilts bred or to be bred to farrow before June 1, 1935." The 1930 schedule asked for the number on hand April 1, 1930 of "Sows and gilts that have farrowed since January 1, or will farrow before June 1, 1930." In 1925 and 1920 the schedule asked for the number on January 1 of "Sows and gilts for breeding purposes, 6 months old and over." Some of the factors that affect comparability in this series are: (1) The inclusion of one more month in the farrowing date limit set up on the 1940 schedule as compared with the 1935 and 1930 schedules; (2) sows and gilts, bred or intended for breeding, could be on farms as of January 1, that may have disappeared before April 1 by death, farm slaughter, or sale, and the 1935 Census was taken as of January 1 and included such sows and gilts; (3) the 1925 and

1920 questions only limited age and purpose for "sows and gilts," and placed no limits on actual or intended breeding and farrowing dates such as were specified in 1940, 1935, and 1930. On the whole, the sow and gilt question of the 1940 schedule appears to be about as restrictive as any in this series. Although it included one more month of farrowing than the 1935 or 1930 questions, nevertheless, to be counted on April 1, 1940, the sow or gilt had to persist on the farm one month longer after farrowing than to be counted in the 1930 Census. Also, December is the lightest month for farrowing in the whole year.

The 7,987,641 sows and gilts enumerated on April 1, 1940 as compared with 6,061,112 on January 1, 1935, with 7,673,741 April 1, 1930, with 8,907,334 January 1, 1925, and with 11,416,471 January 1, 1920, would indicate that farms generally were in a position in 1940 for rapid expansion in hog production should the need arise. The larger numbers enumerated in 1925 and 1920 were partly due to less restrictive limitations on just what sows and gilts were to be counted in those years, and in 1920 partly to the expanded production to meet demands resultant from World War I.

TABLE 5.—FARMS REPORTING SPECIFIED KINDS OF LIVESTOCK OR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, WITH NUMBERS BY FREQUENCY GROUPS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1940, 1935, AND 1930

(Figures for divisions and States in tables 18, 26, 29, 34, 42, 43, and 46)

CATTLE AND CALVES ON HAND ¹		COWS MILKED						SOWS TO FARROW ²				SHEEP SHORN			
Specified group	Farms reporting, 1940 (Apr. 1)	Specified group	Farms reporting		Number		Percent of total	Specified group	Farms reporting			Specified group	Farms reporting		
			1939	1929	1939	1929			1939	1929	1940 (Apr. 1)		1935 (Jan. 1)	1930 (Apr. 1)	1939
Total	4,843,417	Total	4,663,431	4,615,529	21,956,556	21,124,221	100.0	100.0	Total	1,987,723	1,937,231	1,685,946	Total	501,956	472,917
Under 10	3,194,773	1 cow	1,432,274	2,274,862	1,432,274	3,177,427	6.5	15.0	1 sow	702,633	892,455	1,177,105	Under 10	122,603	116,979
10 to 24	1,103,227	2 cows	926,332		1,852,664		8.4		2 sows	399,569	402,181		10 to 24	175,326	158,459
25 to 49	585,051	3 cows	441,731		1,325,193		6.0		3 sows	210,538	176,916		25 to 49	107,269	100,164
50 to 99	109,637	4 cows	347,954	1,781,581	1,391,816	9,051,228	6.3	42.8	4 sows	150,664	114,098		50 to 99	51,637	50,849
100 and over	50,728	5 to 9	822,486		6,048,437		27.6		5 to 9	325,221	228,093	287,226	100 to 299	28,643	29,060
		10 to 14	336,249		5,870,185		17.6		10 to 19	159,990	100,835	171,239	300 to 599	7,030	7,010
		15 to 19	131,091	454,096	2,181,838	5,803,277	9.9	27.5	20 and over	39,108	22,653	50,376	600 to 999	3,350	3,492
		20 to 29	84,706	73,263	1,954,607	1,665,224	8.8	7.9	20 to 39	(*)	(*)	45,116	1,000 to 2,499	4,137	4,733
		30 to 49	50,521	24,307	1,081,036	855,943	4.9	4.1	40 and over	(*)	(*)	5,260	2,500 and over	1,961	2,171
		50 to 74	6,364	4,955	367,220	283,387	1.7	1.3	20 to 49	36,588	20,978	(*)	2,500 to 4,999	(*)	1,427
		75 to 99	1,729	1,276	144,539	105,559	0.7	0.5	50 to 99	2,050	1,288	(*)	5,000 to 9,999	(*)	546
		100 to 199	1,631	1,044	205,670	150,279	0.9	0.6	100 and over	470	387	(*)	10,000 to 24,999	(*)	174
		200 and over	363	185	121,079	51,897	0.6	0.2					25,000 to 49,999	(*)	22
													50,000 and over	(*)	2

CHICKENS ON HAND ³								CHICKENS RAILED			TURKEYS RAISED		
Specified group	Farms reporting			Number			Percent of total	Specified group	Farms reporting, 1939	Specified group	Farms reporting, 1939		
	1940	1935	1930	1940 (Apr. 1)	1935 (Jan. 1)	1930 (Apr. 1)						1940	1935
Total	5,150,055	5,835,079	5,372,597	337,949,145	371,603,136	378,878,281	100.0	100.0	100.0	Total	4,674,462	Total	389,352
Under 25	1,630,912	1,770,630	2,948,655	25,405,956	28,014,825	67,523,123	6.9	7.0	17.8	Under 25	670,981	Under 50	278,102
25 to 49	1,385,230	1,635,689	1,189,082	46,173,113	54,178,511	77,129,196	13.7	14.6	20.4	25 to 49	892,389	50 to 99	63,674
50 to 99	1,100,555	1,302,928	859,753	70,505,334	82,350,866	99,781,052	20.9	22.2	28.8	50 to 99	1,137,442	100 to 199	29,311
100 to 199	735,831	803,293	572,751	92,586,630	99,781,052	109,050,204	27.4	26.8	28.8	100 to 199	1,020,956	200 to 399	10,025
200 to 399	237,010	257,171	47,407	57,275,801	62,119,316	74,235,947	16.9	16.7	19.6	200 to 399	690,664	400 to 799	4,439
400 to 699	39,778	42,427	10,715	18,453,643	20,159,348	22,463,237	5.5	5.4	5.9	400 to 799	195,872	800 to 1,599	2,650
700 to 799	4,218	4,451		3,011,835	3,164,681	8,437,322	0.9	0.9	2.2	800 to 1,599	43,306	1,600 to 3,199	1,432
800 to 999	3,374	5,358		6,004,100	4,497,877		1.8	1.2		1,600 to 3,199	13,973	3,200 and over	719
1,000 to 1,599	7,374	7,414		7,538,681	8,743,130		2.2	2.4		3,200 and over	8,879		
1,600 to 2,499	2,680	2,244	9,617	5,062,586	4,286,844	13,066,351	1.5	1.1	5.4				
2,500 to 3,199	974	798	1,597	2,860,413	2,227,889	6,894,921	0.8	0.6	1.8				
3,200 and over	939	716		5,253,061	4,120,897		1.5	1.1					

¹ Over 3 months old.

² For 1940, sows and gilts that farrowed since Dec. 1, 1939, or were to farrow before June 1, 1940; for 1935, sows and gilts bred or to be bred to farrow before June 1, 1935; and for 1930, sows and gilts that farrowed since Jan. 1, or were to farrow before June 1, 1930.

³ For 1940, over 4 months old; for 1935 and 1930, over 3 months old.

⁴ Not available.