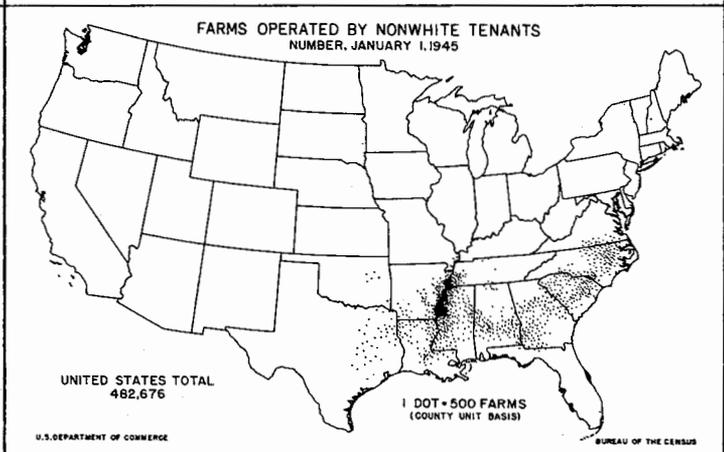
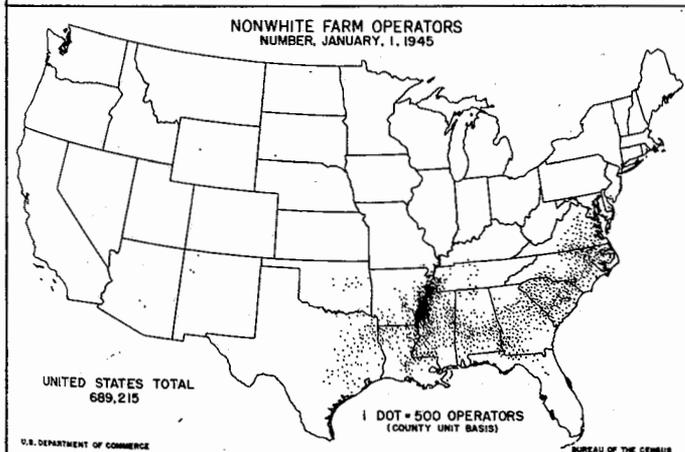
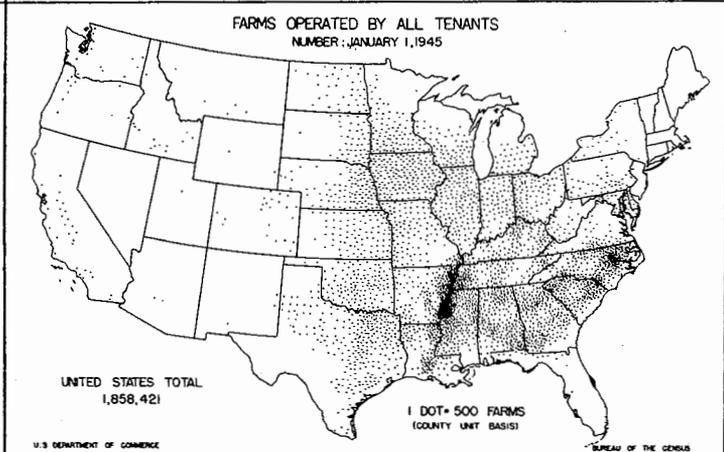
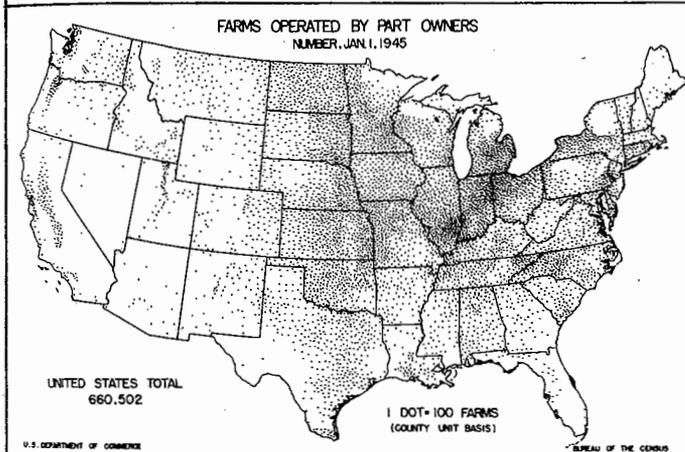
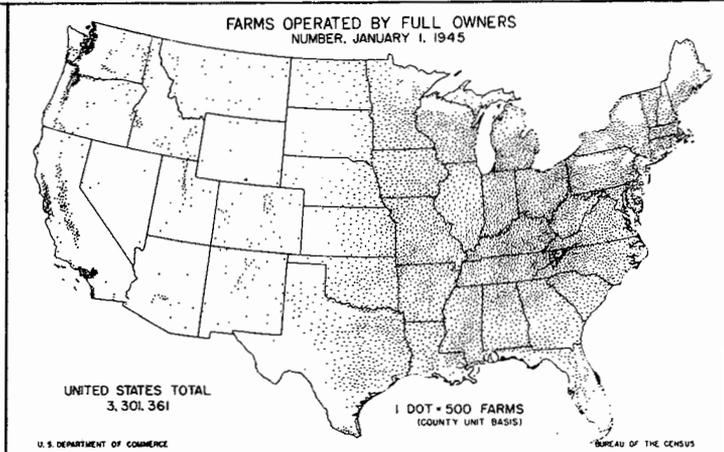
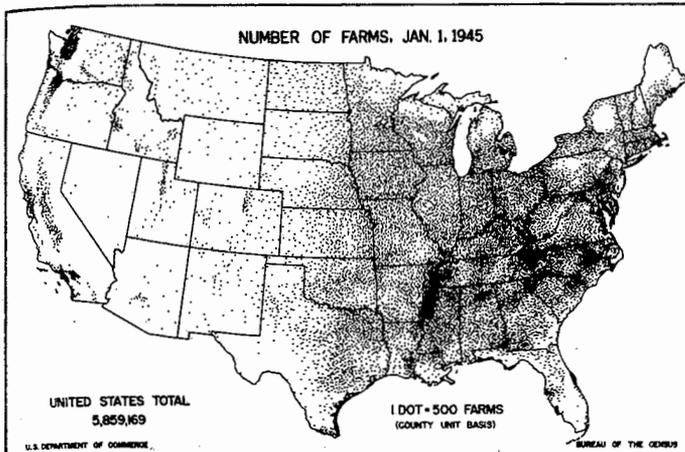


NUMBER OF FARMS, BY COLOR AND TENURE OF OPERATOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1945



The total of 5,859,169 farms in 1945 was the lowest number recorded since 1900. Of these, 497,788 were in the 9 North-eastern States; 1,985,790 in the 12 North Central States; 2,881,135 in the 16 Southern States, and 494,456 in the 11 Western States. The concentration of farms varies with the proportion of land in farms and the size of farms. The greatest density in the number of farms is in the Mississippi Delta, the southern Appalachians, and the Coastal Plains of North Carolina.

Full-owner farms are most numerous in the dairy and industrial areas of the upper Ohio Valley, in the southern Appalachians, and in the irrigated areas of the West. Part-owner farms are most prevalent in the corn and wheat areas, where the increase in the size of farms has been made possible through the use of mechanical equipment. Southern Illinois, Indiana, north-ern Ohio, and southern Michigan have a particularly high concentration of part-owner farms.

The highest concentration of tenant farms is in the cotton

and tobacco areas, where many farms are small cropper-operated tracts with a high proportion of cropland, and generally where there is a high proportion of nonwhite operators. The South, which comprises less than one-third of the total land area of the Nation, has almost one-half of the farms and about two-thirds of the tenants.

White farm operators include Mexicans, and nonwhite operators include Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite races. Of the nonwhite operators, 96.5 percent were in the South. The area of greatest concentration of nonwhite operators is the Mississippi Delta; large numbers are also found in the Black Prairie of Alabama and Mississippi and the Pied-mont and upper Coastal Plains of Alabama, Georgia, the Caro-linas, and Virginia. Nonwhite operators in the South are Negroes except a few Indians, principally in Oklahoma and North Carolina, while in the West they are primarily Indians. Of 689,215 nonwhite operators, 70 percent were tenants in 1945.