

PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL FARMS IN EACH TENURE GROUP REPORTING  
A TELEPHONE, ELECTRICITY, AND RUNNING WATER, FOR THE  
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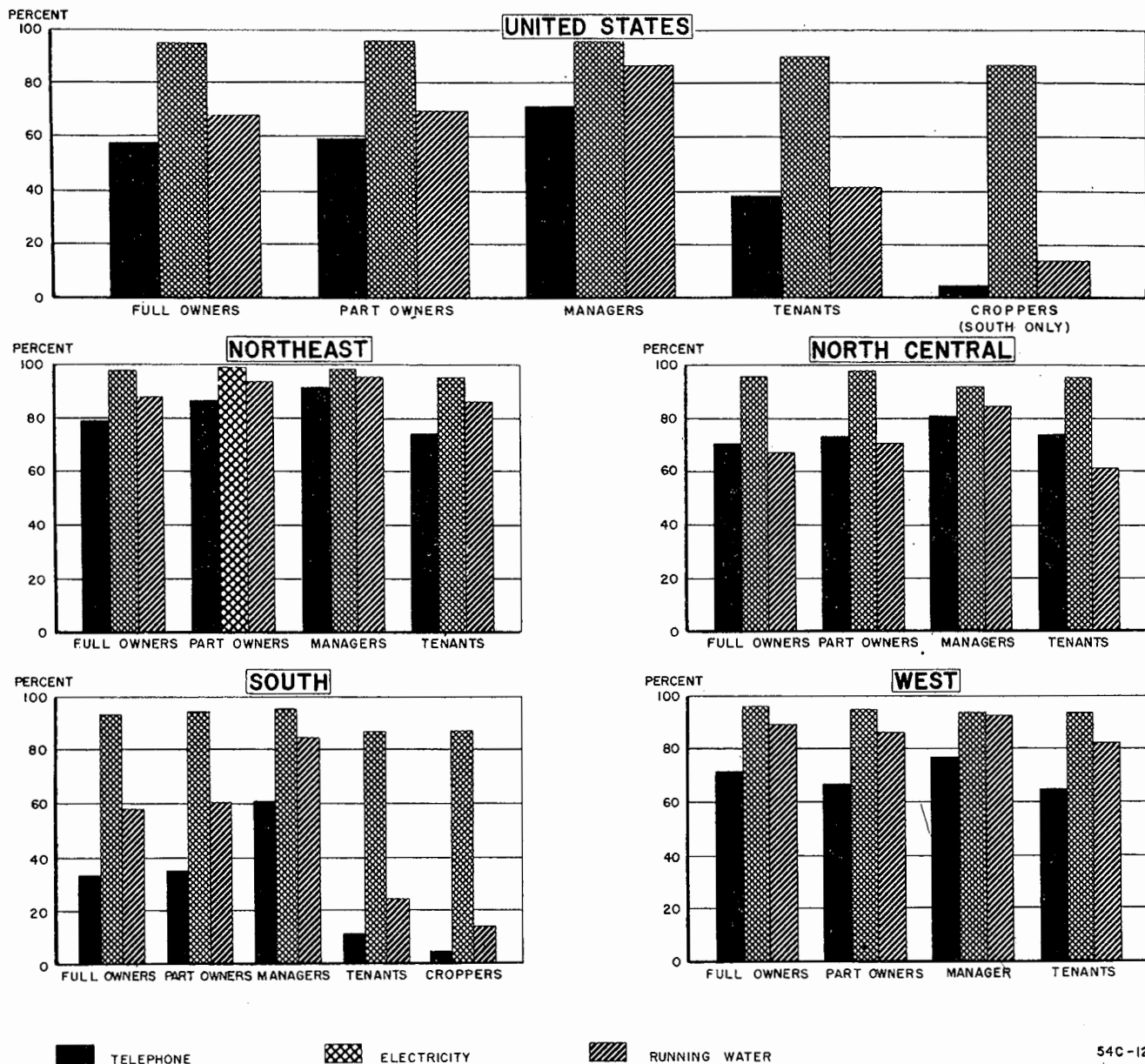


Figure 45.

Specified facilities on farms by tenure of operator.—Income in terms of the well-being of the population is reflected by the facilities in the dwelling. In the 1954 Census of Agriculture, electricity was reported on 93.0 percent of the farms, telephone on 48.8 percent, and running water on 58.8 percent. For commercial farms, the ratios were 93.8 percent reporting electricity, 52.5 percent telephone, and 60.8 percent running water, as compared with 91.2, 40.3, and 54.0 percent, respectively, for noncommercial farms.

The proportion of farms reporting each of these specified facilities was generally less for tenants than for owners. This difference was less pronounced for electricity than for telephone or running water, and less in the North and West than in the South. In the North and West, nearly as high a proportion of tenants as owners reported electricity. In the North Central region as high a proportion of tenants reported electricity as full owners. For this region, the proportion of tenants reporting telephones was higher than for either full owners or part owners.

In the South, the proportion of farms reporting each of these specified facilities was much less than for other regions and the difference between tenants and owners was more pronounced. The proportion of farms reporting telephone and running water, respectively, was much lower for tenants than for owners, and much lower for croppers than for other tenants. In the South, 4.3 percent of the croppers and 11.3 percent of all tenants on commercial farms reported telephone as compared with 33.4 percent of the full owners and 35.1 percent of the part owners. Running water was reported by 13.9 percent of the croppers and 24.1 percent of all tenants on commercial farms, as compared with 58.1 percent for full owners and 60.2 percent for part owners. The proportion of croppers reporting electricity was as high as that for tenants other than croppers, and the difference in the proportion of tenants reporting electricity and owners reporting electricity was much less than for either telephone or running water. The proportion of all tenants reporting electricity was 86.6 percent as compared with 93.1 percent for full owners and 94.5 percent for part owners.

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