



FIGURE 15.

TYPE OF LAND

There were 170,307,389 acres of land in commercial farms in the Corn Belt in 1954. This was 16.5 percent of all the land in commercial farms in the United States. In the Corn Belt as a whole, 71.5 percent of the land in commercial farms was cropland (table 19). The percentage of farmland that was cropland was greatest in the Central Corn Belt (82.4 percent), and smallest in the Southern Corn Belt (60.4 percent). Only 7.3 percent of the land in commercial farms in the Corn Belt was woodland. The

TABLE 19.—ACREAGE OF ALL LAND IN COMMERCIAL FARMS AND DISTRIBUTION OF LAND AMONG BROAD TYPES OR USES, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region	All land in farms	Cropland ¹	Woodland ²	Pasture other than cropland or woodland	All other land ³
Acres:					
Corn Belt, total.....	170,307,389	121,754,844	12,431,256	26,652,363	9,468,926
Eastern Corn Belt.....	27,289,899	21,269,820	2,843,843	1,470,262	1,705,968
Central Corn Belt.....	33,369,798	27,495,157	1,827,655	2,309,351	1,737,635
Northern Corn Belt.....	22,396,741	16,858,271	1,549,604	2,378,999	1,609,867
Western Corn Belt.....	53,216,015	35,561,412	1,315,027	13,760,078	2,579,498
Southern Corn Belt.....	34,034,936	20,570,178	4,895,127	6,733,673	1,835,958
Percent of farmland:					
Corn Belt, total.....	100.0	71.5	7.3	15.6	5.6
Eastern Corn Belt.....	100.0	77.9	10.4	5.4	6.3
Central Corn Belt.....	100.0	82.4	5.5	6.9	5.2
Northern Corn Belt.....	100.0	75.3	6.9	10.6	7.2
Western Corn Belt.....	100.0	66.8	2.5	25.9	4.8
Southern Corn Belt.....	100.0	60.4	14.4	10.8	5.4

¹ Total cropland. Includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland neither harvested nor pastured.
² Total woodland. Includes woodland pastured and woodland not pastured.
³ House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.

percentage of woodland was greatest in the Southern Corn Belt (14.4 percent); it was smallest in the Western Corn Belt (2.5 percent). Pastureland other than cropland and woodland pasture made up 15.6 percent of the farmland in the total Corn Belt. Approximately a fourth of the farmland in the Western Corn Belt was pasture other than cropland or woodland, but in the Eastern Corn Belt this type accounted for only 5.4 percent of the total. The proportion of farmland in house lots, roads, wasteland, etc., was 5.6 percent for all commercial farms in the Corn Belt and this proportion did not vary greatly between regions.

Practically all commercial farms in the Corn Belt reported cropland in 1954 (table 20). The percentage of farms reporting

TABLE 20.—PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL FARMS REPORTING BROAD TYPES OR USES OF LAND, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region	Land in farms	Cropland ¹	Woodland ²	Pasture other than cropland or woodland	All other land ³
Percent					
Corn Belt, total.....	100.0	97.0	38.4	50.8	97.2
Eastern Corn Belt.....	100.0	95.9	62.2	32.8	97.0
Central Corn Belt.....	100.0	97.7	22.7	40.1	97.0
Northern Corn Belt.....	100.0	98.4	33.6	53.5	98.3
Western Corn Belt.....	100.0	97.2	19.7	66.4	97.2
Southern Corn Belt.....	100.0	96.3	54.0	62.0	97.2

¹ Total cropland. Includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland neither harvested nor pastured.
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