

## FARMERS AND FARM PRODUCTION

TABLE 8.—PROPORTION THAT NUMBER OF FARMS, RESOURCES USED, AND GROSS SALES ON COMMERCIAL FARMS IN SPECIFIC TOBACCO AREAS WERE OF THE TOTAL FOR ALL COMMERCIAL FARMS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1954

Item	Number of farms	All land in farms (thousand acres)	Acres of cropland (thousands)	Total capital invested (million dollars)	Man-equivalent of labor (number)	All farm products sold (million dollars)	Tobacco sold (million dollars)	Production of tobacco (million pounds)
United States.....	3,327,889	1,032,493	431,585	110,545	4,891,935	24,299	923	1,822
Percent of United States total								
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All commercial farms.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other field-crop farms.....	11.1	3.3	4.1	4.5	11.4	6.6	85.3	84.4
Other commercial farms.....	88.9	96.7	95.9	95.5	88.6	93.4	14.7	15.6
Total, four areas:								
All commercial farms.....	14.4	5.2	5.9	6.3	11.3	7.5	85.0	86.1
Other field-crop farms.....	8.7	2.1	2.5	2.8	8.0	3.7	75.7	76.2
Other commercial farms.....	6.7	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.8	9.3	0.9
Flue-cured tobacco:								
All commercial farms.....	7.2	2.4	2.4	2.8	5.7	3.8	58.2	55.9
Other field-crop farms.....	5.0	1.1	1.2	1.6	5.1	2.5	53.8	51.8
Other commercial farms.....	2.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	.6	1.3	4.4	4.1
Burley tobacco:								
All commercial farms.....	5.7	2.1	2.5	2.5	4.3	2.7	19.0	22.2
Other field-crop farms.....	3.1	.8	1.0	.9	2.4	.9	16.7	18.3
Other commercial farms.....	2.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.8	3.2	3.9
Southern Maryland tobacco:								
All commercial farms.....	.4	(Z) .2	.3	.5	.4	.4	1.7	2.1
Other field-crop farms.....	.1		.1	.1	.1	.1	1.6	2.0
Other commercial farms.....	.3		.2	.4	.3	.3	.1	.1
Dark-fired and air-cured tobacco:								
All commercial farms.....	1.1	.5	.7	.5	.9	.6	5.2	5.9
Other field-crop farms.....	.5	.2	.2	.2	.4	.2	3.6	4.1
Other commercial farms.....	.6	.3	.5	.3	.5	.4	1.6	1.8

Z 0.05 percent or less.

TABLE 9.—NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FARMS AND SPECIFIED CHARACTERISTICS PER FARM FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR SELECTED TOBACCO REGIONS: 1954

Item	United States	Flue-cured		Burley		Southern Maryland		Dark-fired air-cured	
		All commercial farms	Other field-crop farms	All commercial farms	Other field-crop farms	All commercial farms	Other field-crop farms	All commercial farms	Other field-crop farms
Number of farms.....	3,327,889	238,218	166,232	189,794	104,645	12,067	4,546	37,831	18,143
Average per farm									
Land in farms.....acres..	310	106	67	116	79	193	103	137	87
Total cropland.....acres..	130	44	31	58	41	91	51	77	50
All farm products sold.....dollars..	7,302	3,859	3,697	3,446	2,160	6,883	4,018	3,680	2,480
Tobacco sold.....dollars..	277	2,254	2,992	968	1,468	1,218	3,293	1,265	1,816
Man-equivalent of labor.....number..	1.47	1.18	1.51	1.13	1.11	1.65	1.28	1.18	1.10
Investment in:									
Land and buildings.....dollars..	25,437	10,267	8,505	10,687	7,317	33,149	19,479	11,281	6,474
Livestock.....dollars..	3,154	679	438	1,268	698	2,944	709	1,488	688
Machinery.....dollars..	4,291	2,019	1,757	2,324	1,705	4,506	3,529	3,184	2,141
Total.....dollars..	32,882	12,965	10,700	14,279	9,720	40,599	23,717	15,953	9,303

areas, the specialized tobacco farms had less cropland, a smaller capital investment and lower gross income than other commercial farms in the area.

#### Distribution of Farms and Selected Resources, by Economic Class of Farm

A smaller proportion of tobacco farms than all commercial farms fall in the higher income groups in the United States. Of

the total tobacco farms in the areas summarized, only 1.8 percent were in Economic Classes I and II as compared to 17.5 percent of all commercial farms in these two groups for the United States (see Table 10). Seventy-two percent of all Burley producers were in Economic Classes V and VI as compared to 37 percent in these two classes for all commercial farms.

Table 10 shows how selected resources of specialized tobacco farms are distributed among various economic classes of farms.