

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

TABLE 1.—FARMS, 1850 TO 1940; BY TENURE OF OPERATOR, 1880 TO 1940; FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH

ITEM	UNITED STATES											
	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
Number of farms.....	6,096,799	6,812,350	6,288,648	6,371,640	6,448,343	6,381,502	5,737,372	4,584,641	4,008,907	2,659,985	2,044,077	1,449,073
Operated by—												
Owners and managers.....	3,735,528	3,947,195	3,824,283	3,909,052	3,993,539	4,006,826	3,712,408	3,269,728	2,984,306	(1)	(1)	(1)
All tenants.....	2,361,271	2,865,155	2,464,365	2,462,608	2,454,804	2,354,676	2,024,964	1,294,913	1,024,601	(1)	(1)	(1)
Percent of all farms.....	58.7	42.1	42.4	38.6	38.1	37.0	35.3	28.4	25.6	(1)	(1)	(1)
Average size of farm.....acres..	174.0	154.8	158.9	145.1	148.2	138.1	146.2	136.5	133.7	153.3	199.2	202.6
Percent of farms under—												
20 acres.....	17.5	18.4	14.6	15.2	12.4	13.2	11.7	9.1	9.8	(1)	(1)	(1)
30 acres.....	24.9	28.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
50 acres.....	37.5	39.6	37.5	37.9	35.7	35.4	33.7	28.9	29.3	(1)	(1)	(1)

ITEM	THE SOUTH											
	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
Number of farms.....	3,007,170	3,421,923	3,223,816	3,131,418	3,206,664	3,097,547	2,620,391	1,836,372	1,531,077	885,100	672,313	515,010
Operated by—												
Owners and managers.....	1,557,877	1,590,448	1,433,033	1,530,119	1,615,543	1,560,795	1,389,247	1,130,029	977,229	(1)	(1)	(1)
All tenants.....	1,449,293	1,831,475	1,790,783	1,601,299	1,591,121	1,536,752	1,231,144	706,343	553,848	(1)	(1)	(1)
Percent of all farms.....	48.2	53.5	55.5	51.1	49.6	49.6	47.0	38.5	36.2	(1)	(1)	(1)
Croppers.....	541,291	716,256	776,278	623,058	561,091	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Percent of all tenants.....	37.3	39.1	43.3	38.9	35.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Average size of farm.....acres..	123.1	109.9	108.4	103.5	109.2	114.4	136.2	139.7	153.4	214.2	355.4	332.1
Percent of farms under—												
20 acres.....	20.9	22.2	17.8	19.0	15.2	16.2	14.7	12.4	13.3	(1)	(1)	(1)
30 acres.....	31.6	34.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
50 acres.....	48.1	50.7	50.6	50.8	48.6	47.0	43.9	38.1	36.2	(1)	(1)	(1)

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TABLE 2.—NUMBER, ACREAGE, AND VALUE OF PLANTATIONS FOR SPECIFIED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1940 AND 1910

(Data are for the plantation areas covered by the 1910 reports; see map. Plantations reported for 1910 are not strictly comparable with those reported for 1940; see text)

ITEM	TOTAL FOR SPECIFIED STATES		ALABAMA		ARKANSAS		FLORIDA	
	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910
Plantations.....number..	19,498	39,073	1,801	7,287	2,499	2,674	10	84
Farms represented.....number..	226,066	437,978	18,271	84,033	35,555	37,853	57	996
Home farms.....number..	15,459	39,073	1,265	7,287	1,958	2,674	6	84
Cropper and other tenant farms.....number..	210,607	398,905	17,006	76,746	33,597	35,179	49	912
Land in plantations.....acres..	14,717,493	28,296,815	1,662,133	5,379,047	1,924,922	1,646,424	11,616	70,275
In home farms.....acres..	8,735,234	12,929,417	952,281	2,439,140	1,221,681	873,884	8,534	29,893
In cropper and other tenant farms.....acres..	5,982,259	15,367,398	709,852	2,939,907	703,241	972,540	3,082	40,382
Percent of all land in plantations.....percent..	40.6	54.3	42.7	54.7	36.5	59.1	26.5	57.1
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	520,550,673	876,802,983	32,132,621	81,165,493	87,386,199	57,378,476	198,290	946,669
Of home farms.....dollars..	276,383,326	255,494,386	17,405,870	31,364,848	50,866,927	16,799,121	148,100	406,417
Of cropper and other tenant farms.....dollars..	244,167,347	420,308,597	14,726,751	49,800,645	36,519,272	40,579,355	50,190	540,252
Percent of total value of plantations.....percent..	46.9	62.1	45.8	61.4	41.8	70.7	25.3	57.1

ITEM	GEORGIA		LOUISIANA		MISSISSIPPI		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910
Plantations.....number..	1,840	6,627	2,292	2,480	6,668	7,960	1,513	1,775
Farms represented.....number..	14,929	63,630	26,838	32,134	94,732	107,392	12,230	15,323
Home farms.....number..	1,374	6,627	1,843	2,480	5,715	7,960	965	1,775
Cropper and other tenant farms.....number..	13,555	57,003	24,995	29,654	89,017	99,432	11,265	13,548
Land in plantations.....acres..	1,848,959	5,219,145	1,615,310	2,241,840	4,799,830	5,281,155	757,491	1,161,100
In home farms.....acres..	921,590	2,100,219	1,093,642	1,499,254	2,950,530	2,400,607	283,763	568,150
In cropper and other tenant farms.....acres..	927,369	3,118,926	742,568	742,586	1,849,300	2,880,548	473,728	592,950
Percent of all land in plantations.....percent..	50.2	59.8	32.3	33.1	38.5	54.5	62.5	51.1
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	34,283,644	100,583,489	66,537,831	59,641,048	191,893,886	140,381,389	39,539,895	30,680,981
Of home farms.....dollars..	16,143,434	37,270,897	39,234,593	33,862,955	102,582,836	51,062,344	11,102,569	12,562,638
Of cropper and other tenant farms.....dollars..	18,140,210	63,312,592	27,303,238	25,778,093	89,311,050	89,319,045	28,437,326	18,098,343
Percent of total value of plantations.....percent..	52.9	62.9	41.0	43.2	46.5	63.6	71.9	59.4

ITEM	SOUTH CAROLINA		TENNESSEE		TEXAS		VIRGINIA	
	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910	Census of 1940	Census of 1910
Plantations.....number..	1,737	5,105	647	1,413	359	3,468	132	200
Farms represented.....number..	12,851	48,729	5,607	13,487	3,978	32,658	1,018	1,743
Home farms.....number..	1,387	5,105	506	1,413	344	3,468	94	200
Cropper and other tenant farms.....number..	11,464	43,624	5,101	12,074	3,634	29,190	924	1,543
Land in plantations.....acres..	1,099,798	3,458,985	366,757	690,462	545,652	2,972,067	85,025	176,315
In home farms.....acres..	661,309	1,718,318	226,322	244,583	395,399	1,201,772	20,183	53,597
In cropper and other tenant farms.....acres..	438,489	1,740,667	140,435	445,879	150,253	1,770,295	64,842	122,718
Percent of all land in plantations.....percent..	39.9	50.3	38.3	64.6	27.5	59.6	76.3	69.6
Value of land and buildings.....dollars..	35,588,197	92,530,700	13,285,882	19,241,858	17,289,395	91,400,589	2,414,835	2,872,513
Of home farms.....dollars..	19,100,136	40,834,810	7,600,448	5,935,870	11,415,843	25,354,668	782,570	1,039,928
Of cropper and other tenant farms.....dollars..	16,488,061	51,695,799	5,685,434	13,305,986	5,873,552	66,045,921	1,632,265	1,832,585
Percent of total value of plantations.....percent..	46.3	55.9	42.8	69.2	34.0	72.3	67.6	65.8