

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

TABLE 7.—CLASSIFICATION BY NUMBER OF CHICKENS ON HAND—FARMS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF CHICKENS ON HAND, 1940, 1935, AND 1930; EGGS PRODUCED AND CHICKENS RAISED, 1939, 1934, AND 1929; AND CHICKENS SOLD, 1939 AND 1929; FOR THE UNITED STATES (For farms reporting chickens on hand, by size of flock, by divisions and States, see table 42. All data for chickens, by size of flock, by divisions and States, in a separate volume entitled "Special Poultry Report")

NUMBER OF CHICKENS ON HAND 1	CHICKENS ON HAND 1									CHICKEN EGGS PRODUCED				
	Farms reporting			Number						Farms reporting		Dozens		
	1940	1935	1930	Percent of total			1940 (Apr. 1)	1935 (Jan. 1)	1930 (Apr. 1)	1939	1934	1939	1934	1929
Total	5,180,065	5,833,079	5,372,597	100.0	100.0	100.0	337,949,145	371,603,136	378,878,281	4,875,472	5,579,198	2,391,091,510	2,160,906,310	2,689,719,158
None	40,546	26,352	19,609,891	8,024,299	12,204,134
Under 25	1,456,425	1,602,930	141,948,665	114,379,341	459,076,945
25 to 49	1,313,518	1,575,673	276,821,479	253,993,742	.....
50 to 99	1,056,299	1,269,008	444,065,834	432,285,514	524,660,414
100 to 199	788,880	828,488,525	570,997,190	728,855,178	.....
200 to 399	232,572	253,853	420,990,998	395,981,495	517,546,629
400 to 799	42,413	48,235	195,208,689	180,368,214	.....
800 to 1,599	12,785	12,581	136,891,990	118,884,712	.....
1,600 to 3,199	3,589	2,991	77,885,434	58,493,451	.....
3,200 and over	928	696	49,180,015	33,710,362	.....
400 to 699	38,243	41,860	165,412,708	154,304,987	187,097,742
700 to 999	9,482	9,647	75,462,007	64,851,134	78,381,526
1,000 to 2,499	10,098	9,517	142,648,700	115,325,398	124,152,092
2,500 and over	1,892	1,479	75,842,703	52,565,240	57,944,498

NUMBER OF CHICKENS ON HAND 1	CHICKENS RAISED, BY NUMBER ON HAND						CHICKENS SOLD, BY NUMBER ON HAND						AVERAGE NUMBER OF EGGS PER CHICKEN ON HAND					
	Farms reporting			Number			Farms reporting		Number				Ratio to chickens raised (percent)	Average per farm reporting		1939	1934	1929
	1939	1934	1929	1939	1934	1929	1939	1929	1939	1929	1939	1929						
Total	4,674,462	5,212,762	5,295,208	860,565,663	598,887,134	673,092,052	2,519,076	3,129,715	300,498,016	284,625,901	45.5	42.3	119	91	84	72	84	
None
Under 25
25 to 49
50 to 99
100 to 199
200 to 399
400 to 799
800 to 1,599
1,600 to 3,199
3,200 and over
400 to 699
700 to 999
1,000 to 2,499
2,500 and over

1 For 1940, over 4 months old; and for 1935 and 1930, over 3 months old. 2 Comparison with later censuses may be found in groups below beginning with 400-699. 3 Less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

TABLE 8.—BEES AND HONEY—HIVES OF BEES, 1900 TO 1940; AND HONEY PRODUCED, 1929 TO 1939; FOR THE UNITED STATES (Figures for divisions and States in table 50)

ITEM AND YEAR	Farms reporting	NUMBER		VALUE (DOLLARS)	
		Total	Average per farm reporting	Total	Average per unit
Bees, 1940, and/or honey, 1939	265,708	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bees, 1930, and/or honey, 1929	461,728	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bees, 1920, and/or honey, 1919	542,713	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bees, 1910, and/or honey, 1909	589,241	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Hives		Hives	
Hives of bees 1	1940	265,158	2,276,681	8.6	7,525,527
Owned by farm operator 1	.....	254,417	1,929,978	7.6	6,209,849
Owned by others 1	.....	15,614	546,705	25.5	1,115,678
Hives owned by farm operator 1	1930	459,688	3,107,755	6.8	15,632,268
Hives of bees	1920	540,917	3,487,596	6.4	18,941,553
	1910	585,955	3,445,006	5.9	10,373,615
	1900	707,215	4,108,239	5.8	10,178,087
		Pounds		Pounds	
Honey produced	1939	172,723	66,862,236	387	5,802,621
	1929	323,999	83,548,415	258	12,260,089
	1919	312,997	55,224,061	176	13,988,670
	1909	320,367	54,814,890	171	5,762,869
	1899	(s)	61,099,290	(s)	6,656,611
	1889	(s)	65,897,327	(s)	(s)
	1879	(s)	25,745,208	(s)	(s)
	1869	(s)	14,702,815	(s)	(s)
	1859	(s)	24,566,357	(s)	(s)
	1849	(s)	14,855,790	(s)	(s)

1 See text discussion. 2 By bees owned by farm operator. 3 Not available. 4 Beeswax and honey.

FUR ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

On the 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule, an attempt was made, for the first time, to cover operations in the highly specialized type of livestock farming, known as "fur farming." The questions asked were limited to four items: First, number of "females over 3 months old, April 1," of (a) silver fox, and (b) mink; second, number of "pelts taken in 1939" from animals kept in captivity, of (a) silver fox, and (b) mink. Because of the specialized nature of this type of farming, and the fact that many people do not connect such operations with the idea of farming, it is entirely possible that enumerators failed to cover all such operations, as were intended. There are no former enumerations by which to test the completeness of the 1940 coverage. The enumerators found 2,655 farms with 103,301 silver fox females on hand, and 2,444 farms reporting 261,070 silver fox pelts taken in 1939. They also found 2,754 farms with 161,457 mink females on hand and 2,027 farms that reported 291,324 mink pelts taken in 1939.

TABLE 9.—SILVER FOX AND MINK KEPT IN CAPTIVITY—FARMS REPORTING, NUMBER, AND VALUE OF FEMALES, APRIL 1, 1940; AND PELTS TAKEN, 1939; FOR THE UNITED STATES (Figures for divisions and States in table 51)

ITEM AND YEAR	Farms reporting	NUMBER		VALUE (DOLLARS)	
		Total	Average per farm reporting	Total	Average per head or pelt
Silver fox and/or mink females, 1940 and/or pelts, 1939	5,133	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver fox females, 1940 and/or pelts, 1939	2,750	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver fox females 1	1940	2,655	103,301	39	4,938,609
Pelts taken (both sexes)	1939	2,444	261,070	107	5,896,548
Mink females, 1940 and/or pelts, 1939	2,836	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mink females 1	1940	2,754	161,457	59	4,294,752
Pelts taken (both sexes)	1939	2,027	291,324	144	2,430,208

1 Over 3 months old.