

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

est recorded for any census year; however, the production of 356,547,428 bushels has been exceeded in only two previous censuses, 1934 and 1909. In 1944, for regions 6 and 7 (Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), the production was reported in 100-pound bags. In 1939, the production for Arizona and California was reported in 100-pound bags. For both years the production is shown in the tables in bushels for all States. Conversion was made by using a weight of 60 pounds per bushel.

Sweetpotatoes.—The 1945 question related to all sweetpotatoes and yams harvested, whether grown for home use or for sale. The schedule for region 6 (Arizona and California) specified that the production was to be reported in 100-pound bags, which, in the tables, has been converted to bushels on the basis of 55 pounds per bushel. The 1944 acreage of 673,121 for the United States was below that recorded for 1939.

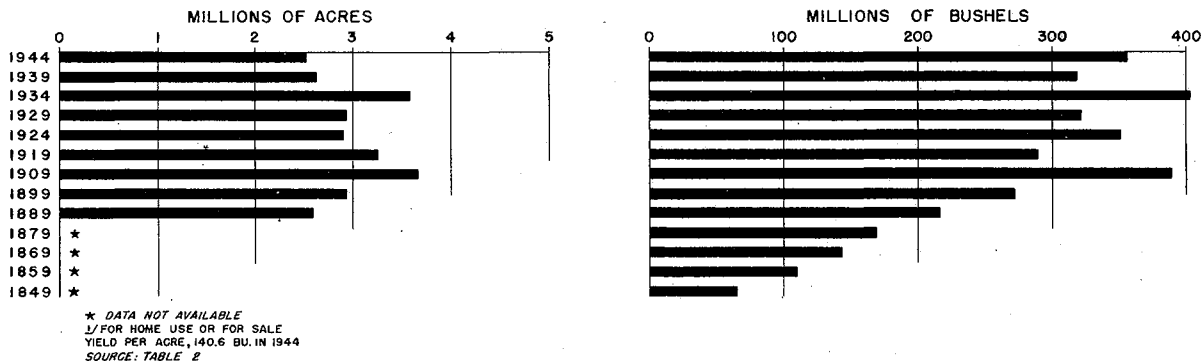
Vegetables harvested for sale.—The 1945 schedule called for acreage harvested for sale for 7 specified vegetables, as follows: fresh beans (snap, string or wax), cabbage, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, tomatoes, and green peas (English). In addition, a "catch-all" inquiry for the acreage of "All other vegetables and melons" was carried for each region. Celery had a separate inquiry in region 3 only; lettuce in region 6 only; and sweet corn in regions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7. Instructions for green peas specified that green cowpeas (crowder, blackeyes, etc.) or dry peas should not be included. Instructions for the "All other vegetables" question excluded Irish and sweet potatoes and listed a number of vegetables and melons to be included. An over-all instruction applying to vegetables harvested for

sale as a group read as follows: "Include vegetables sold to canneries. Where a crop was harvested following another on the same land during year, report acreage for each crop." No data for production were secured under the inquiries for vegetables for sale, but the combined value of all vegetables sold or traded was obtained for each farm that reported any acreage of vegetables sold. Data on Irish potatoes and sweetpotatoes were to be entered under separate inquiries elsewhere on the schedule.

The 1940 farm schedule contained a total of 23 questions, varying with the regions, relating to the acreage harvested and value of specific vegetables harvested for sale. In addition, blank lines were carried for listing the name, area, and value of "Other" vegetables for which a definite question was not provided on the schedule. In 1935, separate inquiries on acreage were carried on the schedule for 5 named vegetables with an additional question for "All other vegetables except Irish and sweet potatoes." The 1930 schedule asked for both acreage and value of 13 named vegetables with an extra line to write in the names of any others. The 1925 schedule inquiries on vegetables for the market were limited to the acreage of 7 specified vegetables. The 1920 schedule asked for acreage, production, and value of all vegetables by name with a blank line to write in others. For censuses prior to the 1920 Census see footnotes 53 and 54, table 2. of this chapter.

The acreage of vegetables harvested for sale in 1944 other than Irish and sweet potatoes was 4,370,281, which is an increase of 43.1 percent over the 3,053,221 acres harvested for sale in 1939.

IRISH POTATOES ¹/₂-ACREAGE, 1889 TO 1944; AND PRODUCTION, 1849 TO 1944; FOR THE UNITED STATES



VEGETABLES HARVESTED FOR SALE (EXCEPT IRISH AND SWEET POTATOES)—ACREAGE AND VALUE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1909 TO 1944

