

Section 7.—SELECTED MEASURES OF FARM INCOME AND EFFICIENCY

In this section two additional sets of basic data are presented for economic classes of cotton farms in the ten regions. These are the value of sales per farm, and per farm amounts of expenditure for a number of items of cash-production expense. The per farm totals of these designated items of cash-production expenses are referred to as "specified expenses."

The basic data on average sales per farm are shown in table 31; those concerning designated items of expense are given in table 32.

The data relating to average sales per farm probably provide the best available measure of both the absolute and the relative sizes of farm business that are found on the various economic classes of cotton farms.

In recent years concern has been expressed in some quarters about the fact of secularly increasing size-of-farm businesses. This report is not, of course, designed to analyze the complex relationships between social goals and necessary economic adjustments on farms that are involved in questions relating to trends in size-of-farm businesses. An examination of the average levels of total sales on the three largest size-of-business groups of cotton farms does, however, provide an objective measure of the size of these largest cotton farms.

Class I farms include all those with sales of \$25,000 or more. Except for Region X where the average is \$110,000, the farms in this class have average total sales of from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

TABLE 31.—TOTAL SALES, COTTON SALES, ALL CROP SALES, AND LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS SALES PER COTTON FARM, BY ECONOMIC CLASS, AND BY REGIONS: 1954

Region and item	Economic class of farm						
	All classes	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<b>REGION I</b>							
Total sales.....	Dollars 2,761	Dollars 42,084	Dollars 14,349	Dollars 6,479	Dollars 3,412	Dollars 1,770	Dollars 795
All crops.....	2,557	37,876	12,659	5,995	3,205	1,653	750
Cotton.....	2,026	29,902	9,830	4,628	2,502	1,354	647
All livestock and livestock products.....	193	3,958	1,602	461	198	113	42
<b>REGION II</b>							
Total sales.....	1,656	48,196	14,364	6,839	3,290	1,732	775
All crops.....	1,543	36,822	12,656	6,041	3,062	1,635	734
Cotton.....	1,390	29,252	10,553	5,015	2,731	1,492	683
All livestock and livestock products.....	101	8,565	1,559	725	203	86	37
<b>REGION III</b>							
Total sales.....	2,142	50,842	14,397	6,395	3,317	1,729	757
All crops.....	1,966	44,905	12,755	5,764	3,058	1,605	703
Cotton.....	1,837	38,935	11,367	5,348	2,868	1,522	670
All livestock and livestock products.....	168	5,653	1,588	606	248	117	60
<b>REGION IV</b>							
Total sales.....	4,559	57,071	14,643	6,693	3,379	1,769	797
All crops.....	4,405	54,336	14,118	6,498	3,292	1,731	774
Cotton.....	3,957	45,309	12,157	5,891	3,118	1,674	753
All livestock and livestock products.....	161	2,677	515	192	84	38	22
<b>REGION V</b>							
Total sales.....	2,758	60,316	14,157	6,573	3,359	1,706	658
All crops.....	2,464	53,526	12,684	5,924	3,003	1,527	582
Cotton.....	2,288	48,899	11,398	5,509	2,842	1,452	534
All livestock and livestock products.....	285	6,650	1,449	630	349	171	71
<b>REGION VI</b>							
Total sales.....	5,380	39,893	14,385	6,831	3,663	1,894	787
All crops.....	5,038	37,458	13,558	6,430	3,419	1,729	704
Cotton.....	4,517	31,215	12,276	5,938	3,047	1,551	673
All livestock and livestock products.....	341	2,432	822	399	243	165	83
<b>REGION VII</b>							
Total sales.....	5,967	52,695	14,473	6,908	3,613	1,915	840
All crops.....	5,474	50,747	13,418	6,266	3,203	1,600	735
Cotton.....	4,491	37,622	10,995	5,286	2,766	1,472	673
All livestock and livestock products.....	492	1,943	1,064	641	410	255	106
<b>REGION VIII</b>							
Total sales.....	16,920	59,207	16,670	7,826	3,513	1,918	835
All crops.....	16,440	57,260	16,337	7,632	3,432	1,878	827
Cotton.....	13,751	46,999	13,957	6,577	2,997	1,668	783
All livestock and livestock products.....	479	1,944	333	194	81	39	7
<b>REGION IX</b>							
Total sales.....	21,812	46,675	16,962	7,723	3,976	1,969	721
All crops.....	21,210	45,600	16,472	7,365	3,686	1,761	617
Cotton.....	17,188	36,248	13,650	6,313	3,166	1,565	578
All livestock and livestock products.....	602	1,075	490	358	319	207	105
<b>REGION X</b>							
Total sales.....	47,880	110,441	15,996	7,192	3,921	1,880	858
All crops.....	45,799	105,776	15,192	6,765	3,695	1,837	854
Cotton.....	36,516	83,358	12,903	5,978	3,352	1,753	847
All livestock and livestock products.....	2,080	4,664	802	426	218	43	6