

# VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS BY COLOR AND TENURE OF FARM OPERATOR

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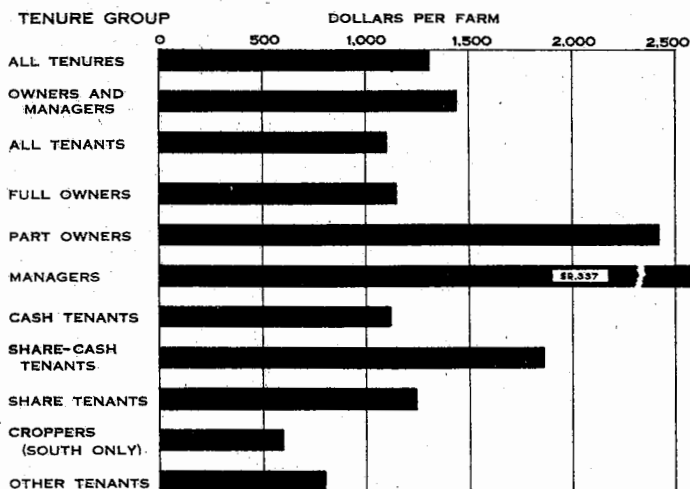
## Chapter I.—BASIC DATA

**Scope.**—This monograph presents, by color and tenure of farm operator, statistics collected in the 1940 Census of Agriculture on the value of farm products sold, traded, or used by farm households in 1939. In chapter III, data are presented on sources of gross farm income for farms classified by color and tenure of farm operator, April 1, 1940. The figures on sources of income cover both the number of farms reporting and the value for each of the ten value-of-products questions on the 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule. In chapter IV, statistics are shown on major source of income for farms classified by color and tenure of farm operator. The data on major source of income cover both the number of farms and the total value of farm products for each of the ten major-source classifications. Chapter V presents data on the number of farms cross-classified by color and tenure of farm operator and total value of farm products. In this monograph, the tabulations by color of farm operator were restricted to the South. Of the 719,071 farms in the United States, operated by nonwhite operators on April 1, 1940, nearly 95 percent, or 680,266, were in the South. For Census purposes, the South includes the South Atlantic, East South Central, and West South Central geographic divisions.

**Purpose of study.**—The 1940 Census Reports on Agriculture, previously published, provide data by color and tenure of farm operator for many items, including number of farms, farm acreage, uses of land, value of specified farm property, and

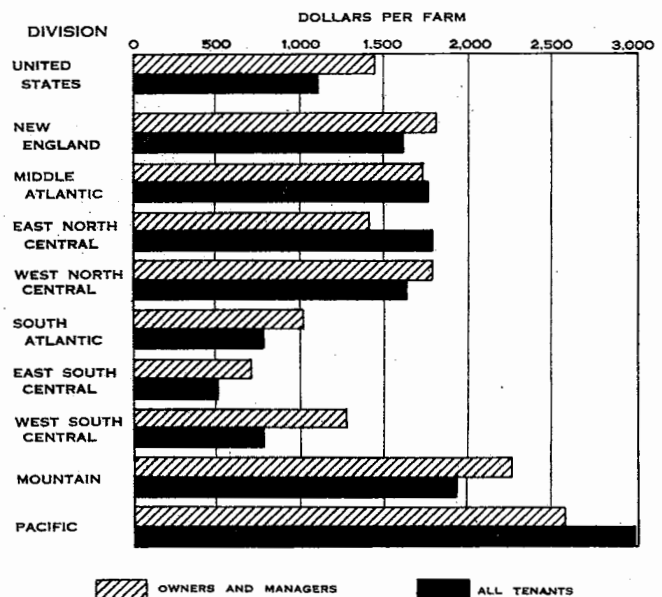
specified farm expenditures. This monograph makes available comparable tabulations for the value-of-farm-products data, figures being shown for the complete tenure break-down for all value-of-products items for the United States and geographic divisions, and for the major tenure break-down (owners and managers, and all tenants) for selected items by States. Such tabulations are essential in appraising and interpreting the statistics on value of farm products, particularly since the value-of-products data for tenant farms include the landlord's share. However, the data presented in this monograph do not, in themselves, provide a basis for determining net income. Persons interested in the use of these value data for that purpose should also examine the statistics published in volume III of the 1940 Census Reports on Agriculture for the following: Expenditures for labor; implements and machinery; feed; commercial fertilizer; liming materials; gasoline, distillate, kerosene, and oil; and building materials (chapter VI); cash rent paid, or payable, by cash tenants and by part owners renting on a cash basis (chapter III); mortgage debt, interest rates, real-estate taxes, and personal-property taxes for farms operated by owners (chapter IV); and total value of specified livestock purchased (chapter X). They should also observe that the 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule<sup>2</sup> did not secure information on all items of farm

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<sup>2</sup>See Appendix.