

TABLE 78.—VALUE OF SALES OF SPECIFIED LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS ON COMMERCIAL FARMS IN THE CORN BELT: 1954

Type and economic class of farm	Livestock and livestock products sold (thousand dollars)							
	Total ¹	Cattle and calves	Hogs and pigs	Chickens	Chicken eggs	Milk	Sheep	Wool ²
All commercial farms.....	4,308,838	1,600,981	1,692,387	62,430	236,152	552,101	80,477	15,242
Cash-grain farms:								
Total.....	494,651	168,332	170,719	9,379	50,206	83,468	9,505	3,044
Class I.....	49,480	23,692	18,506	380	1,513	4,182	747	160
II.....	205,102	72,430	72,809	3,239	17,399	34,236	3,851	1,137
III.....	168,866	50,226	50,266	3,664	20,052	31,541	3,068	1,050
IV.....	56,080	17,327	16,342	1,643	8,583	11,007	1,372	506
V.....	13,142	3,965	3,402	481	2,321	2,323	428	171
VI.....	1,381	402	333	72	337	178	39	10
Livestock farms: ³								
Total.....	2,942,050	1,352,178	1,275,000	15,866	90,924	135,035	63,150	9,807
Class I.....	973,005	632,561	280,337	1,869	8,181	14,105	33,524	2,429
II.....	1,070,320	431,144	530,723	5,626	33,204	53,435	13,584	2,604
III.....	592,098	185,176	316,502	4,900	29,990	45,143	8,077	2,301
IV.....	224,529	72,598	112,326	2,374	13,599	17,262	4,819	1,549
V.....	68,584	25,023	30,312	872	4,804	4,408	2,403	762
VI.....	13,514	5,676	4,801	225	1,136	681	744	251

¹ Total of 7 livestock items listed in columns at right.² Value of wool shorn. Practically all of the wool shorn was sold.³ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.

Class III livestock farms, cattle sales accounted for 31.3 percent, while hogs accounted for 53.5 percent. Receipts from milk sold were relatively more important among the livestock and livestock products sold on cash-grain farms than on livestock farms. The same was true for chickens and eggs.

The economic magnitude of the receipts from sales of livestock and livestock products on the different economic classes of farms is indicated by the total value of sales figures presented in table 78. The total value of livestock and livestock products sold on all commercial farms in the Corn Belt in 1954 was 4.3 billion dollars. Receipts from cattle sales and hog sales each totaled about 1.7 billion dollars. Sales from Class II and Class III farms accounted for more than half of the value of the total sales of livestock and livestock products by all economic classes of farms. The total sales from Class V and Class VI farms were a relatively very minor part of the total for all commercial farms.

Although dairy production is a major enterprise on relatively few farms in the Corn Belt, receipts from the sale of milk and cream are fairly important on many farms. The total value of milk and cream sold on all commercial farms in the Corn Belt in 1954 was approximately 552 million dollars (table 79). Whole milk accounted for three-fourths and cream accounted for one-fourth of this total. Whole milk made up the largest proportion of milk and cream sales in the Eastern Corn Belt (97 percent), and the smallest proportion in the Western Corn Belt (47.1 percent). On livestock farms in the Western Corn Belt, 79.4 percent of the total value of milk and cream sold was from cream. Most of the cream is sold on a butterfat basis to creameries and cream stations. Farms selling cream usually use the skim milk as feed for hogs or other livestock.

TABLE 79.—VALUE OF WHOLE MILK AND CREAM SOLD ON PRINCIPAL TYPES OF COMMERCIAL FARMS IN THE CORN BELT AND COMPONENT REGIONS: 1954

Region and type of farm	Value (thousand dollars)			Percentage distribution of value		
	Total milk and cream sold	Whole milk sold	Cream sold	Total milk and cream sold	Whole milk sold	Cream sold
Total Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	552,161	416,598	135,562	100.0	75.4	24.6
Cash-grain farms.....	83,468	60,102	23,366	100.0	72.0	28.0
Livestock farms ¹	135,035	70,039	64,996	100.0	51.9	48.1
Eastern Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	153,098	148,435	4,663	100.0	97.0	3.0
Cash-grain farms.....	26,910	25,064	946	100.0	96.5	3.5
Livestock farms ¹	23,370	22,024	1,346	100.0	94.2	5.8
Central Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	93,118	57,895	35,223	100.0	62.2	37.8
Cash-grain farms.....	22,849	16,429	6,419	100.0	71.9	28.1
Livestock farms ¹	31,574	12,990	18,584	100.0	41.1	58.9
Northern Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	147,989	110,705	37,283	100.0	74.8	25.2
Cash-grain farms.....	12,562	7,747	4,815	100.0	61.7	38.3
Livestock farms ¹	39,788	23,334	16,454	100.0	58.6	41.4
Western Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	81,148	38,201	42,947	100.0	47.1	52.9
Cash-grain farms.....	13,276	4,017	9,259	100.0	30.3	69.7
Livestock farms ¹	26,443	5,460	20,983	100.0	20.6	79.4
Southern Corn Belt:						
All commercial farms.....	76,809	61,362	15,447	100.0	79.9	20.1
Cash-grain farms.....	7,871	5,944	1,927	100.0	75.5	24.5
Livestock farms ¹	13,861	6,231	7,630	100.0	45.0	55.0

¹ Livestock other than dairy and poultry farms.