

Full-owner and part-owner operated farms are the dominant tenure types in all five regions. Share-tenant and cropper operated farms reporting automobiles are especially numerous in the Southern and Great Plains regions.

Only about one-ninth of the automobiles on farms in the western area were on farms operated by tenants.

A large share of the farms reporting 1, 2, and 3 or more automobiles were operated by full owners and part owners, the two most important tenure classes in the United States, in 4 of the 5 regions. In the Southern area share-tenant and cropper farms having one automobile each exceed the number of part-owner farms having automobiles.

NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM

Of the 4.3 million automobiles on farms in 1954, three-quarters of them were on commercial farms and one-quarter was on non-commercial farms. Economic Classes I to IV contain farms reporting sales of products of \$2,500 or more per farm in 1954. This group contains 44 percent of all farms and reported 57 percent of all automobiles on farms. Many of the farms in the lower economic classes reported no automobiles, and relatively few of those reporting automobiles had more than one.

Farms in Economic Class I, or those with \$25,000 or more in value of products sold in 1954, had the largest proportion of farms reporting 2 and 3 or more automobiles per farm in the United States. As the value of farm products sold declined the proportion of farms having more than one automobile declined. Generally, the farms in the higher economic classes were larger, employed more labor, and had greater need for more than one automobile than did the farms in the lower economic classes.

Relatively few of the part-time and residential farms reported more than one automobile.

The number of farms with automobiles and the number with 2 and 3 or more per farm are heavily concentrated in the Central States. In all regions a considerable proportion of the farms in the higher economic classes and in the part-time class reported more than one automobile. In all areas very few farms in Economic Class VI, the lowest commercial farm class, reported more than one automobile.

Table 8.—NUMBER OF FARMS, AND FARMS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES, BY SIZE OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954

[Data are estimates based upon reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

Size of farm	All farms		Automobiles				
	Number (000)	Percent distribution	Farms reporting		Number of automobiles		
			Number (000)	Percent of all farms	Total (000)	Average number per farm (all farms)	Average number per farm reporting
Total.....	4, 806	100. 0	3, 396	70. 7	4, 272	0. 9	1. 3
Under 10 acres.....	459	10. 2	300	61. 3	343	. 7	1. 1
10 to 29 acres.....	719	15. 0	404	56. 1	463	. 6	1. 1
30 to 49 acres.....	497	10. 4	300	60. 3	344	. 7	1. 1
50 to 69 acres.....	348	7. 2	219	63. 0	254	. 7	1. 2
70 to 99 acres.....	519	10. 8	359	69. 2	418	. 8	1. 2
100 to 139 acres.....	492	10. 2	359	72. 9	430	. 9	1. 2
140 to 179 acres.....	463	9. 6	372	80. 3	454	1. 0	1. 2
180 to 210 acres.....	269	5. 4	208	80. 4	259	1. 0	1. 2
220 to 259 acres.....	210	4. 4	174	83. 2	222	1. 1	1. 3
260 to 499 acres.....	488	10. 2	417	85. 5	577	1. 2	1. 4
500 to 999 acres.....	191	4. 0	168	87. 8	265	1. 4	1. 6
1,000 acres and over.....	131	2. 7	116	88. 6	243	1. 9	2. 1

