

PERCENT OF FARM OPERATORS ON PRESENT FARMS 1 YEAR OR LESS BY MONTH OF OCCUPANCY
OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER, 1954, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS

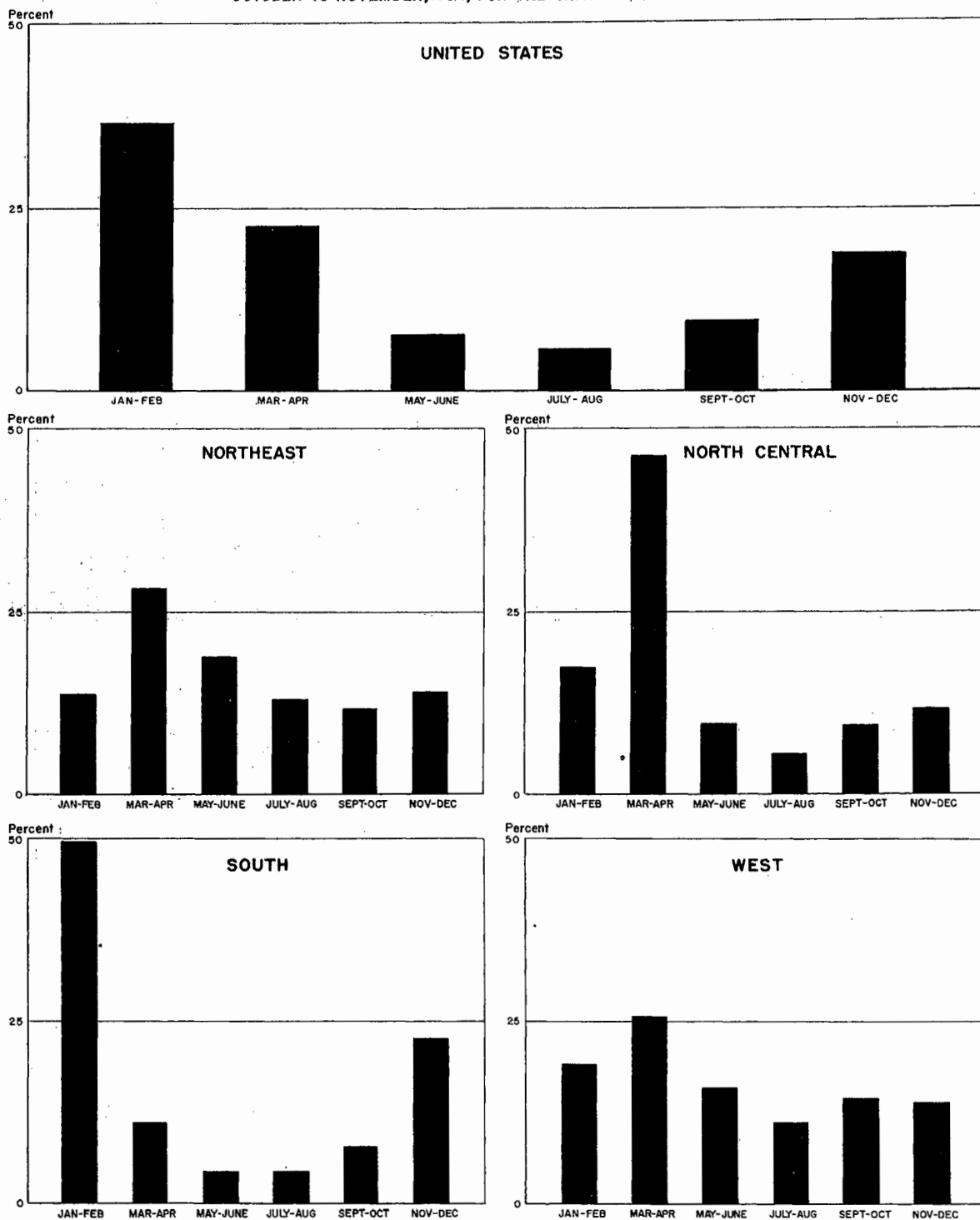


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Moving dates.—The time of year farmers move is indicated by the months farm operators reported they began operating their farms. A tabulation for the 1954 Census for those farm operators who began operating their farm within a year preceding the enumeration, by bimonthly periods show that in the North Central region and in the South a high proportion of farmers move at a rather definite time of year while in the Northeast and in the West farmers move throughout the year with less pronounced peak periods. In the North Central region most farmers moved in March-April, with 46.2 percent of those who moved during the year moving in these months, followed by January-February with 17.4 percent. In the South most farmers moved in January-February, this period accounting for about one-half (49.7 per-

cent) of those moving during the year, followed by November-December (22.6 percent).

In the Northeast most farmers move during the spring and early summer. More than one-fourth (28.3 percent) of those who moved during the year moved in March-April. Almost one-fifth (18.9 percent) moved in May-June. In the West most farmers moved in late winter and early spring, with a heavy movement in January-February (19.2 percent) and reaching a peak in March-April (25.7 percent). For the United States as a whole, January-February is the period when most farmers move (36.7 percent), followed by March-April (22.6 percent), and November-December (18.5 percent).