LAND IN FARMS OPERATED BY TENANTS, BY CLASS OF TENANT, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954
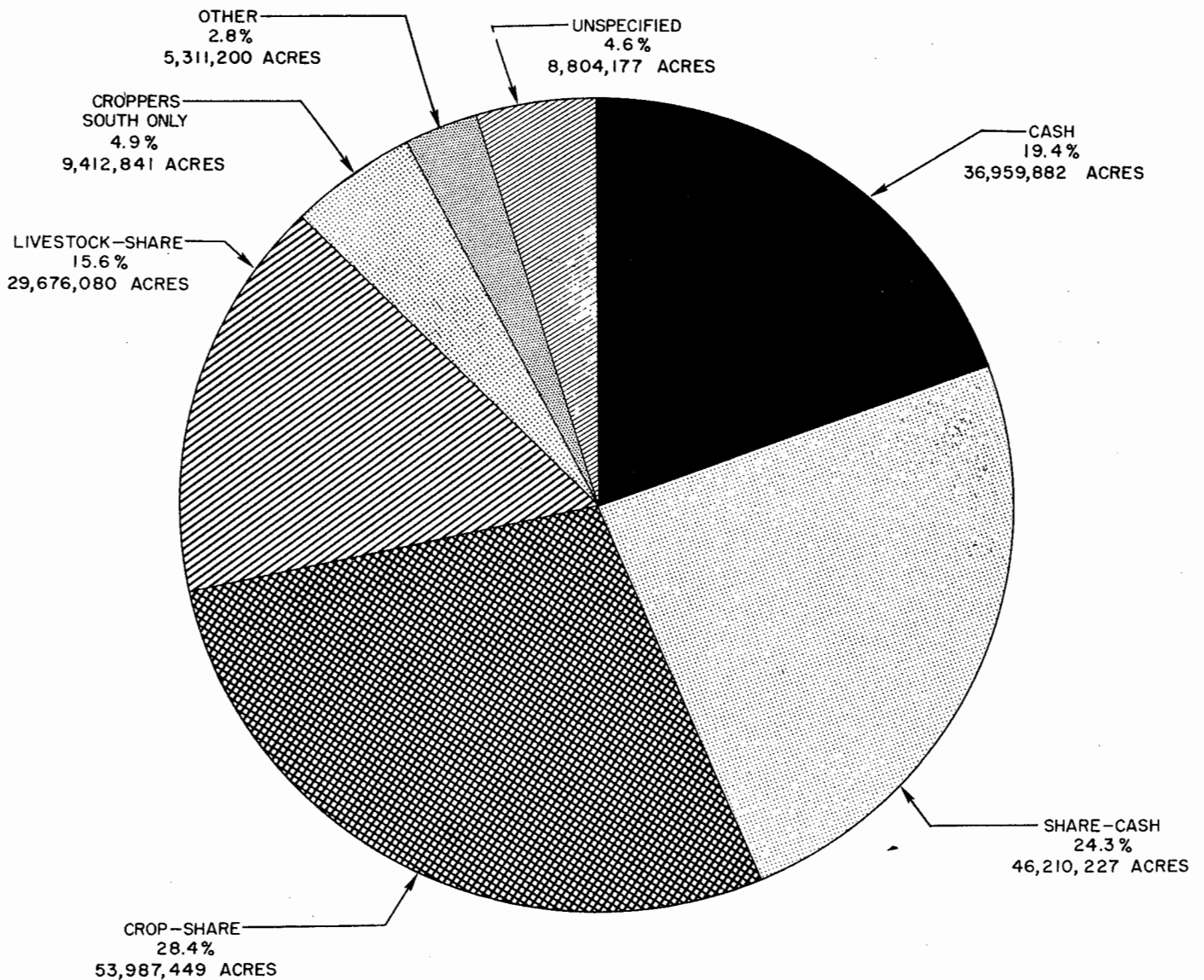
(DATA ARE BASED ON REPORTS FOR ONLY A SAMPLE OF FARMS)

OTHER
2.8%
5,311,200 ACRES

UNSPECIFIED
4.6%
8,804,177 ACRES

CROPPERS
SOUTH ONLY
4.9%
9,412,841 ACRES

CASH
19.4%
36,959,882 ACRES

LIVESTOCK—SHARE
15.6%
29,676,080 ACRES

SHARE—CASH
24.3%
46,210,227 ACRES

CROP—SHARE
28.4%
53,987,449 ACRES

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Figure 6.

Land farmed by various classes of tenants.—Leasing arrangements are characterized by the form of rental payment. Rentals are almost always either a fixed commitment in cash or produce or a share of the produce. Share agreements also frequently contain a provision for the sharing of certain operational expenses.

Most of the land in tenant-operated farms is leased under some form of share arrangement. Sharing may be restricted to crop production only, or to livestock and/or livestock products only; it may include a share of both crops and livestock or livestock products; or it may include a share of either or both crops and livestock and an additional cash payment for pasture, feed crops, or a dwelling. Crop-share arrangements—those in which landlord and tenant shared in all crops but in none of the livestock—had the largest share of land in tenant-operated farms. Their holdings amounted to *53,987,449* acres, or *28.4* percent of all

tenant-operated farmland, in 1954. The share-cash leases followed with *46,210,227* acres, or *24.3* percent. Livestock-share tenants had *29,676,080* acres in farms. Sharecropping represents another version of a share arrangement. In this case, the landlord furnishes all of the workstock or tractor power as a part of his share in the operation of the sharecropper farm. Sharecropper lands in the South, totaling *9,412,841* acres, represented *4.9* percent of the United States total for land in tenant-operated farms.

Cash tenants, those paying cash as rent and no share of crops or livestock, operated *19.4* percent of all land in tenant-operated farms in 1954. Other tenants include those who pay a fixed quantity of product, those who maintain the land and buildings in exchange for rent, and those who use the land rent-free. This combined group had *5,311,200* acres or *2.8* percent of the total.