

Data on the average acreage of land in various uses per farm reporting are of interest because they provide a better picture of the scale of operations than do averages based on all farms. For example, the acreage of cropland harvested per farm reporting among livestock farms ranged from 103 acres in the Southern Corn Belt up to 167 acres in the Western Corn Belt (table 25). Also, for example, the average acreage of pasture other than cropland and woodland was 144 acres for the 67.3 percent of the livestock farmers in the Western Corn Belt who reported this use of land compared with 30 acres per farm reporting for the 37 percent of the livestock farmers in the Eastern Corn Belt.

Distribution of all the farmland in each type group of farms in the Corn Belt and component regions is shown in terms of percentages in table 26. For the Corn Belt as a whole, 61.3 percent

of all land in commercial farms was cropland harvested, but this percentage ranged from 41.3 percent on livestock farms in the Southern Corn Belt to 79.9 percent on cash-grain farms in the Central Corn Belt. The percent of cropland used only for pasture also varied considerably between cash-grain and livestock farms as well as between regions. The same is true for other pasture.

When the distribution of land in farms is viewed for economic classes of farms, it is seen that the percent of cropland harvested is a substantially larger percentage of all the farmland on the upper than on the lower economic classes of farms (table 27). On the other hand, woodland pasture and other pasture are larger percentages of the farmland on the lower income economic classes of farms.

TABLE 27.—PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF FARMLAND ACREAGE ACCORDING TO USE ON COMMERCIAL FARMS IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Percentage distribution of land in farms							All other land ³
	Total land in farms	Cropland			Woodland		Other pasture ¹	
		Harvested	Used only for pasture	Not harvested and not pastured	Pastured	Not pastured		
All commercial farms.....	100.0	61.3	7.6	2.6	5.2	2.1	15.6	5.6
Cash-grain farms:								
Total.....	100.0	70.6	5.0	3.6	3.4	2.3	9.5	5.6
Class I.....	100.0	77.3	4.7	2.9	2.7	1.7	6.3	4.4
II.....	100.0	75.5	5.0	3.0	2.5	1.6	7.4	5.0
III.....	100.0	70.8	4.9	3.5	3.2	2.0	9.9	5.6
IV.....	100.0	64.8	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.9	12.3	6.5
V.....	100.0	57.4	5.7	5.7	6.0	4.7	12.9	7.5
VI.....	100.0	47.5	7.1	7.2	7.8	6.5	15.8	8.1
Livestock farms: ²								
Total.....	100.0	54.9	9.3	1.8	6.0	1.7	21.0	5.2
Class I.....	100.0	59.3	9.3	1.3	3.4	1.2	21.4	4.1
II.....	100.0	61.2	9.1	1.4	4.6	1.2	17.8	4.7
III.....	100.0	55.9	8.9	1.8	5.9	1.6	20.5	5.4
IV.....	100.0	48.0	9.6	2.5	7.8	2.2	24.1	5.9
V.....	100.0	38.2	11.0	3.0	10.6	3.2	27.4	6.7
VI.....	100.0	27.7	12.1	4.1	15.7	5.2	27.7	7.6

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

³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.