

TABLE 20.—LIVESTOCK FARMS IN SUBREGION 112, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Item	Total	Economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number of farms.....	5,485	802	1,136	1,163	1,136	954	294
Percent distribution.....	100.0	14.6	20.7	21.2	20.7	17.4	5.4
Livestock, average number per farm:							
Cattle.....	100	258	130	81	50	34	31
Sheep.....	282	1,407	238	81	34	16	6
Animal units.....	156	539	177	97	56	37	32
Animal units, total.....	855,401	432,284	201,394	112,860	64,029	35,325	9,509
Percent distribution.....	100.0	50.5	23.5	13.2	7.5	4.1	1.1
Man-equivalent per farm.....	1.7	4.5	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Animal units per man-equivalent.....	92	120	96	74	59	40	36
Hired labor per farm.....							
dollars.....	1,774	8,208	1,730	630	261	128	98
Hired labor per animal unit.....	11.37	15.23	9.76	6.49	4.63	3.46	3.02
Investment in land and buildings per animal unit.....							
dollars.....	289	819	285	356	376	521	568
Value of land and buildings, per farm.....	45,117	171,919	50,460	34,514	21,050	10,293	18,187
Value of livestock per farm.....	14,842	40,617	17,095	9,652	5,688	3,726	3,248
Value of land and buildings and livestock per farm.....	59,959	221,536	67,555	44,166	26,738	23,019	21,435
Value of all farm products sold per farm.....	15,310	64,613	15,751	7,091	3,559	1,837	741
Livestock and livestock products sales as a percent of value of all farm products sold.....	86.9	87.8	84.2	86.1	87.2	92.0	93.0

TABLE 21.—LIVESTOCK FARMS IN SUBREGION 113, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Item	Total	Economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number of farms.....	8,902	1,067	1,622	1,839	1,973	1,759	642
Percent distribution.....	100.0	12.0	18.2	20.7	22.2	19.8	7.2
Livestock, average number per farm:							
Cattle.....	231	930	307	157	88	47	38
Sheep.....	149	891	138	39	23	18	7
Animal units.....	261	1,109	334	165	93	50	40
Animal units, total.....	2,324,983	1,182,817	542,040	308,670	182,661	88,342	25,454
Percent distribution.....	100.0	50.9	23.3	13.1	7.9	3.8	1.1
Man-equivalent per farm.....	1.8	5.4	2.1	1.5	1.2	0.9	1.0
Animal units per man-equivalent.....	142	204	162	112	78	57	42
Hired labor per farm.....							
dollars.....	1,849	9,947	2,057	788	364	159	103
Hired labor per animal unit.....	7.08	8.97	6.16	4.77	3.94	3.17	2.59
Investment in land and buildings per animal unit.....							
dollars.....	251	210	246	286	370	468	505
Value of land and buildings, per farm.....	65,474	232,612	82,016	47,130	34,442	23,409	20,184
Value of livestock per farm.....	25,121	105,225	32,267	16,093	9,113	5,058	3,964
Value of land and buildings and livestock per farm.....	90,595	337,837	114,283	63,223	43,555	28,467	24,148
Value of all farm products sold per farm.....	13,027	61,326	16,046	7,282	3,720	1,853	796
Livestock and livestock products sales as a percent of value of all farm products sold.....	93.9	95.4	92.2	90.9	91.7	94.3	96.9

Economic subregion 113.—This is the largest subregion in the country and it contains most of what has been characterized as the intermountain region. It has a high proportion of public land,

and except for local irrigation developments, is devoted almost entirely to stock ranching that may be characterized as desert and semidesert ranching.

Livestock ranching operations have a relatively high average size but have considerable range in size. They are generally adequate for reasonably high efficiency of operation. The average size for the Class I ranches is extremely large; 12 percent of the ranching units have approximately 51 percent of the livestock (see Table 21). The earliest of the ranchers here were able to obtain control and use of large acreages of public lands through selection of land located near water supplies—a very important factor in ranch operations and particularly in this subregion.

Because year-long grazing is possible in most of this subregion, labor requirements are low. The number of animal units per man-year is high, especially for the Class I ranches.

Because the ranchers use much public land, their investment in land and buildings per animal unit is low. Also contributing to this is the low feed crop requirement.

Pacific Coast Region

Economic subregion 116.—The Central Valley of California makes up this economic subregion. It includes the lower foothills of the Sierras and some of the coastal mountain ranges. Stock ranches comprise a minor part of the agriculture here.

Class I stock ranches have a large average size and a very high efficiency in the use of labor (see Table 22). Probably operations of many of the small livestock units are affected by outside work by the operators. This probably explains the employment of considerably more hired labor on the smaller ranches than on the small ranches in most of the other subregions.

For all except Class I ranches the investment in land and buildings per animal unit of livestock is much above the average of that of the western subregion.

TABLE 22.—LIVESTOCK FARMS IN SUBREGION 116, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM: 1954

Item	Total	Economic class of farm					
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number of farms.....	3,612	590	589	600	668	913	252
Percent distribution.....	100.0	16.3	16.3	16.6	18.5	25.3	7.0
Livestock, average number per farm:							
Cattle.....	192	818	168	81	51	28	18
Sheep.....	184	915	127	45	13	14	4
Animal units.....	229	1,001	194	90	53	31	19
Animal units, total.....	827,281	590,328	114,063	54,171	35,530	28,448	4,741
Percent distribution.....	100.0	71.4	13.8	6.5	4.3	3.4	0.6
Man-equivalent per farm.....	1.7	5.2	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.9
Animal units per man-equivalent.....	133	192	125	79	58	40	21
Hired labor per farm.....							
dollars.....	2,728	13,472	1,850	655	400	128	84
Hired labor per animal unit.....	11.89	13.46	9.55	7.25	7.53	4.10	4.48
Investment in land and buildings per animal unit.....							
dollars.....	407	333	607	623	737	737	661
Value of land and buildings, per farm.....	93,296	333,209	117,301	56,112	39,073	22,854	12,555
Value of livestock per farm.....	25,722	110,374	22,069	10,759	6,485	3,776	2,203
Value of land and buildings and livestock per farm.....	119,018	443,583	139,370	66,871	45,558	26,629	14,758
Value of all farm products sold per farm.....	33,538	174,965	16,112	6,864	3,674	1,807	788
Livestock and livestock products sales as a percent of value of all farm products sold.....	92.1	92.6	86.6	90.5	92.9	92.6	79.6