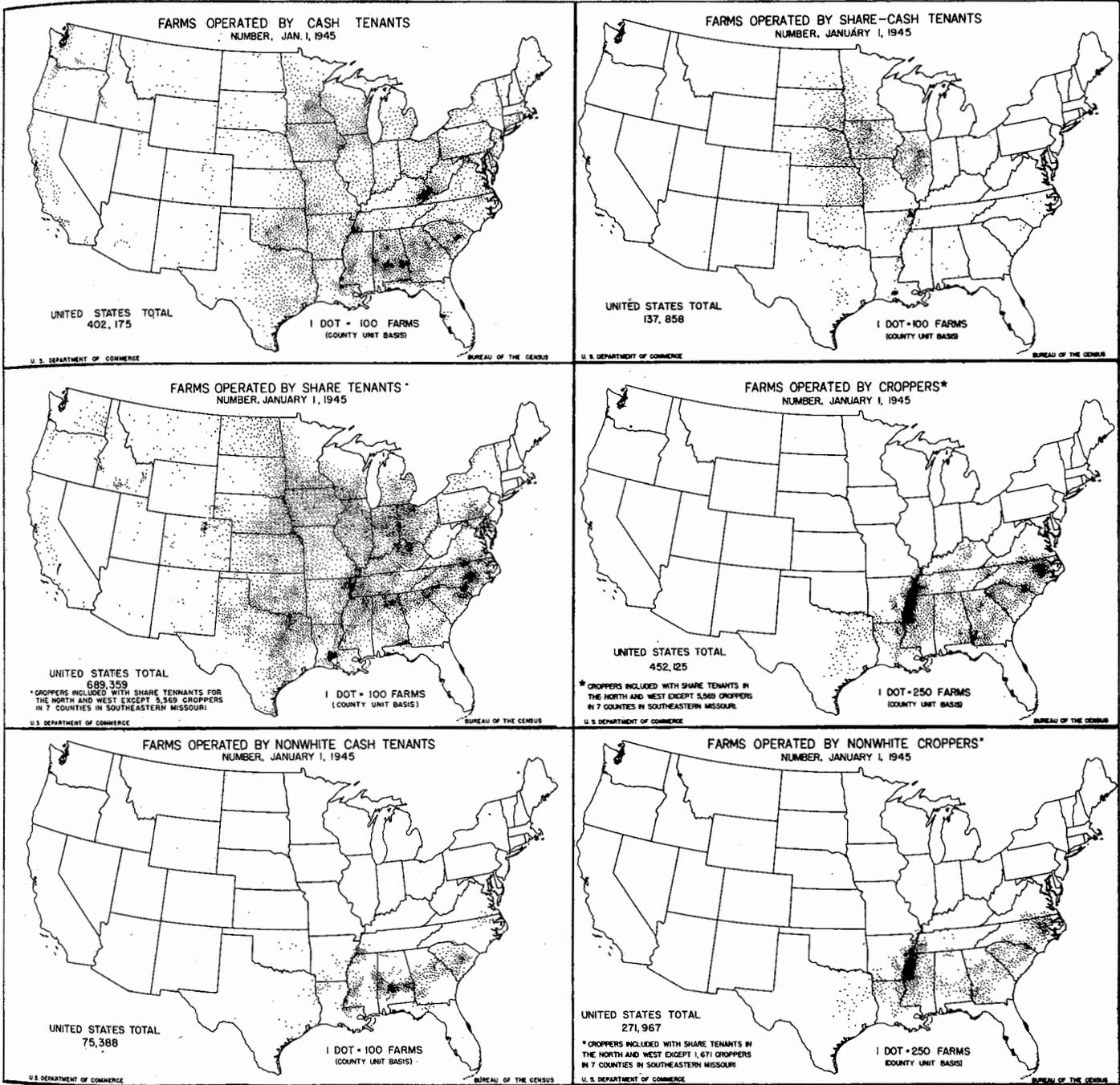


NUMBER OF FARMS, BY KIND OF RENT PAID, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1945



The kind of rent paid by tenants for the use of farm land is determined by local conditions and, as a consequence, varies widely from one part of the country to another. Cash tenancy is quite different among the three most concentrated cash-rent areas. In Iowa, good farm land is rented for cash to highly responsible tenants. In southeastern Kentucky, a small sum is paid to coal and lumber companies for the use of a house and a limited acreage for part-time farming. In the Black Prairie of Alabama nonwhite cash tenants rent small acreages and are often furnished the power and equipment with which to farm. Share-cash renting is most prevalent on livestock cash-grain farms of Illinois and the West North Central States. On these farms, the grain lands are usually rented for a share of the crops while small acreages for pasture and hay and other miscellaneous uses are rented for cash. Share-cash renting also occurs in scattered areas in the South, particularly in the Mississippi Delta cotton and sugarcane areas, the cash payment

being made for the land not planted to staple crops. The map showing the distribution of share tenants excludes croppers in the South. Share tenants are most prevalent on the better farm lands where cotton, corn, oats, tobacco, and wheat are grown. In the South, share croppers are common in the plantation areas where nonwhite population predominates. For the country as a whole, share tenants showed a less proportionate decrease during the war than the other kinds of tenants. Nonwhite cash tenants are most prevalent in the areas where the plantation system is declining, as the Black Prairie of Alabama and Mississippi, the Piedmont of Georgia and South Carolina, southwest Mississippi, and the Memphis areas of Tennessee and Mississippi. Standing rent is common in these areas also. Nonwhite croppers are most prevalent in the Mississippi Delta. They are found, although in fewer numbers, in the remainder of the plantation areas of the Southeastern States, in northern and central Louisiana, and in eastern Texas.