

FARMS AND FARM CHARACTERISTICS

Share-tenant farms.—Share-tenant farms are distributed more widely throughout the United States than share-cash-tenant farms. These share-tenant farms are predominantly crop farms, over one-half (54 percent) of them being "all other crop" farms. Corn, small grains, cotton, and tobacco make up the principal cash crops on such farms. Livestock farms operated by share tenants are important in some areas, particularly in the Corn Belt. Approximately one-third (35 percent) of the total share-tenant farms are general, livestock, dairy, or poultry farms.

Cropper farms.—Cropper farms are predominantly cotton or tobacco farms. More than nine-tenths of the total value of farm

products sold from cropper farms is from the sale of crops, principally cotton and tobacco. Only 1 cropper farm out of every 4 reports the sale of poultry or poultry products and less than 1 out of every 5 reports the sale of livestock. The proportion of croppers having cows and chickens is also generally less than that for the other tenure classes. In general, cropper farms tend to be located in areas of better land. The average value per acre for all cropper farms in the South is \$46.84 as compared with \$35.41 for owner-operated farms. The average yield of cotton per acre on cropper farms is 0.75 bales as compared with 0.61 for cash-tenant farms, 0.56 for share-tenant farms, and 0.62 for full-owner farms.

