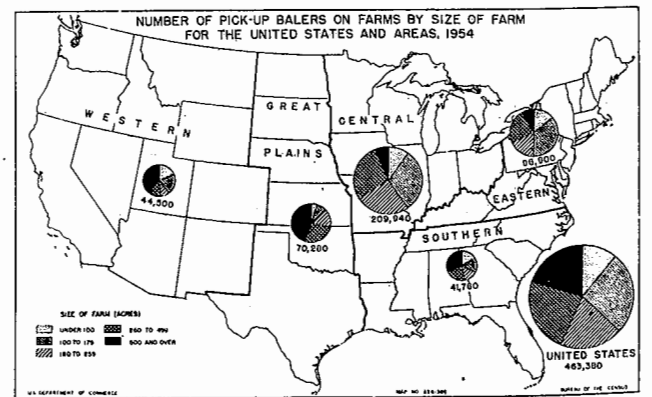
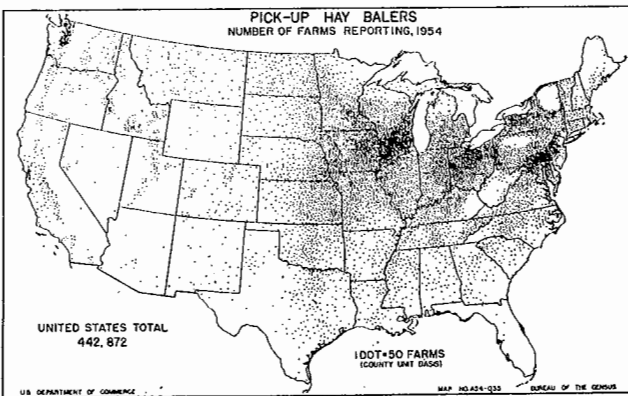
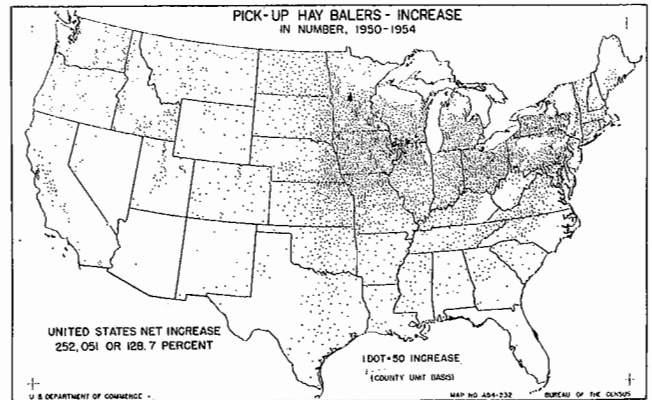


The nationwide distribution pattern of pick-up balers resembles the distribution pattern of the hay acreage. The greater part of the increase in number of balers between 1950 and 1954 occurred in areas of heavy hay concentration. In the area comprising Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan the increase was nearly 200 percent.



The pick-up baler is well adapted for customwork since it can handle a fairly large hay acreage during the haying season. Many owners of balers who have only average tonnages of hay on their farms do some baling for their neighbors. In this way the owner increases the use of and lowers the annual cost of his baling, and enables other small farmers to harvest and feed their hay in baled form. In November 1954, about 11 percent of the pick-up balers were reported by farmers having farms of less than 100 acres. More than half of all farms are in this size