

TABLE 46.—AVERAGE ACREAGE PER FARM FOR SPECIFIED USES OF LAND ON OTHER FIELD-CROP FARMS IN SPECIFIED PEANUT SUBREGIONS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Use of land	Average acres per farm by economic class of farm						
	All farms	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Virginia-North Carolina (subregion 21)							
Cropland harvested.....	35.9	217.2	96.9	44.9	28.8	20.4	12.0
Cropland pastured.....	1.9	27.4	8.4	2.1	1.2	1.0	.5
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....	1.4	10.7	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.2
Total cropland.....	39.2	255.3	107.4	48.6	31.1	22.8	13.7
Woodland pastured.....	4.0	30.8	12.2	5.0	2.8	2.3	1.7
Woodland not pastured.....	36.4	324.1	93.7	40.7	30.4	22.8	19.4
Improved pasture.....	.6	11.2	2.1	0.8	.4	.3	.2
Not improved pasture.....	1.0	9.7	2.4	1.2	.5	.9	.2
Other land.....	1.9	14.9	4.1	1.7	1.7	1.4	3.0
Total.....	83.1	646.0	221.9	98.0	66.9	50.5	38.2
Georgia-Alabama-Florida (subregion 41)							
Cropland harvested.....	66.1	497.8	214.6	95.5	61.7	42.0	26.2
Cropland pastured.....	8.0	85.5	42.5	12.6	5.9	3.7	2.2
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....	10.3	74.3	36.9	12.5	7.0	7.1	11.3
Total cropland.....	84.4	657.6	294.0	120.6	74.6	52.8	39.7
Woodland pastured.....	29.3	268.2	122.2	37.9	25.4	15.6	17.5
Woodland not pastured.....	39.5	566.9	143.2	43.7	31.3	24.0	29.7
Improved pasture.....	3.3	108.8	20.6	4.7	1.6	.7	.5
Not improved pasture.....	4.9	38.3	16.1	10.1	3.8	2.0	2.4
Other land.....	2.8	21.1	7.0	4.1	2.5	1.6	2.2
Total.....	164.2	1,660.9	603.1	221.1	139.2	96.7	92.0
Oklahoma-Texas (subregion 96)							
Cropland harvested.....	78.5	161.8	170.7	151.3	104.9	65.7	41.1
Cropland pastured.....	15.8	18.3	40.5	27.7	20.6	13.1	9.7
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....	10.0	-----	6.4	11.5	13.2	9.6	7.8
Total cropland.....	104.3	180.1	217.6	190.5	138.7	88.4	58.6
Woodland pastured.....	48.4	-----	55.2	96.9	44.9	51.6	29.4
Woodland not pastured.....	4.9	141.2	-----	4.6	10.9	2.0	2.3
Improved pasture.....	3.1	-----	7.5	3.1	3.4	3.9	1.4
Not improved pasture.....	45.6	62.5	294.6	44.2	47.1	41.3	35.5
Other land.....	6.3	2.0	7.5	11.9	7.1	5.8	4.4
Total.....	212.6	386.8	582.4	351.2	252.1	193.0	131.6

was in peanuts but slightly more than 40 percent of the cropland harvested in the Oklahoma-Texas area was used for peanuts. The proportion of cropland devoted to this crop in the Oklahoma-Texas area is probably at a maximum if soil fertility is to be maintained.

Cropping systems vary somewhat for farms in the different economic classes. In the Virginia-North Carolina area more soybeans are grown on the larger farms. In the Georgia-Alabama-Florida area, the quantity of small grain increased as size of farm increased. In the Oklahoma-Texas area, cotton was more important on the larger farms.

Variation in acres of peanuts per farm is shown in Table 48. In the Virginia-North Carolina area, 17 percent of the farms had less than 5 acres in peanuts and only 7 percent had more than 25 acres. In the Georgia-Alabama-Florida area, 5 percent of the farms had less than 5 acres but 30 percent had more than 25 acres. In the Oklahoma-Texas area only 1 percent of the farms had less than 5 acres and 70 percent had more than 25 acres. In each area, the proportion of farms in the groups of larger acreage increased as the gross income from the farms increased.

Livestock.—The number of livestock on farms vary considerably by peanut areas. In all areas milk cows are kept mainly to supply milk for home use. Only 29 percent of the farms in the Virginia-North Carolina and 53 percent in the Georgia-Alabama-Florida

TABLE 47.—AVERAGE ACREAGE OF SELECTED CROPS GROWN ON OTHER FIELD-CROP FARMS IN SPECIFIED PEANUT SUBREGIONS, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Crop	All farms	Average acres per farm by economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Virginia-North Carolina (subregion 21)							
Total cropland harvested.....	35.9	217.2	96.9	44.9	28.8	20.4	12.0
Selected crops:							
Peanuts:							
Grown for all purposes.....	10.6	50.7	28.9	12.9	8.8	6.1	3.3
Harvested for picking and threshing.....	10.6	59.6	29.1	12.9	8.8	6.1	3.3
Corn for grain.....	13.8	88.8	37.8	17.2	11.0	7.6	5.3
Cotton.....	3.1	21.0	4.8	4.0	2.9	2.3	1.2
Tobacco.....	2.4	5.6	3.6	3.6	2.2	1.1	.5
Small grain for grain.....	.5	7.1	3.1	.4	.2	.3	.1
Soybeans for beans.....	2.6	16.6	9.4	3.5	1.7	1.1	.6
All hays.....	.4	8.7	1.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
Georgia-Alabama-Florida (subregion 41)							
Total cropland harvested.....	66.1	497.8	214.6	95.5	61.7	42.0	26.2
Selected crops:							
Peanuts:							
Grown for all purposes.....	21.0	148.4	78.0	30.9	20.4	13.5	9.0
Harvested for picking and threshing.....	20.0	145.2	75.2	28.1	18.4	12.2	8.0
Corn for grain.....	25.2	167.2	70.3	34.0	24.2	17.8	12.0
Cotton.....	6.7	20.6	17.7	8.9	5.9	3.6	1.7
Tobacco.....	1.2	8.3	2.0	1.9	1.4	.7	.3
Small grain for grain.....	2.2	53.1	15.1	4.6	1.0	.4	.1
Soybeans for beans.....	(Z)	.4	.2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-----
All hays.....	.5	15.8	2.7	.8	.3	.1	(Z)
Oklahoma-Texas (subregion 96)							
Total cropland harvested.....	78.5	161.8	170.7	151.3	104.9	65.7	41.1
Selected crops:							
Peanuts:							
Grown for all purposes.....	43.8	56.0	69.6	90.9	60.8	36.2	21.5
Harvested for picking and threshing.....	41.5	54.3	69.6	89.2	56.3	33.5	21.5
Corn for grain.....	2.6	10.0	.5	2.6	2.3	2.3	3.2
Cotton.....	6.6	50.8	23.2	9.8	9.1	5.4	3.3
Tobacco.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Small grain for grain.....	4.6	1.3	9.5	13.1	6.6	3.5	1.3
Soybeans for beans.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All hays.....	2.7	25.3	16.8	1.1	3.0	1.9	3.0

Z 0.05 percent or less.

areas reported milk cows (see Table 49). In the Virginia-North Carolina area there are many hogs on all farms but beef cattle are found only on the larger farms. The hogs are run on the peanut fields after the nuts are harvested.

In some parts of the Georgia-Alabama-Florida area it is a common practice to "hog off" peanuts. Hogs are also grazed on peanut fields. The number of hogs per farm is slightly less than in the Virginia-North Carolina area and accordingly there are only about half as many hogs per acre of peanuts. Beef cattle are more important in the Georgia-Alabama-Florida than in the Virginia-North Carolina area but not as important as in the Oklahoma-Texas area. Hogs are not of much consequence on farms in the Oklahoma-Texas area.

The number of livestock in all areas increased as gross farm income increased but the pattern was similar except the larger farms had more beef cattle.

Labor used.—The labor force for peanut farms is made up mostly of the farm family. In the specialized peanut areas, hired labor was relatively unimportant in 1954 except on the Classes I and II farms (see Table 50). The amount of unpaid family labor was less and the amount of hired labor more in the Georgia-Alabama-Florida area than in either of the other two areas. The number of crop acres per man-equivalent was 25 in the Virginia-North Carolina area, but it was 77 in the Texas-Oklahoma area.

Total number of man-equivalents of labor per farm increased as size of farm increased. The increase was due mainly to an increase in hired labor.