

reported nonfarm incomes to themselves and members of their families greater than the value of farm products sold. Opportunities for nonfarm earnings are generally greatest in the Eastern Corn Belt because there are more cities and industrial establishments there than in other parts of the Corn Belt. A larger percentage of cash-grain farmers than of livestock farmers had a relatively large income from nonfarm sources, reflecting the greater amount of time available for nonfarm activities by cash-grain farmers at some seasons of the year.

Somewhat more than two-thirds of the farm operators in the Corn Belt who gave information as to off-farm work reported none at all. Off-farm work includes work on farms other than the oper-

ator's own farm as well as jobs in industrial plants and in nonfarm occupations. The proportion of operators not doing any off-farm work was largest in the Western Corn Belt and smallest in the Eastern Corn Belt. Most of the operators who did some off-the-farm work worked less than 100 days at such activities. The group of operators who spent the most time at off-farm work was among the cash-grain farmers in the Eastern Corn Belt. About 18 percent of these worked 200 or more days off their farms in 1954.

The economic classes of farms with the largest percentages of farms reporting other income exceeding the value of farm products sold were Classes IV and V (table 46). The relatively low farm incomes on these farms make outside sources of income more urgent

TABLE 45.—NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL FARM OPERATORS REPORTING AS TO OTHER INCOME AND OFF-FARM WORK, BY TYPE OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Operators with other income exceeding value of farm products sold ¹		Operators reporting as to off-farm work		Percentage distribution of operators reporting as to off-farm work				
	Operators reporting	Percent of all operators	Total operators reporting	Percent of all operators	Total operators reporting	Not working off farm	Working off farm—		
							1 to 99 days	100 to 199 days	200 days or more
Total Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	60,409	7.6	769,593	96.5	100.0	67.9	21.5	3.4	7.2
Cash-grain farms.....	23,056	8.7	254,731	96.3	100.0	63.5	23.3	4.4	8.8
Livestock farms ²	21,584	6.6	315,900	96.7	100.0	71.5	20.0	2.5	6.0
Eastern Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	25,456	14.4	169,263	95.5	100.0	60.0	19.3	5.4	15.3
Cash-grain farms.....	11,411	16.7	65,239	95.5	100.0	55.1	20.3	6.2	18.4
Livestock farms ²	6,881	13.4	49,096	95.4	100.0	63.6	18.2	4.5	13.7
Central Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	7,392	4.4	161,359	96.1	100.0	71.0	22.1	2.4	4.5
Cash-grain farms.....	2,991	4.3	65,978	95.6	100.0	68.4	23.6	3.0	5.0
Livestock farms ²	2,099	4.1	69,590	96.6	100.0	73.5	20.8	1.8	3.9
Northern Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	3,898	3.6	105,224	96.9	100.0	71.8	22.6	2.0	3.6
Cash-grain farms.....	1,282	4.7	26,653	97.0	100.0	67.5	24.3	3.2	5.0
Livestock farms ²	1,260	3.1	39,335	96.9	100.0	73.6	22.1	1.3	3.0
Western Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	8,742	4.7	181,090	97.3	100.0	72.0	21.5	2.4	4.1
Cash-grain farms.....	2,798	4.8	57,308	97.3	100.0	67.8	24.7	3.3	4.2
Livestock farms ²	4,064	4.4	88,808	97.2	100.0	75.4	18.9	1.8	3.9
Southern Corn Belt:									
All commercial farms.....	14,921	9.5	152,657	97.0	100.0	66.0	22.4	4.3	7.3
Cash-grain farms.....	4,574	11.2	39,553	96.8	100.0	60.2	25.2	5.9	8.7
Livestock farms ²	6,410	9.0	69,071	97.1	100.0	68.9	20.5	3.6	7.0

¹ Farm operators with other income of family exceeding value of farm products sold.

² Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

TABLE 46.—NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL FARM OPERATORS REPORTING AS TO OTHER INCOME AND OFF-FARM WORK, BY TYPE AND ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Operators with other income exceeding value of farm products sold ¹		Operators reporting as to off-farm work		Percentage distribution of operators reporting as to off-farm work				
	Operators reporting	Percent of all operators	Total operators reporting	Percent of all operators	Total operators reporting	Not working off farm	Working off farm—		
							1 to 99 days	100 to 199 days	200 days or more
All commercial farms.....	60,409	7.6	769,593	96.5	100.0	67.9	21.5	3.4	7.2
Cash-grain farms:									
Total.....	23,056	8.7	254,731	96.3	100.0	63.5	23.3	4.4	8.8
Class I.....	107	1.6	6,233	96.0	100.0	72.7	22.6	1.6	3.1
II.....	911	1.5	59,668	96.2	100.0	70.5	25.3	1.9	2.3
III.....	3,498	3.9	87,030	96.6	100.0	66.5	25.0	3.7	4.8
IV.....	8,044	13.0	59,849	96.5	100.0	59.1	21.7	6.3	12.9
V.....	10,496	30.9	32,754	96.5	100.0	46.0	17.3	8.9	27.8
VI.....			9,207	92.6	100.0	74.0	26.0		
Livestock farms: ²									
Total.....	21,584	6.6	315,900	96.7	100.0	71.5	20.0	2.5	6.0
Class I.....	442	1.9	22,044	97.1	100.0	77.3	19.2	1.2	2.3
II.....	1,215	1.5	80,886	96.8	100.0	74.4	22.4	1.2	2.0
III.....	2,669	2.8	91,469	96.8	100.0	74.1	20.6	2.1	3.2
IV.....	6,714	10.0	64,764	96.7	100.0	68.1	18.9	3.0	9.1
V.....	10,544	26.4	38,754	96.9	100.0	56.9	16.3	6.1	20.7
VI.....			17,983	95.2	100.0	81.7	18.3		

¹ Farm operators with other income of family exceeding value of farm products sold.

² Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.