

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1940

TABLE 7.—SPECIFIED CLASSES OF LAND IN FARMS, WITH PERCENT OF ALL LAND IN EACH CLASS AND

SIZE GROUP (Based on all land in farms)	CROPLAND HARVESTED												CROP FAILURE					
	Acres				Percent of all land in farms				Percent distribution				Acres		Percent of all land in farms		Percent distribution	
	1939	1934	1929	1924	1939	1934	1929	1924	1939	1934	1929	1924	1939	1934	1939	1934	1939	1934
1 United States, total	321,242,430	295,624,176	359,242,091	544,549,267	30.3	28.0	36.4	37.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	20,560,017	63,681,777	1.9	6.0	100.0	100.0
2 Under 3 acres (see text)	21,401	26,246	26,187	13,185	42.0	51.2	42.7	57.4	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	172	234	0.3	0.5	(*)	(*)
3 3 to 9	1,315,451	1,716,662	1,093,181	1,545,158	50.3	57.1	59.2	64.9	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	37,252	70,341	1.4	2.3	0.2	0.1
4 10 to 19	4,696,741	6,231,214	5,370,849	5,983,553	61.7	66.5	69.0	74.2	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.7	108,580	181,800	1.4	1.9	0.5	0.3
5 20 to 49	20,839,964	25,261,244	26,201,685	29,383,615	52.2	54.2	61.0	63.3	6.5	8.5	7.8	8.5	513,982	982,673	1.3	2.1	2.5	1.5
6 20 to 29	6,249,154	8,144,075	(3)	(3)	59.5	63.1	(3)	(3)	1.9	2.8	(3)	(3)	152,944	246,414	1.5	1.9	0.7	0.4
7 30 to 49	14,590,810	17,117,169	(3)	(3)	49.6	50.8	(3)	(3)	4.5	5.8	(3)	(3)	361,038	734,259	1.2	2.2	1.8	1.2
8 50 to 99	40,731,106	44,678,147	47,225,222	50,199,176	43.6	43.0	47.9	49.3	12.7	15.1	13.1	14.6	1,005,303	2,584,074	1.1	2.5	4.9	4.1
9 50 to 69	13,121,261	14,956,072	(3)	(3)	44.5	44.6	(3)	(3)	4.1	5.1	(3)	(3)	315,272	668,790	1.1	2.0	1.5	1.0
10 70 to 99	27,609,845	29,722,075	(3)	(3)	43.2	42.2	(3)	(3)	8.6	10.1	(3)	(3)	690,031	1,915,284	1.1	2.7	3.4	3.0
11 100 to 174	74,951,431	76,243,120	85,154,265	88,501,989	43.6	40.4	47.3	47.7	23.3	25.8	23.7	25.7	2,498,756	9,402,253	1.5	5.0	12.1	14.8
12 100 to 139	33,145,376	35,168,117	(3)	(3)	41.7	40.5	(3)	(3)	10.3	11.9	(3)	(3)	786,055	2,322,115	1.0	2.7	3.2	3.6
13 140 to 174	41,806,055	41,075,003	(3)	(3)	45.1	40.3	(3)	(3)	13.0	13.9	(3)	(3)	1,712,701	7,080,138	1.2	6.9	8.3	11.1
14 175 to 259	47,491,577	44,675,057	51,360,167	49,837,171	43.3	39.0	46.6	46.2	14.8	15.1	14.3	14.5	1,608,258	6,370,422	1.5	5.6	7.8	10.0
15 175 to 179	2,240,700	2,247,701	(3)	(3)	40.8	37.2	(3)	(3)	0.7	0.8	(3)	(3)	58,926	246,009	1.1	4.1	0.3	0.4
16 180 to 219	23,094,641	22,409,421	(3)	(3)	41.9	38.6	(3)	(3)	7.2	7.6	(3)	(3)	683,873	2,633,932	1.2	4.5	5.3	4.1
17 220 to 259	22,156,236	20,017,935	(3)	(3)	45.1	39.7	(3)	(3)	6.9	6.8	(3)	(3)	865,459	3,490,481	1.8	6.9	4.2	5.5
18 260 to 499	65,224,568	52,793,662	72,073,005	68,004,168	40.9	32.1	46.0	44.8	20.3	17.9	20.1	19.7	5,016,206	19,208,503	3.1	11.7	24.4	30.2
19 260 to 379	42,521,218	35,644,833	(3)	(3)	42.0	33.9	(3)	(3)	13.2	12.1	(3)	(3)	2,801,588	11,342,791	2.8	10.8	13.6	17.8
20 380 to 499	22,903,350	17,148,829	(3)	(3)	38.9	29.1	(3)	(3)	7.1	5.8	(3)	(3)	2,214,618	7,865,712	3.2	13.3	10.8	12.4
21 500 to 999	34,449,940	24,262,392	39,991,641	32,273,286	30.2	21.2	36.7	33.1	10.7	8.2	11.1	9.4	4,786,077	14,592,168	4.3	12.8	23.3	22.9
22 500 to 699	19,528,721	14,122,047	(3)	(3)	32.7	22.2	(3)	(3)	6.1	4.6	(3)	(3)	2,469,453	7,974,052	4.1	12.6	12.0	12.5
23 700 to 999	14,921,219	10,140,345	(3)	(3)	28.6	20.0	(3)	(3)	4.6	3.4	(3)	(3)	2,316,624	6,618,116	4.4	13.0	11.3	10.4
24 1,000 and over	31,520,251	19,736,432	28,745,869	19,007,946	8.7	6.4	10.4	8.5	9.8	6.7	8.0	5.5	5,005,431	10,289,309	1.4	3.3	24.3	16.2
25 1,000 to 4,999	26,173,815	16,666,835	24,672,295	16,011,337	16.0	11.8	19.5	16.2	8.1	5.6	6.9	4.6	4,416,621	9,315,771	2.7	6.6	21.5	14.6
26 5,000 to 9,999	2,763,146	1,567,682	2,025,962	2,996,609	5.4	3.7	5.7	2.4	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.9	377,096	540,456	0.7	1.3	1.8	0.8
27 10,000 and over	2,563,290	1,501,915	1,847,612		1.7	1.2	1.6		0.8	0.5	0.5		211,714	433,182	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.7

*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.

²Less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

³Not available.

TABLE 8.—VALUE OF FARMS, WITH PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, BY SIZE OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1900 TO 1940

SIZE GROUP	VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS (DOLLARS)					PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE (-)					PERCENT DISTRIBUTION					
	1940	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1930-1940	1925-1930	1920-1925	1910-1920	1900-1910	1940	1930	1925	1920	1910
United States, total	35,641,738,726	47,879,836,358	49,467,647,287	66,316,002,602	34,801,125,697	16,614,647,491	-29.7	-3.2	-25.4	90.6	109.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 10 acres	1,116,165,057	1,178,159,289					-5.3				3.3	2.5				
Under 3 (see text)	119,529,344	187,342,456	2,483,748,556	2,093,165,093	1,309,907,611	632,723,627	-36.2	7.7	18.7	59.2	107.0	0.4	0.4	5.0	3.2	3.8
3 to 9	996,635,713	990,816,835					0.6				3.0	2.1				
10 to 19	1,126,910,539	1,496,714,881					-24.6				3.4	3.1				
20 to 49	2,769,410,778	4,199,674,862	4,262,834,213	4,921,514,885	2,485,471,119	1,324,062,997	-34.1	-1.5	-13.4	98.0	87.7	8.2	8.6	7.4	7.1	8.0
50 to 99	4,611,932,314	6,785,852,767	7,402,927,871	9,345,378,110	5,029,510,723	2,824,081,803	-32.0	-8.3	-20.2	85.2	78.1	13.7	14.2	15.0	14.1	14.5
100 to 499	17,994,827,256	26,697,911,888	28,866,437,807	40,699,913,812	21,168,006,813	3,860,997,197	-32.6	-7.5	-29.1	92.3	114.7	53.5	55.8	58.4	61.4	60.8
100 to 174	7,636,979,847	11,603,439,057	13,038,320,091	17,820,667,684	9,405,391,835	4,712,920,050	-34.2	-11.0	-26.8	89.5	99.6	22.7	24.2	26.4	26.9	27.0
175 to 259	4,767,609,279	7,045,394,448					-32.3				14.2	14.7				
260 to 499	5,588,238,130	8,049,078,383	15,828,117,716	22,879,246,128	11,762,614,978	5,148,077,147	-30.6	-4.6	-30.8	94.5	128.5	16.6	16.8	32.0	34.5	33.8
500 to 999	2,590,399,048	3,574,973,236	3,261,974,510	4,725,558,030	2,483,180,121	947,737,740	-27.5	9.6	-31.0	90.3	182.0	7.7	7.5	6.6	7.1	7.1
1,000 and over	3,430,093,734	3,946,551,433	3,189,724,330	4,530,472,672	2,325,089,303	1,025,044,327	-13.1	23.7	-29.6	94.9	126.8	10.2	8.2	6.4	6.8	6.7

SIZE OF FARMS

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, BY SIZE OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1900 TO 1940

CROPLAND, IDLE OR FALLOW						FLOWABLE PASTURE									IMPROVED LAND ¹							
Acres		Percent of all land in farms		Percent distribution		Acres			Percent of all land in farms			Percent distribution			Acres			Percent of all land in farms				
1939	1934	1939	1934	1939	1934	1939	1934	1929	1939	1934	1929	1939	1934	1929	1939	1934	1900	1920	1910	1900		
56,928,656	56,028,978	5.4	5.5	100.0	100.0	131,379,940	98,579,058	109,159,914	12.4	8.3	11.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	505,075,007	478,451,750	414,498,487	52.6	54.4	49.4	1	
172,481	151,802	1.1	1.0	(*)	(*)	2,547	1,587	3,506	5.0	3.1	5.7	(*)	(*)	(*)	32,220			93.1			2	
534,882	859,835	6.8	5.0	0.3	0.3	368,698	293,043	194,302	14.0	9.7	10.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	1,418,187	7,991,543	6,440,447	90.5	90.9	89.7	3	
401,201	442,974	5.3	4.7	0.7	0.8	846,727	689,264	560,356	11.1	7.4	7.2	0.6	0.7	0.5	6,353,374			89.6			4	
2,131,946	2,580,952	5.3	5.5	5.7	4.6	5,177,850	4,158,611	3,768,297	13.0	8.9	8.1	3.9	4.2	3.5	38,507,730	36,596,032	33,000,734	79.5	80.6	79.4	5	
534,882	859,835	5.1	5.1	0.9	1.2	1,195,503	983,283	(*)	11.4	7.6	(*)	0.9	1.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	6	
1,597,114	1,922,117	5.4	5.7	2.8	3.4	3,982,327	3,175,328	(*)	13.6	9.4	(*)	3.0	3.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	7	
4,921,508	5,837,018	5.3	5.6	8.6	10.4	14,535,437	11,663,744	11,133,024	15.6	11.2	11.3	11.1	11.8	10.2	72,621,719	71,155,246	67,344,759	68.8	69.0	68.3	8	
1,889,002	2,008,026	5.7	6.0	3.0	3.6	4,481,764	3,648,194	(*)	15.2	10.9	(*)	9.8	10.4	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	9	
3,282,506	3,828,992	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.8	10,053,873	8,015,550	(*)	15.7	11.4	(*)	7.7	8.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	10	
8,272,305	9,958,407	4.8	5.3	14.5	17.8	26,443,499	21,309,951	21,296,285	15.4	11.3	11.8	20.1	21.6	19.5	128,200,972	128,853,538	118,390,706	65.9	62.7	61.4	11	
3,846,652	4,568,408	4.8	5.3	8.8	8.2	12,812,282	10,275,682	(*)	16.1	11.8	(*)	9.8	10.4	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	12
4,425,653	5,389,999	4.8	5.3	7.8	9.6	13,631,217	11,034,269	(*)	14.7	10.8	(*)	10.4	11.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	13
5,053,739	5,860,755	4.6	5.1	8.8	10.5	16,745,091	13,055,607	13,230,354	15.3	11.4	12.0	12.7	13.2	12.1	72,770,123							14
256,401	297,629	4.7	5.0	0.5	0.5	868,088	694,747	(*)	15.8	11.7	(*)	0.7	0.7	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	15
2,485,520	2,925,024	4.5	5.0	4.4	5.2	8,596,392	6,720,726	(*)	15.8	11.6	(*)	6.5	6.8	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	16
2,281,818	2,659,102	4.7	5.2	4.0	4.7	7,262,610	5,640,154	(*)	14.8	11.2	(*)	5.5	5.7	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	17
10,790,510	11,471,805	6.8	7.0	19.0	20.5	22,101,473	17,081,118	19,088,513	18.9	14.4	12.2	16.8	17.3	17.5	97,304,612	161,775,502	135,530,043	59.2	61.0	58.2	18	
6,213,198	6,885,738	6.2	6.5	10.9	12.3	14,229,242	11,066,353	(*)	14.1	10.5	(*)	10.8	11.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	19
4,577,312	4,586,067	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	7,672,231	5,934,765	(*)	13.4	10.1	(*)	6.0	6.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	20
10,716,176	9,867,567	9.5	8.7	18.8	17.6	14,895,646	10,989,332	14,055,695	13.5	9.6	12.9	11.3	11.1	12.9	48,134,952	40,817,118	29,474,542	47.7	48.8	43.4	21	
5,297,758	5,159,999	8.9	8.1	9.3	9.2	7,921,682	6,104,267	(*)	13.3	9.6	(*)	6.1	6.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	22
5,418,418	4,727,568	10.4	9.3	9.5	8.4	6,933,784	4,885,065	(*)	13.3	9.6	(*)	5.3	5.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	23
14,488,205	9,837,392	4.0	3.2	25.4	17.6	30,264,992	19,386,781	25,851,782	8.3	6.3	9.4	23.0	19.7	23.7	37,729,138	31,262,771	24,317,154	17.1	18.7	12.5	24	
12,476,898	8,919,054	7.6	6.2	21.9	15.7	20,078,652	12,429,066	15,907,808	12.3	8.8	12.5	15.3	12.6	14.6	50,191,693			28.3				25
1,216,038	585,789	2.4	1.4	2.1	1.0	4,413,407	2,688,380	3,289,405	8.5	6.3	9.3	3.4	2.7	3.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	26
795,271	452,559	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.8	5,772,733	4,269,335	6,654,569	3.9	3.4	5.9	4.4	4.4	6.1	7,537,445			6.6				27

TABLE 9.—VALUE OF FARM BUILDINGS, WITH PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, BY SIZE OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1900 TO 1940

SIZE GROUP	VALUE OF BUILDINGS (DOLLARS)						PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS						PERCENT DISTRIBUTION					
	1940	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1940	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1940	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900
United States, total	10,405,455,796	12,949,993,774	11,746,629,065	11,486,439,543	6,325,451,528	3,556,639,496	30.9	27.0	23.7	17.3	16.2	21.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 10 acres—	671,259,009	613,899,914					60.1	52.1				6.5	4.7					
Under 5 (see text)	82,433,469	113,153,466	1,012,994,634	770,608,186	507,696,658	252,683,786	69.0	60.4	40.8	36.8	38.8	39.9	0.8	0.9	8.6	6.7	8.0	7.1
3 to 9	588,805,540	500,766,448					59.1	50.5				5.7	3.9					
10 to 19	522,393,205	568,482,970					46.3	38.0				5.0	4.4					
20 to 49	1,111,264,318	1,428,765,088	1,282,852,441	1,243,481,144	670,108,036	380,397,802	40.1	34.0	30.1	25.3	27.0	10.7	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.7	
50 to 99	1,618,478,870	2,384,196,192	2,263,717,427	2,209,011,996	1,220,148,044	726,480,260	39.4	35.1	30.6	23.6	24.3	25.7	17.5	18.4	19.3	19.3	20.4	
100 to 499—	5,569,061,157	6,922,456,720	6,590,198,531	6,582,282,354	3,488,142,095	1,949,282,159	29.8	25.9	22.1	15.7	16.5	19.8	51.6	53.5	54.4	55.6	55.1	54.8
100 to 174	2,652,993,539	3,488,410,640	3,312,968,533	3,253,043,178	1,792,287,484	1,029,876,967	34.5	30.1	25.4	18.3	19.1	21.9	25.3	26.9	28.2	28.3	28.3	29.0
175 to 259	1,405,101,117	1,790,681,824					29.5	25.4				13.5	13.8					
260 to 499	1,530,966,501	1,643,344,256	5,077,229,798	5,128,439,176	1,695,854,611	819,405,192	23.8	20.4	19.4	13.7	14.4	17.9	12.8	12.7	26.2	27.2	26.8	25.8
500 to 999—	503,424,024	607,624,947	491,478,505	552,601,865	272,431,728	143,767,629	19.4	17.0	15.1	11.3	11.0	15.2	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.0
1,000 and over	411,575,213	424,587,943	305,587,727	349,453,998	166,924,967	104,027,860	12.0	10.8	9.6	7.7	7.2	10.1	4.0	3.3	2.6	5.0	2.6	2.9