

CHAPTER III—COLOR AND TENURE OF FARM OPERATOR

Introduction.—This chapter presents, by color and tenure of the farm operator, statistics collected in 1945 for the number, acreage, and value of farms (land and buildings) as of January 1 of that year and for the farm acreage classified according to use in 1944. Data are also given for the number, acreage, land utilization, and value for farms of various sizes in each color and tenure class, the size grouping being based on the total acreage in the individual farm. Information is given for the acreage and value of the owned and rented portions of part-owner operated farms. A similar break-down of the acreage in managed farms according to whether owned or rented by the employer makes possible a summarization of all land in farms by tenure under which operated.

Data presented herein by color and tenure of the farm operator represent totals for the United States, regions, divisions, and States. Statistics by counties are presented in volume I. The number of farms by color of the farm operator (Southern States only) and the number of farms by tenure are shown by minor civil divisions (townships, precincts, etc.) in minor civil division table 1 which is available by counties at the cost of making copies of the table.

Other data relating to the characteristics of the farm operator are presented in chapter IV. These include age, residence on or off the farm operated, the number of years the farm operator had been operating the farm he was occupying at the time of the census, and the number of days he had worked during the year preceding the census date at jobs other than the operation of his farm. Of these characteristics, only the age of the farm operator is classified by color and tenure. Closely

related subjects include farm population and farm labor presented in chapter V and farm facilities in chapter VI. Additional items classified by color and tenure of the farm operator, based on a sample of the farms enumerated in the 1945 Census, are included in a separate report.

Statistics by color and tenure of the farm operator represent only one of several methods for measuring the relative importance and characteristics of farms. The number, acreage, and value of farms classified by the total land area in each farm are presented in chapter II; the number of farms and the value of products sold or used by farm households classified by type of farm and by gross farm income are presented in chapter X; and the number of farms classified by cropland harvested in chapters I and II, by value of implements and machinery in chapters I and VI, by amount of cash wages paid in chapter V, and by number of tractors in chapter VI. Simple totals for the number, acreage, and value of farms as of the census date, and the farm acreage classified according to use for the preceding calendar year are presented in chapter I.

Color-tenure classification.—A classification of farm operators by tenure has been made at each census beginning with 1880, and a classification by color of farm operator, with cross-classification of color and tenure, has been made at each census since 1900. The classification has varied from census to census. The number of tenure classes has ranged from three in 1880 to nine in 1920, with eight in 1940 and 1945. The particular tenure classes included in the reports for each census and their relation to the 1945 classification are shown in table 1. In all years, the color classification has consisted

Table 1.—TENURE CLASSES INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS FOR EACH CENSUS, WITH THE NUMBER OF FARMS IN EACH CLASS: 1880 TO 1945

1945	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880
Full owners 3,301,361	Full owners 3,084,138	Full owners 3,210,224	Full owners 2,911,644	Full owners 3,313,490	Owners owning entire farm 3,566,510	Owners owning entire farm 3,354,897	Owners 3,148,548 Owners and tenants ¹ 53,299	Cultivated by owners 3,258,728	Cultivated by owners 2,994,308
Part owners 660,502	Part owners 615,039	Part owners 688,867	Part owners 656,750	Part owners 554,842	Owners hiring additional land 558,580	Owners renting additional land 593,825	Part owners 451,376		
Managers 38,885	Managers 36,351	Managers 48,104	Managers 55,889	Managers 40,700	Managers 68,449	Managers 59,104	Managers 59,085		
All tenants 1,858,421	All tenants 2,361,271	Tenants 2,865,155	Tenants 2,664,565	Tenants 2,462,608	Tenants 2,454,804	Tenants 2,354,676	Tenants 2,024,964	Rented 1,294,913	Rented 1,024,601
Cash 402,175	Cash 514,438	(2)	Cash 489,210	Cash 393,452	Cash 480,009 (Includes stand- ing renters for North and West)	Cash 712,294 (Includes stand- ing renters)	Cash 751,665 (Includes standing renters and un- specified tenants)	Rented for fixed money value 454,659	Rented for fixed money rental 322,357
Share-cash 137,858	Share-cash 278,605	(2)	(2)	(2)	Share-cash 127,822	Share-cash 128,466	Share 1,273,299 (Includes share- cash tenants)	Rented for share of products 840,254	Rented for share of products 702,244
Share 694,928	Share 815,799	(2)	(2)	(2)	Share 1,117,721	Share 1,399,923			
Croppers (South only) 446,556	Croppers (South only) 541,291	Croppers (South only) 716,258	Croppers (South only) 776,278	Croppers (South only) 623,058	Croppers (South only) 561,091	Croppers (South only) 561,091			
Other and unspecified 176,904	Other and unspecified 211,138	(2)	(2)	(2)	Standing renters (South only) 104,996 Unspecified 63,185	(Standing renters included with cash tenants) Unspecified 113,993	(Included with cash tenants)	(Included in above tenant classes)	(Included in above tenant classes)

¹ "Owner and tenant" farms were operated jointly by the owner and a tenant working for a share of the products. This tenure class was recognized in the instructions to enumerators for both the 1910 and 1900 Censuses. Inasmuch as the number of such cases was very limited and the owner was often a parent and the tenant a son, this class was consolidated in the 1910 reports with farms operated by their owners.

² For 1935, all tenants other than croppers were published as "Other tenants"; for 1930 and 1925, all tenants other than cash tenants and croppers were published as "Other tenants."