

# CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

- (c) Boarding and lodging—if the receipts from boarders, lodgers, and campers represented 50 percent or more of the total value of all products and receipts of the farm.
- (d) Forest products—if the value of forest products sold represented 50 percent or more of the total value of all products of the farm.
- (e) Horse farm, feed lot, or livestock dealer—in general, farms on which the sales of animals represented 50 percent or more of the total value of all products of the farm and on which crop production was of little importance. The acreage in such farms was usually small.

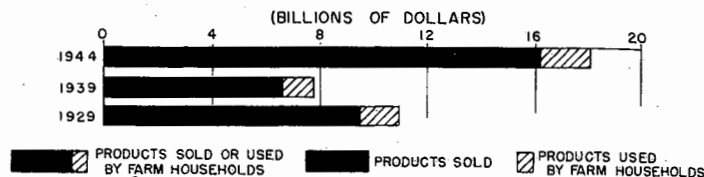
The self-sufficing type is the only one for which the data for 1930 are reasonably comparable with those for 1945. This type corresponds to the 1945 classification "Farms producing products primarily for own household use" which is sometimes shortened to "Subsistence" or "Family-living farms." It should be remembered that in the 1930 Census the inquiry called for the value of the products of the farm used by the operator's family, while in the 1945 Census the inquiry called for the value of products used by all households on the farm.

### INTERPRETATION AND RELIABILITY OF THE RESULTS

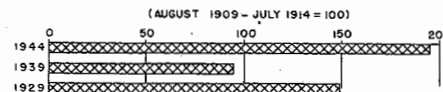
The following discussion is presented for the purpose of assisting in interpreting the statistics and in evaluating their reliability:

**Value of farm products.**—The total value of farm products, in general, serves two purposes; namely, to measure the gross agricultural income for various geographic areas and to indicate the relative importance of the different product groups. The total value of farm products sold or used by farm households, however, is not a true indicator of the gross agricultural income of a particular geographic area. The value of products, as reported by an individual farm operator, represents the gross value for that farm. When individual farm re-

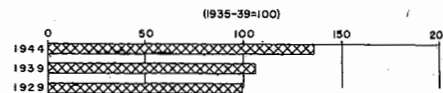
VALUE OF ALL FARM PRODUCTS SOLD OR USED BY FARM HOUSEHOLDS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1944, 1939, AND 1929



INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR ALL FARM PRODUCTS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1944, 1939, AND 1929



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ports are combined into totals for geographic areas—counties, States, regions, etc.—the resulting total presents an overstatement of the gross value for the area. This overstatement is the result of duplication arising from interfarm sales which,

Table 1.—VALUE OF ALL FARM PRODUCTS SOLD OR USED BY FARM HOUSEHOLDS, WITH FARMS REPORTING, CLASSIFIED BY SOURCE OF INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: CENSUSES OF 1945, 1940, AND 1930

[Figures for divisions and States in tables 9 to 22]

ITEM (For definitions, "Farms reporting," etc., see text)	FARMS REPORTING						VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD OR USED BY FARM HOUSEHOLDS (DOLLARS)								
	Number			Percent of all farms			Total			Average per farm			Percent of total		
	Census of 1945	Census of 1940	Census of 1930	Census of 1945	Census of 1940	Census of 1930	Census of 1945	Census of 1940	Census of 1930	Census of 1945	Census of 1940	Census of 1930	Census of 1945	Census of 1940	Census of 1930
All farms.....	5,859,169	6,096,799	6,298,648	100.0	100.0	100.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms with no farm products sold or used.....	98,873	88,502	(*)	1.7	1.5	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms, unclassified.....	7,588	39,542	288,768	0.1	0.6	4.6	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms classified both by total value of farm products and by type: <sup>1</sup>															
All farm products sold or used.....	5,752,908	5,968,755	5,999,882	98.2	97.9	95.4	16,108,132,494	7,813,644,587	11,011,529,535	3,148	1,309	1,835	100.0	100.0	100.0
All farm products sold.....	5,527,667	5,617,068	(*)	90.9	92.1	(*)	16,230,627,204	6,661,561,292	9,609,924,183	3,046	1,190	(*)	89.6	85.5	87.3
All crops sold.....	3,702,481	4,225,176	4,923,419	63.2	69.3	78.3	7,507,597,188	5,094,947,321	4,424,430,691	2,028	733	899	41.5	39.6	40.2
Fruits and nuts sold.....	581,059	668,785	(*)	9.1	11.0	(*)	1,078,842,772	295,360,985	(*)	2,031	442	(*)	6.0	3.8	(*)
Vegetables sold.....	579,579	458,011	(*)	9.9	7.5	(*)	578,592,662	199,526,002	(*)	995	436	(*)	3.2	2.6	(*)
Horticultural specialties sold.....	34,890	28,774	(*)	0.6	0.5	(*)	231,258,953	129,545,005	(*)	6,666	4,495	(*)	1.3	1.7	(*)
All other crops (field crops) sold.....	3,216,108	3,825,478	(*)	54.9	62.7	(*)	5,821,102,779	2,470,727,351	(*)	1,748	646	(*)	31.0	31.0	(*)
All livestock and livestock products sold.....	4,356,641	4,458,508	(*)	74.0	73.1	(*)	8,644,670,850	3,547,482,358	5,085,583,912	1,993	796	(*)	47.7	45.4	46.2
Dairy products sold.....	2,472,709	2,647,851	(*)	42.2	43.4	(*)	2,531,407,944	1,118,192,799	(*)	1,024	422	(*)	14.0	14.3	(*)
Poultry and poultry products sold.....	3,401,918	3,507,802	(*)	58.1	57.5	(*)	1,588,549,044	555,411,698	(*)	466	158	(*)	8.8	7.1	(*)
Livestock and livestock products sold (other than dairy and poultry).....	3,476,785	(*)	(*)	59.3	(*)	(*)	4,526,713,862	1,875,877,861	(*)	1,302	(*)	(*)	25.0	24.0	(*)
Forest products sold.....	221,901	276,611	602,992	3.8	4.5	9.6	78,359,188	39,151,613	99,859,580	553	142	166	0.4	0.5	0.9
Farm products used by farm households.....	5,513,750	5,755,078	5,809,680	94.1	94.4	89.2	1,877,505,290	1,132,063,275	1,401,405,152	341	197	250	10.4	14.5	12.7

\* Not available.  
<sup>1</sup> Classified by total value of farm products, but not classified by type. See text.  
<sup>2</sup> Not classified either by total value of farm products or by type. Figures for Census of 1930 include nurseries, greenhouses, and apiaries. See text.  
<sup>3</sup> Figures for Census of 1930 include farms operated in 1929 with no farm products sold or used by farm operator's family, but do not include nurseries, greenhouses, and apiaries. See text.  
<sup>4</sup> Value of sales for maple syrup and sugar included with "Forest products" for Censuses of 1945 and 1940, but with "Crops" for Census of 1930.  
<sup>5</sup> Value of Irish and sweet potatoes included with "All other crops (field crops)," not with "Vegetables."  
<sup>6</sup> Figures for Census of 1930 are for farm operator's family only.