

TABLE 21.—LAND IN COMMERCIAL FARMS, BY TYPE AND ECONOMIC CLASS, IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	All land in farms	Crop-land ¹	Wood-land ²	All other land ³
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
All commercial farms	170,307,389	121,754,844	12,431,266	36,121,289
Cash-grain farms:				
Total	69,793,487	47,384,086	3,356,218	9,053,183
Class I	4,029,649	3,417,299	178,688	433,662
II	20,000,721	16,708,228	823,857	2,468,636
III	20,759,401	16,447,281	1,084,800	3,227,320
IV	10,346,191	7,663,480	738,060	1,944,651
V	3,834,400	2,038,948	413,248	782,204
VI	823,065	508,860	117,566	196,650
Livestock farms: ⁴				
Total	75,415,319	49,863,148	5,803,992	19,748,179
Class I	10,720,958	7,499,083	490,753	2,731,142
II	24,072,221	17,250,884	1,394,081	5,421,256
III	21,553,027	14,349,032	1,625,529	5,578,466
IV	12,127,604	7,283,590	1,214,294	3,629,720
V	5,108,716	2,697,375	709,495	1,761,846
VI	1,772,793	777,204	369,840	625,749

¹ Total cropland. Includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland neither harvested nor pastured.
² Total woodland. Includes woodland pastured and woodland not pastured.
³ All farmland other than cropland and woodland.
⁴ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

cropland ranged from 95.9 percent in the Eastern Corn Belt to 98.4 percent in the Northern Corn Belt. In the Corn Belt as a whole, somewhat more than a third of the commercial farms reported woodland and approximately a half reported pasture other than cropland and woodland. The percentage of farms reporting land of these 2 types varied considerably between regions in the Corn Belt.

The total acreages of land and of the various types of land in each economic class of cash-grain and livestock farms in the Corn Belt are shown in table 21. Classes II, III, and IV farms had the bulk of the acreage of all types of farmland in the Corn Belt.

TABLE 22.—CROPLAND, WOODLAND, AND ALL OTHER LAND AS PERCENTAGES OF ALL LAND IN COMMERCIAL FARMS IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	All land in farms	Crop-land ¹	Wood-land ²	All other land ³
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All commercial farms	100.0	71.5	7.3	21.2
Cash-grain farms:				
Total	100.0	79.2	5.6	15.1
Class I	100.0	84.8	4.4	10.8
II	100.0	83.5	4.1	12.3
III	100.0	79.2	5.2	15.5
IV	100.0	74.1	7.1	18.8
V	100.0	68.8	10.8	20.4
VI	100.0	61.8	14.3	23.9
Livestock farms: ⁴				
Total	100.0	66.1	7.7	26.2
Class I	100.0	69.9	4.6	25.5
II	100.0	71.7	5.8	22.5
III	100.0	66.6	7.5	25.9
IV	100.0	60.1	10.0	29.9
V	100.0	52.2	13.7	34.1
VI	100.0	43.8	20.9	35.3

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² Total woodland. Includes woodland pastured and woodland not pastured.
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The proportion of farmland that was cropland was greater on the higher economic classes of farms than on the lower economic classes (table 22). On Class I cash-grain farms, 84.8 percent of the farmland was cropland. On Class VI cash-grain farms, 61.8 percent of the acreage was cropland, and on Class VI livestock farms, only 43.8 percent. The largest proportion of farmland in woodland was found on the lower economic classes of farms. The proportion in woodland was more than 10 percent on the Class V and Class VI farms of both cash-grain and livestock types. All land other than cropland and woodland was also a higher

TOTAL CROPLAND** AS A PERCENT OF ALL LAND IN FARMS, 1954 (COUNTY UNIT BASIS)

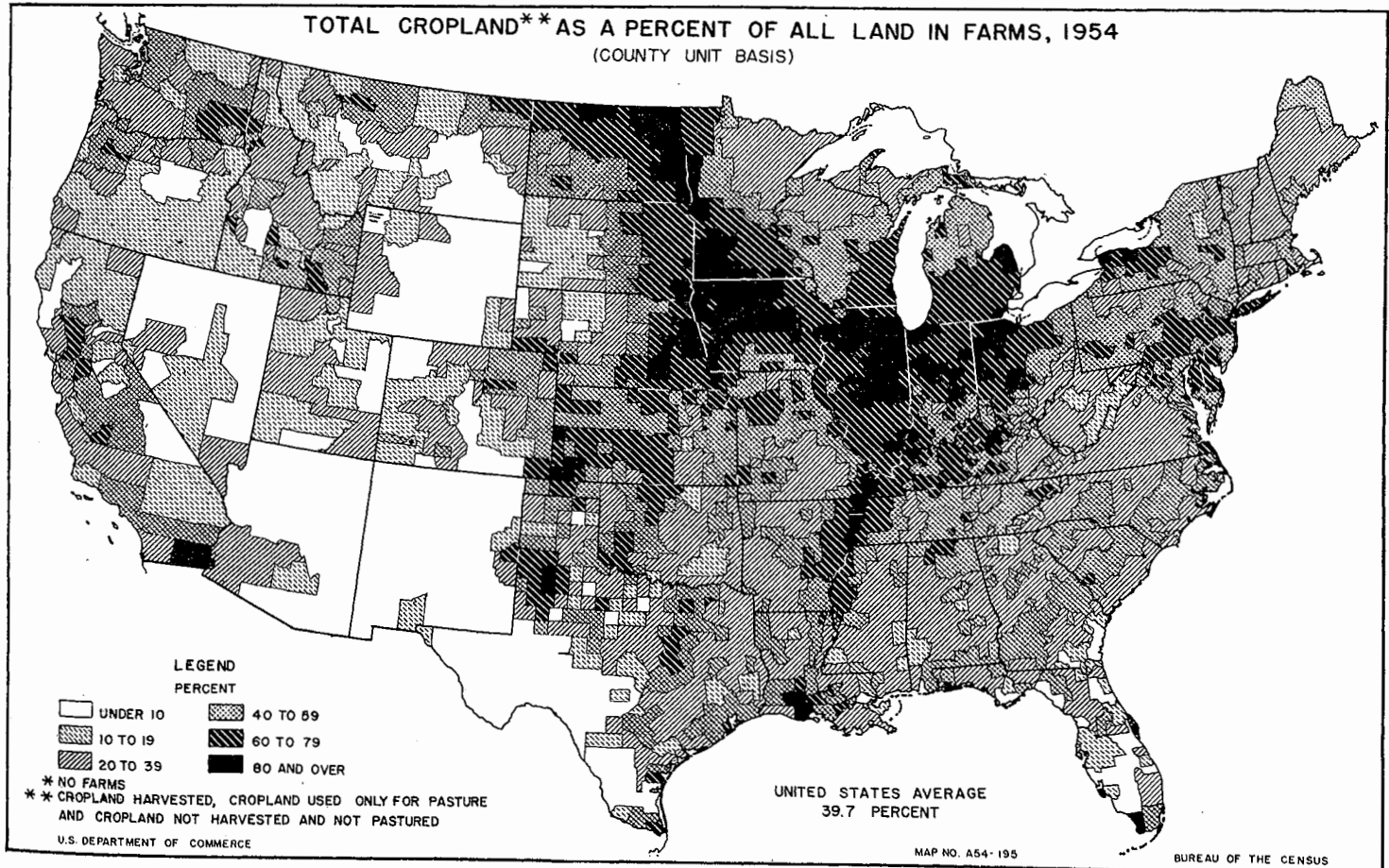


FIGURE 16.