

FARMERS AND FARM PRODUCTION

proportion of total farmland on the lower economic classes of farms.

The percent that total cropland was of all land in farms, on a county unit basis in the United States in 1954, is shown in figure 16. As an average for the United States, 39.7 percent of all the land in farms was cropland. The average for the United States is lowered by the inclusion of large areas in the West, where less than 10 percent of the farmland is cropland. The Corn Belt includes the biggest part of the large area in the North Central

States where 60 percent or more of the farmland is cropland. The Central Corn Belt includes a large proportion of the area where 80 percent or more of the area is cropland.

LAND USE

The total acreage of land in commercial farms and the distribution of land according to use by type of farm in the Corn Belt and component regions in 1954 is shown in table 23. In the Eastern

TABLE 23.—TOTAL LAND IN COMMERCIAL FARMS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ACREAGE ACCORDING TO USE, BY TYPE OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Acreage of farmland according to use (thousand acres)							All other land ²
	Total land in farms	Cropland			Woodland		Other pasture ¹	
		Harvested	Used only for pasture	Not harvested and not pastured	Pastured	Not pastured		
Total Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	170,307	104,378	12,936	4,411	8,871	3,560	26,052	9,469
Cash-grain farms.....	59,793	42,224	3,005	2,155	2,007	1,349	5,687	3,365
Livestock farms ³	75,415	41,428	7,046	1,389	4,532	1,272	15,820	3,929
Eastern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	27,290	17,834	2,794	642	1,699	1,145	1,470	1,708
Cash-grain farms.....	11,618	8,299	756	345	555	528	439	695
Livestock farms ³	8,395	5,102	1,167	133	635	289	566	503
Central Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	33,370	24,487	2,656	353	1,501	327	2,309	1,738
Cash-grain farms.....	14,942	11,939	853	186	448	151	645	719
Livestock farms ³	14,233	9,610	1,448	117	826	135	1,328	761
Northern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	22,397	15,009	1,559	290	1,244	305	2,379	1,610
Cash-grain farms.....	6,329	4,860	266	118	110	51	415	509
Livestock farms ³	8,518	5,404	725	79	569	126	1,055	560
Western Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	53,216	30,624	2,782	2,155	928	387	13,760	2,579
Cash-grain farms.....	17,394	11,309	572	1,167	243	158	3,047	897
Livestock farms ³	27,761	14,492	1,802	696	503	167	8,849	1,252
Southern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	34,035	16,424	3,176	970	3,499	1,396	6,734	1,836
Cash-grain farms.....	9,512	5,816	559	339	650	461	1,140	545
Livestock farms ³	16,508	6,811	1,904	364	1,998	556	4,022	853

¹ Not cropland and not woodland.
² House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.

³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

TABLE 24.—PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL FARMS REPORTING LAND IN SPECIFIED USES IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Cropland			Woodland		Other pasture ¹	All other land ²	Any pasture ³
	Harvested	Used only for pasture	Not harvested and not pastured	Pastured	Not pastured			
Total Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	95.8	51.0	18.0	27.6	16.8	50.8	97.2	90.4
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	44.1	23.0	21.2	18.2	43.5	98.1	82.0
Livestock farms ⁴	94.4	56.0	14.1	30.0	14.1	55.8	98.0	95.8
Eastern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	93.9	61.9	16.9	41.2	30.2	32.8	97.0	85.4
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	51.2	20.8	34.6	33.8	28.7	96.3	77.5
Livestock farms ⁴	90.3	71.8	12.7	48.6	25.5	37.0	97.5	93.8
Central Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	96.9	57.7	9.7	18.4	6.8	40.1	97.0	89.0
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	52.4	11.6	13.9	6.6	34.3	95.8	83.1
Livestock farms ⁴	95.8	64.1	7.9	23.4	7.1	46.2	98.1	94.7
Northern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	97.9	53.7	12.8	25.5	14.1	53.5	98.3	91.4
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	40.2	17.9	12.8	10.7	45.8	97.7	80.4
Livestock farms ⁴	97.6	62.1	10.0	28.7	14.5	54.1	98.8	95.5
Western Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	96.5	38.6	26.3	12.6	9.6	66.4	97.2	92.7
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	31.7	39.3	10.7	10.8	64.2	95.9	87.0
Livestock farms ⁴	95.2	44.0	18.4	13.1	8.9	67.3	98.0	95.5
Southern Corn Belt:								
All commercial farms.....	94.8	44.6	22.0	41.2	23.0	62.0	97.2	93.9
Cash-grain farms.....	100.0	38.5	26.0	32.2	27.7	52.5	95.7	80.7
Livestock farms ⁴	93.3	48.3	18.0	46.5	19.4	66.2	97.7	97.6

¹ Not cropland and not woodland.
² House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.

³ Cropland pastured, woodland pastured, or any other land pastured.
⁴ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.