

TABLE 69.—PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL FARMS, BY TYPE, REPORTING SPECIFIED KINDS OF LIVESTOCK, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Horses and/or mules	All cattle and calves	Cows ¹	Milk cows	Hogs and pigs	All sheep	Chickens ²
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Total Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	25.3	88.5	82.9	69.6	69.4	15.8	78.3
Cash-grain farms.....	17.3	78.4	74.0	57.3	50.1	13.9	69.9
Livestock farms ³	31.3	95.0	87.7	70.0	87.3	18.7	80.6
Eastern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	14.8	82.3	75.6	62.1	60.3	19.5	70.2
Cash-grain farms.....	10.7	71.9	64.9	50.8	43.0	16.9	60.5
Livestock farms ³	17.9	91.1	80.4	57.4	86.2	26.6	70.3
Central Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	18.6	88.1	81.6	64.2	73.7	19.3	76.6
Cash-grain farms.....	14.1	80.7	76.2	54.8	54.1	19.1	70.4
Livestock farms ³	23.0	94.8	84.6	67.0	92.7	20.3	79.6
Northern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	24.8	89.6	84.8	75.1	77.4	16.3	81.0
Cash-grain farms.....	16.1	74.3	69.8	55.5	53.5	14.5	73.0
Livestock farms ³	28.0	95.3	86.6	72.6	91.8	18.8	82.1
Western Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	31.7	91.7	87.5	73.5	69.5	8.4	82.8
Cash-grain farms.....	23.7	83.4	80.7	64.7	48.6	6.0	76.1
Livestock farms ³	37.3	96.6	90.2	74.4	85.3	10.1	84.9
Southern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	37.2	91.4	85.5	75.5	69.3	16.5	81.8
Cash-grain farms.....	25.2	80.9	78.5	62.5	54.9	10.8	73.6
Livestock farms ³	43.6	95.9	93.3	75.1	82.8	22.3	82.5

¹ All cows, including heifers that have calved.
² Chickens 4 months old and over.
³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

The percentage of farms reporting cattle and calves was higher among the upper economic classes of farms, especially among the cash-grain farms (table 70). For example, 85.7 percent of the Class I cash-grain farms reported cattle and calves compared with 55.5 percent of the Class VI farms. In the case of livestock farms, the percentages of farms reporting cattle and calves were about the same for Classes I, II, and III, but were slightly smaller for Classes IV, V, and VI. The differences between economic classes were wider in the case of farms reporting cows. It should be noted also that the percentage of Class I farms reporting cows was smaller than that for farms in some of the other economic classes, especially among the livestock farms. This indicates the relatively greater frequency of feeder-cattle ventures on the Class I farms. Milk cows also were reported relatively less often on Class I and Class II farms than on Class III farms.

TABLE 70.—PERCENT OF FARMS IN EACH TYPE, REPORTING SPECIFIED KINDS OF LIVESTOCK, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Horses and/or mules	All cattle and calves	Cows ¹	Milk cows	Hogs and pigs	All sheep	Chickens ²
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All commercial farms.....	25.3	88.5	82.9	69.6	69.4	15.8	78.3
Cash-grain farms:							
Total.....	17.3	78.4	74.0	57.3	50.1	13.9	69.9
Class I.....	22.5	85.7	77.8	54.4	60.5	20.1	60.1
II.....	16.5	85.3	80.1	60.3	60.1	18.5	71.2
III.....	16.0	83.1	79.4	62.8	55.3	14.4	74.5
IV.....	17.4	75.4	71.4	55.6	44.0	11.6	68.8
V.....	18.6	64.2	59.0	46.2	33.7	9.4	61.2
VI.....	24.6	55.5	51.4	40.3	27.0	5.4	61.7
Livestock farms:³							
Total.....	31.3	95.0	87.7	70.0	87.3	18.7	80.6
Class I.....	36.0	96.6	75.9	63.6	90.0	19.6	70.0
II.....	27.5	96.5	85.8	69.9	92.8	19.5	80.9
III.....	28.9	96.5	91.4	74.7	92.4	18.2	84.1
IV.....	34.1	95.0	90.7	71.7	87.7	19.0	81.5
V.....	34.8	91.1	86.2	63.9	75.6	18.3	77.8
VI.....	37.4	87.2	83.4	61.8	58.1	16.5	76.5

¹ All cows, including heifers that have calved.
² Chickens 4 months old and over.
³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

The commercial farms reporting cattle and calves had an average of 32 head of cattle and calves per farm (table 71). The average size of herd was almost twice as large in the Western Corn Belt as in the Eastern (43 head compared with 22). Livestock farms averaged 44 head per herd, while cash-grain farms averaged 21. The largest herds were on livestock farms in the Western Corn Belt (averaging 56 head), and the smallest were on cash-grain farms in the Eastern Corn Belt (averaging 15 head). But herds on livestock farms in the Eastern Corn Belt averaged larger than those on cash-grain farms in every region. The number of cows per herd ranged from an average of 10 in the Eastern Corn Belt to 16 in the Western Corn Belt. The number of milk cows per farm reporting was largest in the Northern Corn Belt and smallest in the Southern and Western Corn Belt.

TABLE 71.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF SPECIFIED LIVESTOCK PER FARM REPORTING, FOR COMMERCIAL FARMS BY TYPE, IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Horses and/or mules	All cattle and calves	Cows ¹	Milk cows	Hogs and pigs	All sheep	Chickens ²
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Total Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	32	13	7	66	43	177
Cash-grain farms.....	2	21	10	6	38	29	154
Livestock farms ³	2	44	15	6	89	57	172
Eastern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	22	10	8	60	35	156
Cash-grain farms.....	2	15	7	6	35	28	127
Livestock farms ³	2	29	11	6	90	44	137
Central Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	34	12	7	90	38	196
Cash-grain farms.....	2	23	10	6	50	25	169
Livestock farms ³	2	45	14	7	119	53	191
Northern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	35	15	13	73	42	240
Cash-grain farms.....	2	23	10	8	44	36	230
Livestock farms ³	2	45	16	11	97	56	234
Western Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	43	16	6	64	73	172
Cash-grain farms.....	2	27	12	5	32	39	149
Livestock farms ³	2	56	18	6	82	96	176
Southern Corn Belt:							
All commercial farms.....	2	27	14	6	43	43	141
Cash-grain farms.....	2	19	9	4	27	30	124
Livestock farms ³	2	35	15	4	58	51	134

¹ All cows, including heifers that have calved.
² Chickens 4 months old and over.
³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

TABLE 72.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF SPECIFIED LIVESTOCK PER FARM REPORTING, BY TYPE OF FARM BY ECONOMIC CLASS, IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Horses and/or mules	All cattle and calves	Cows ¹	Milk cows	Hogs and pigs	All sheep	Chickens ²
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
All commercial farms.....	2	32	13	7	66	43	177
Cash-grain farms:							
Total.....	2	21	10	6	38	29	154
Class I.....	3	54	21	7	96	53	176
II.....	2	29	13	7	55	35	186
III.....	2	21	10	6	36	28	168
IV.....	2	16	7	5	23	24	134
V.....	2	10	5	3	14	19	99
VI.....	2	7	4	3	8	13	75
Livestock farms:³							
Total.....	2	44	15	6	89	57	172
Class I.....	3	135	24	6	220	206	211
II.....	2	55	19	7	126	61	209
III.....	2	38	16	7	79	45	185
IV.....	2	28	13	6	51	38	151
V.....	2	20	10	4	31	34	115
VI.....	2	13	7	3	18	26	85

¹ All cows, including heifers that have calved.
² Chickens 4 months old and over.
³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.