

The distribution of farms, of all land in farms, and of land in specified uses among economic classes of cash-grain and livestock farms is shown in table 28. Again, in this comparison the large proportion of land resources that is in Class III farms and in Class II farms and Class IV farms stands out. These economic classes are the most typical among both cash-grain and livestock farms in the Corn Belt. Class I farms use a larger proportion of the land resources among livestock farms than among cash-grain farms. The percentage of land in Class VI farms is relatively small. But the Class VI farms have a larger percentage of the relatively less productive land than they have of cropland harvested.

The distribution of acreage of cropland harvested in the United States in 1954 is shown in figure 17. The largest area of dense concentration of cropland harvested includes the Corn Belt and areas adjacent to it on the north, west, and northwest.

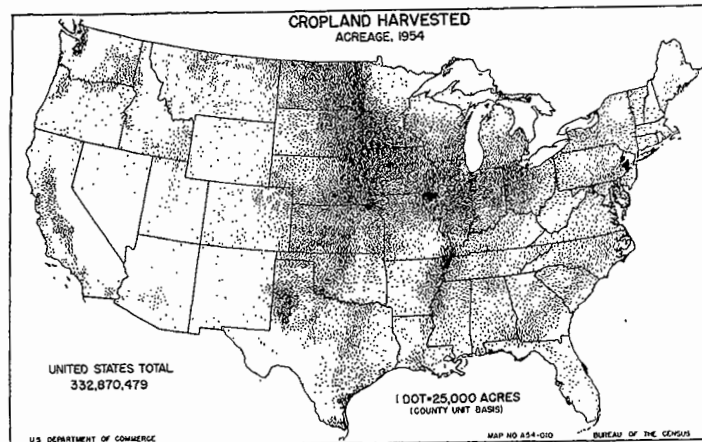


FIGURE 17.

TABLE 28.—PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS AMONG ECONOMIC CLASSES OF CASH-GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK FARMS IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Percentage distribution of land in specified uses								
	Number of farms	All land in farms	Cropland			Woodland		Other pasture ¹	All other land ²
			Harvested	Used only for pasture	Not harvested and not pastured	Pastured	Not pastured		
Cash-grain farms:									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Class I.....	2.5	6.7	7.4	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.2	4.5	5.3
II.....	23.4	33.4	35.8	33.4	27.8	24.8	24.1	26.0	29.5
III.....	34.1	34.7	34.8	33.9	33.6	33.1	31.2	36.1	34.8
IV.....	23.5	17.3	15.9	17.3	20.2	22.0	22.0	22.4	19.9
V.....	12.8	6.4	5.2	7.3	10.2	11.5	13.5	8.7	8.6
VI.....	3.8	1.4	0.9	1.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.3	2.0
Livestock farms:³									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Class I.....	7.0	14.2	15.4	14.2	9.9	8.1	9.8	14.5	11.1
II.....	25.6	31.9	35.6	31.0	24.5	24.6	21.8	27.0	29.1
III.....	28.9	28.6	29.1	27.2	27.4	28.3	27.0	27.9	29.5
IV.....	20.5	16.1	14.1	16.5	21.6	20.8	21.4	18.4	18.1
V.....	12.2	6.9	4.8	8.1	11.3	12.1	12.8	8.9	8.8
VI.....	5.8	2.4	1.2	3.0	5.2	6.1	7.2	3.1	3.4

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

³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.