

## FARMERS AND FARM PRODUCTION

TABLE 17.—NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL FARM OPERATORS, BY RESIDENCE AND TENURE STATUS, BY TYPE OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	All farm operators	Operators reporting as to residence		Percentage distribution of operators reporting residence			Operators by tenure status		
		Total operators reporting	Percent of all farm operators	Total operators reporting	Residing on farm operated	Not residing on farm operated	Owners, part owners, and managers	Tenants	
								Total	Percent of all operators
<b>Total Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	797,259	787,169	98.7	100.0	95.1	4.9	533,860	263,399	33.0
Cash-grain farms.....	264,546	260,679	98.5	100.0	91.9	8.1	157,130	107,416	40.6
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	326,662	322,993	98.9	100.0	96.2	3.8	230,548	96,114	29.4
<b>Eastern Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	177,280	174,580	98.5	100.0	95.5	4.5	132,892	44,388	25.0
Cash-grain farms.....	68,300	67,112	98.3	100.0	93.5	6.5	49,080	19,220	28.1
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	51,480	50,835	98.7	100.0	96.2	3.8	38,575	12,905	25.1
<b>Central Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	167,845	165,473	98.6	100.0	95.1	4.9	91,809	76,036	45.3
Cash-grain farms.....	69,037	67,949	98.4	100.0	92.4	7.6	31,528	37,509	54.3
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	72,070	71,185	98.8	100.0	96.9	3.1	44,292	27,778	38.5
<b>Northern Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	108,569	107,468	99.0	100.0	95.9	4.1	70,563	38,006	35.0
Cash-grain farms.....	27,469	27,131	98.8	100.0	91.5	8.5	17,146	10,323	37.6
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	40,608	40,264	99.2	100.0	97.1	2.9	27,339	13,269	32.7
<b>Western Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	186,176	183,903	98.8	100.0	94.1	5.9	114,396	71,780	38.6
Cash-grain farms.....	58,874	58,103	98.7	100.0	89.9	10.1	30,980	27,894	47.4
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	91,367	90,311	98.8	100.0	95.7	4.3	61,143	30,224	33.1
<b>Southern Corn Belt:</b>									
All commercial farms.....	167,389	155,755	99.0	100.0	95.2	4.8	124,200	33,189	21.1
Cash-grain farms.....	40,866	40,384	98.8	100.0	91.9	8.1	28,396	12,470	30.5
Livestock farms <sup>1</sup> .....	71,137	70,398	99.0	100.0	95.5	4.5	59,199	11,938	16.8

<sup>1</sup> Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

TABLE 18.—NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL FARM OPERATORS, BY RESIDENCE AND TENURE STATUS, BY TYPE AND ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	All farm operators	Operators reporting as to residence		Percentage distribution of operators reporting residence			Operators by tenure status		
		Total operators reporting	Percent of all farm operators	Total operators reporting	Residing on farm operated	Not residing on farm operated	Owners, part owners, and managers	Tenants	
								Total	Percent of all operators
All commercial farms.....	797,259	787,169	98.7	100.0	95.1	4.9	533,860	263,399	33.0
<b>Cash-grain farms:</b>									
Total.....	264,546	260,679	98.5	100.0	91.9	8.1	157,130	107,416	40.6
Class I.....	6,496	6,389	98.4	100.0	91.5	8.5	3,828	2,668	41.1
II.....	62,004	61,162	98.6	100.0	94.3	5.7	29,675	32,329	52.1
III.....	90,110	89,003	98.8	100.0	93.2	6.8	49,180	40,930	45.4
IV.....	62,045	61,175	98.6	100.0	90.1	9.9	40,764	21,281	34.3
V.....	33,944	33,223	97.9	100.0	88.1	11.9	25,601	8,343	24.6
VI.....	9,947	9,727	97.8	100.0	89.5	10.5	8,082	1,865	18.7
<b>Livestock farms: <sup>1</sup></b>									
Total.....	326,662	322,993	98.9	100.0	96.2	3.8	230,548	96,114	29.4
Class I.....	22,708	22,489	99.0	100.0	93.9	6.1	13,743	8,965	39.5
II.....	83,555	82,758	99.0	100.0	96.6	3.4	48,345	35,210	42.1
III.....	94,538	93,638	99.0	100.0	96.8	3.2	64,038	30,500	32.3
IV.....	66,978	66,211	98.9	100.0	96.1	3.9	52,876	14,102	21.1
V.....	40,000	39,370	98.4	100.0	95.6	4.4	34,564	5,436	13.6
VI.....	18,883	18,527	98.1	100.0	95.5	4.5	16,982	1,901	10.1

<sup>1</sup> Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

The proportion of tenancy was greatest among cash-grain farmers in the Central Corn Belt (54.3 percent), and smallest among livestock farmers in the Southern Corn Belt (16.8 percent).

For both cash-grain and livestock farms, the percentage of tenancy in 1954 was significantly greater among the Economic Classes I, II, and III farms than among the Economic Classes IV, V, and VI farms (table 18). However, among cash-grain farms, a larger percentage of the Class II and Class III farms than of the Class I farms were tenant-operated. On livestock farms, also, the percentage of tenancy on Class II farms was somewhat greater than that on Class I farms. The proportion of operators who were tenants was smallest among the Class VI

livestock farms (10.1 percent), and greatest among the Class II cash-grain farms (52.1 percent).

The distribution of farms operated by full owners, part owners, and tenants in the United States in 1954 is shown in figures 12, 13, and 14. Farms operated by tenants are relatively most numerous in the South, in the Corn Belt, and in the Great Plains. Within the Corn Belt, the proportion of all farms operated by tenants is greatest in the central and western regions. In the Corn Belt as a whole, there were approximately a third as many part owners as full owners operating commercial farms in 1954.

Some tenant farmers manage their farms independently, while other tenants are closely supervised by their landlords. Some