

PLANTATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF THE DATA

A few of the limitations were discussed briefly in the section headed "Definitions and Explanations."

In using the data presented in this report it should be kept in mind that the totals do not represent all plantations as defined for the 1940 Census. The office-determined plantations do not include all plantations which were not enumerated. The Farm and Ranch Schedules for farms with the same landlord were not always enumerated in consecutive order. Consequently, it was not always noted in the office processing that a Plantation Schedule was required. For a few counties, the landlords were listed and their names arranged alphabetically. From this limited check it appeared that a considerable number of

Plantation Schedules were not prepared in the office when they should have been prepared in accordance with the criteria established. This check was not sufficient to provide an estimate of the number of plantations for which schedules were not prepared.

Some of the figures represent totals for all areas designated for the enumeration of plantations, while most of the data are restricted to the areas selected for special study. Because a part of the information which referred to the plantation as a whole could not be obtained from the individual Farm and Ranch Schedules, some of the statistics are limited to the plantations which were enumerated. These various groups are shown in such manner as to provide a tie-in of one table with another as indicated in the accompanying chart.

TIE-IN OF THE FIGURES PRESENTED IN VARIOUS TABLES

Group	Plantations (number)	Farms comprising plantations		Tables referring to each specified group of plantations
		Total (number)	Cropper and other tenant farms (number)	
Area designated for enumeration:				
Group A plantations (B + C).....	24,199	265,264	246,549	5, 6
Group B plantations.....	14,027	176,268	165,075	5
Group C plantations.....	10,172	88,998	88,276	5
Area selected for special study:				
Group A plantations (B + C).....	21,751	242,178	225,246	6-8, 10-12, 25-28
Reporting tobacco.....	5,154	24,949	22,841	9
Reporting rice.....	161	1,645	1,529	9
Group B plantations.....	12,520	161,514	149,695	7, 15-15,17,19,29,50
Reporting dwellings.....	9,424	(*)	(*)	16
Reporting families employed.....	12,160	(*)	(*)	17, 18
Reporting ownership of livestock.....	6,821	(*)	97,452	20
Reporting tractors owned by plantation operator.....	6,525	(*)	(*)	17, 21
All owner-operated plantations.....	9,268	(*)	(*)	14, 22, 24
Mortgaged plantations reporting amount of debt.....	4,852	(*)	(*)	25
Group C plantations.....	9,251	60,664	75,555	7

* Not available.

† The total number of mortgaged owner-operated plantations is shown in table 22.

