

TABLE 13.—COLOR AND TENURE OF FARM OPERATORS ON OTHER FIELD-CROP FARMS IN SPECIFIED TOBACCO AREAS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Item	All farms	Economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Flue-cured tobacco							
Total number of operators.....	166,232	326	2,875	24,557	69,131	53,976	15,367
Percent of operators:							
White.....	64	89	87	74	65	61	48
Nonwhite.....	36	11	13	26	35	39	52
Owners, part owners, of managers.....	44	81	56	39	38	48	59
Croppers.....	30	6	18	30	33	28	24
Other tenants.....	27	12	26	31	29	24	18
Burley tobacco							
Total number of operators.....	104,645	118	1,240	7,001	21,223	37,770	37,293
Percent of operators:							
White.....	98	100	99	98	98	98	98
Nonwhite.....	2		1	2	2	2	2
Owners, part owners, of managers.....	72	79	55	52	62	72	82
Croppers.....	13		10	12	17	15	8
Other tenants.....	15	21	34	36	21	13	10
Southern Maryland tobacco							
Total number of operators.....	4,546	37	321	1,001	1,626	1,255	306
Percent of operators:							
White.....	74	86	98	83	74	67	51
Nonwhite.....	26	14	2	17	26	33	49
Owners, part owners, of managers.....	62	59	72	60	57	68	64
Croppers.....	16	14	3	14	17	20	20
Other tenants.....	22	27	25	26	26	12	16
Dark-fired and air-cured tobacco							
Total number of operators.....	18,143	26	113	978	4,703	7,823	4,500
Percent of operators:							
White.....	81	100	91	92	85	82	74
Nonwhite.....	19		9	8	15	18	26
Owners, part owners, of managers.....	64	42	82	67	54	62	75
Croppers.....	22	19	9	19	28	24	15
Other tenants.....	14	39	9	14	18	14	10

In each subregion, the percentage of operators that were nonwhite increased as the size of operation decreased. There was no consistent relationship between size of farm and the percentage of operators classified as owners, part owners, managers, or tenants.

PRODUCTION CONDITIONS BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM PRODUCING VARIOUS TYPES OF TOBACCO

Types of farms are likely to differ from each other in several factors such as size, use of resources, and production efficiency. Farms that grow the same product or similar products vary from one area to another or one region to another. The typical farm in the United States, however, is the "family-size" farm—a size of unit that can be worked by the operator and his family with only moderate hired help.

Data are presented on a per-farm basis for some of the main characteristics of farms that produce various types of tobacco. These data show variations between tobacco farms producing various types of tobacco and make it possible to compare tobacco farms with farms of other types. Subregion or subregions were selected as representative of the various types of tobacco. Data are given for subregions 24 and 25 for flue-cured tobacco, subregions 32 and 45 for Burley tobacco, subregion 19 for Southern Maryland tobacco, and subregion 53 for dark-fired and air-cured tobacco.

In each case the data are given by economic class of farm to show variations between size of operation. In analyzing these

TABLE 14.—NUMBER AND SIZE OF OTHER FIELD-CROP FARMS IN SELECTED AREAS IN SPECIFIED TOBACCO SUBREGIONS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Item	All farms	Economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Flue-cured tobacco (subregion 24)							
Number of farms.....	49,070	48	1,196	10,969	23,039	11,243	2,575
Total acres per farm.....	51	392	140	69	45	38	31
Total crop acres per farm.....	27	195	73	40	25	17	11
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	53	50	52	58	56	45	35
Flue-cured tobacco (subregion 25)							
Number of farms.....	43,975	30	167	2,300	14,264	20,464	6,750
Total acres per farm.....	72	244	275	149	88	58	45
Total crop acres per farm.....	27	128	114	58	34	22	15
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	37	52	41	39	38	37	33
Burley tobacco (subregion 45)							
Number of farms.....	29,442	97	1,103	5,725	11,471	8,201	2,845
Total acres per farm.....	85	611	199	121	82	58	38
Total crop acres per farm.....	52	469	144	82	49	31	19
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	62	77	72	68	60	53	50
Burley tobacco (subregion 32)							
Number of farms.....	22,150	5	45	257	1,926	8,306	11,611
Total acres per farm.....	61	528	207	174	102	66	48
Total crop acres per farm.....	29	216	88	98	52	32	20
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	47	41	43	57	52	49	42
Southern Maryland tobacco (subregion 19)							
Number of farms.....	4,546	37	321	1,001	1,626	1,255	306
Total acres per farm.....	103	338	223	156	85	60	48
Total crop acres per farm.....	51	194	122	79	41	27	22
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	50	57	55	51	49	45	45
Dark-fired and air-cured tobacco (subregion 53)							
Number of farms.....	13,829	26	97	755	3,681	6,090	3,180
Total acres per farm.....	83	298	411	179	96	73	51
Total crop acres per farm.....	56	216	297	121	70	47	31
Percent of total acres in cropland.....	67	72	72	68	73	65	61

data, it should be kept in mind that classifications of farms by amount of gross sales were based on data for 1 year—1954. In areas of specialized crop production, gross sales are determined largely by the yield of the specialized crop produced. A low yield may result in farms falling in one class in a given year although they would normally fall in a different class in another year. In some cases, the number of farms in a group, especially Class I, may be too small to provide reliable averages.

Size of farm.—Specialized tobacco farms are not usually very large from the standpoint of area. Such farms in Southern Maryland averaged 103 acres, and this was twice the average size of flue-cured tobacco farms in subregion 24 (see Table 14). The size of farm decreased with the decrease in gross sales. About half of the farms in Burley area, subregion 32, were in Economic Class VI and these Class VI farms averaged only 48 acres and 20 acres of cropland per farm. Normally the acres of cropland on Class I farms were 10 to 20 times as large as the acres of cropland on Class VI farms.

About one-third or more of the tobacco farms in each of the selected subregions were less than 30 acres in size (see Table 15). Less than 10 percent of the farms in each area had 260 acres or more. Only a very small percentage of the farms in Class V or VI in any of the subregions had more than 140 acres.