

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

Table 1.—SUMMARY FOR SPECIFIED CROPS—ACREAGE AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION WITH COMPARATIVE DATA FOR ALL CROPS AND CROPLAND HARVESTED, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1879 TO 1944

[For comparability of data, see text discussion]

ITEM AND YEAR	ACREAGE			VALUE (DOLLARS)			Average per acre
	Total	Increase or decrease (-)		Total	Increase or decrease (-)		
		Acres	Percent		Amount	Percent	
Cropland harvested.....1944..	352,865,765	31,623,385	9.8	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1939..	321,242,430	25,618,254	8.7	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1934..	295,624,176	-63,617,915	-17.7	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1929..	359,242,091	14,692,824	4.3	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1924..	344,549,267	-4,054,462	-1.2	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1919..	² 348,608,729			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Specified crops, total.....1944..	349,803,130	33,856,795	10.5	14,439,980,636	8,795,476,808	155.8	41.28
1939..	316,546,385	19,438,844	6.5	5,644,458,828	(*)	(*)	17.88
1934..	297,107,491	-59,097,543	-16.6	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1929..	356,205,084	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Field crops ³1944..	340,246,318	32,098,672	10.4	11,891,732,143	7,175,918,654	152.2	34.95
1939..	308,147,646	21,261,512	7.4	4,715,813,489	(*)	(*)	15.80
1934..	286,886,194	-60,053,350	-17.3	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1929..	346,939,484	12,623,813	3.8	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1924..	334,315,671	-10,651,482	-3.1	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1919..	344,967,158			(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Vegetables ³1944..	4,370,281	1,317,060	49.1	1,032,626,099	621,709,867	151.3	XXXXXXXXXX
1939..	3,058,221	-720,461	-19.1	410,916,232	(*)	(*)	XXXXXXXXXX
1934..	3,773,682	961,967	34.2	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1929..	2,811,715	1,387,442	97.4	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1919..	1,424,273			(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Fruits and nuts and horticultural specialties ⁴1944..	5,186,531	-158,937	-3.0	1,515,572,394	997,848,287	192.7	292.21
1939..	5,345,468	-1,102,207	-17.1	517,724,107	(*)	(*)	96.85
1934..	6,447,675	-6,160	-0.1	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1929..	5,453,835	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)
All crops ²1939..	⁵ 319,124,373	20,482,025	6.9	5,705,464,370	1,226,449,233	27.4	17.68
1934..	298,642,348	-59,425,320	-16.6	4,479,015,137	-3,774,499,749	-45.5	15.00
1929..	⁶ 358,067,668	(*)	(*)	8,223,514,886	750,380,028	10.0	22.37
1924..	(*)	(*)	(*)	7,472,534,858	-7,173,642,911	-49.0	(*)
1919..	⁷ 348,603,729	37,310,347	12.0	14,646,177,759	9,358,403,935	177.0	42.01
1909..	311,293,382	23,075,102	9.9	5,237,773,834	2,399,724,154	83.1	16.99
1899..	283,218,280	63,512,716	28.9	2,888,049,680	(*)	(*)	10.20
1889..	219,705,564	53,518,980	32.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1879..	166,186,584			(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Field crops ³1939..	310,546,458	22,125,467	7.7	4,763,656,130	813,330,995	20.6	15.34
1934..	⁸ 288,420,991	-60,362,122	-17.3	3,949,725,136	-2,956,371,010	-42.8	13.69
1929..	348,783,113	1,907,921	0.6	6,930,006,145	-6,372,501,706	-48.0	19.78
1919..	346,875,192	36,962,597	11.9	13,272,597,851	8,329,931,889	168.5	38.25
1909..	309,912,595	27,072,884	9.6	4,342,665,962	2,217,373,759	81.4	15.95
1899..	232,839,711			2,725,292,203			9.64
Vegetables ³1939..	3,058,221	-720,461	-19.1	410,916,232	(**)	(**)	XXXXXXXXXX
1934..	3,773,682	961,967	34.2	7,137,029,114	(**)	(**)	XXXXXXXXXX
1929..	2,811,715	1,387,442	97.4	323,009,786	-12,426,491	-2.3	XXXXXXXXXX
1919..	1,424,273	414,812	41.1	534,436,277	(**)	(**)	XXXXXXXXXX
1909..	1,009,461			⁹ 65,749,492	(**)	(**)	XXXXXXXXXX
Fruits and nuts and horticultural specialties.....1939..	5,524,694	-922,981	-14.3	530,892,008	138,631,120	35.3	96.09
1934..	⁶ 6,447,675	-25,165	-0.4	392,260,888	-409,148,067	-51.1	60.84
1929..	⁶ 6,472,840	(**)	(**)	801,408,955	-37,734,686	-4.5	123.81
1919..	¹⁰ 304,264	-67,062	-18.1	839,143,641	559,785,261	200.4	XXXXXXXXXX
1909..	¹⁰ 371,326	-7,243	-1.9	279,358,380	116,600,903	71.6	XXXXXXXXXX
1899..	¹⁰ 378,569			162,757,477			XXXXXXXXXX

*Not available.

**Available data not comparable.

¹14,502,932 acres of corn cut for fodder were excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain. The value of this fodder, \$206,934,650, was also excluded. 3,107,318 acres of mature crops hogged off (corn, velvetbeans, soybeans, peanuts, sweetpotatoes, etc.) were also excluded to conform with totals previously published.

²Total acreage of crops for which figures are available.

³Irish and sweet potatoes included with "Field crops," not with "Vegetables." Acreage of vegetables represents acres of vegetables harvested for sale only; acreage in farm gardens not available. Value includes both vegetables for home use and for sale.

⁴Acreage of horticultural specialties not available for 1944 and therefore excluded for previous censuses; value includes horticultural specialties.

⁵Figures differ from those previously published due to exclusion of acreage for alfalfa, clover, and grass seeds harvested, most of which is assumed to have been duplicated in the hay acreage.

⁶Only strawberries reported in small fruits; other small fruits included in field crops.

⁷Farm garden vegetables for home use only.

⁸Vegetables for sale.

⁹Acreage for horticultural specialties not included.

¹⁰Acreage in fruit orchards, vineyards, and planted nut trees not secured prior to 1930 Census.

previous censuses, it should be borne in mind that the acreage of crops (or the number of fruit trees or vines) and the number of farms reporting are, on the whole, better indices of general changes or trends in agriculture than the quantity of crop production, since variations in the quantity harvested may be due largely to favorable or unfavorable seasons, development of new varieties, availability of farm labor, etc.

Farms reporting.—The term "farms reporting" any of the small fruits indicates the number of farms on which a specified crop was reported as having been harvested in a designated year. For example, Tennessee led all States in the acreage of strawberries harvested in 1944. The Census of 1945 recorded 234,431 farms in that State and of these only 4,892 reported a production

of strawberries. Therefore, the number of farms reporting strawberries harvested in 1944, as shown in the tables, is given as 4,892 for Tennessee. The term "farms reporting," when used in the tables for tree fruits and nuts and grapes, refers to the number of farms that reported information either for production in the year for which such data were required or for the number of trees on the census date.

Acreage or number of trees or vines.—The 1945 schedule provided for reporting fractional acreages (tenths) for small fruits and for land in fruit orchards, vineyards, and planted nut trees. The enumerator was cautioned to omit nonbearing acreage for any of the listed small fruits but to include all land in bearing and nonbearing fruit orchards, vineyards, and