

Motortrucks, 1950 and 1954.—In contrast to the situation above, a considerable proportion of the part-time farms had motortrucks. All classes in each major region showed an increase in the percentage having motortrucks between 1950 and 1954 and more than one-third (37.3 percent) of the part-time (Class VII) farm operators had motortrucks by 1954. Of some significance is the fact that considerably more of the part-time (Class VII) operators had motortrucks than was the case with Class VI farm operators, who had equal returns from farm sales.

Automobiles, 1950 and 1954.—A substantially higher percentage of part-time (Class VII) farm operators had automobiles than did the Class VI commercial operators. This gives evidence of a higher income and a higher level of living among the part-time farmers than among the commercial farmers who have equal returns from farm sales. A high percentage of each class of farm operators had automobiles and the percentage increased for each

class. Also the percentage was correlated with economic class.

Specified Farm Expenditures, 1949 and 1954

Practically all farms reported certain specified farm expenditures in 1954. But these expenditures varied widely by economic class in respect to such items or categories as machine hire, hired labor, and feed for livestock and poultry (Table 16).

Machine hire, 1949 and 1954.—The percentage of farms reporting machine hire increased from 39.7 percent in 1949 to 45.3 percent in 1954 for part-time farms, and from 19.2 percent to 23.9 percent for residential farms. In contrast, the percentage of Classes I, II, III, and IV farms reporting machine hire declined somewhat for each class. For most of the Classes I through VIII the amount expended for machine hire was slightly higher in 1954 than in 1949 per farm reporting.

Table 16.—SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES, PERCENT OF FARMS REPORTING, AND AMOUNT PER FARM, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: CENSUSES OF 1954 AND 1950

[Data are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

Region and economic class	Machine hire				Hired labor				Feed for livestock and poultry				Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil			
	Percent of all farms		Average amount expended per farm reporting		Percent of all farms		Average amount expended per farm reporting		Percent of all farms		Average amount expended per farm reporting		Percent of all farms		Average amount expended per farm reporting	
	1954 (per-cent)	1949 (per-cent)	1954 (dollars)	1949 (dollars)	1954 (per-cent)	1949 (per-cent)	1954 (dollars)	1949 (dollars)	1954 (per-cent)	1949 (per-cent)	1954 (dollars)	1949 (dollars)	1954 (per-cent)	1949 (per-cent)	1954 (dollars)	1949 (dollars)
UNITED STATES																
All farms.....	53.2	51.3	251	222	46.4	40.6	1,026	906	76.4	72.0	1,069	780	68.3	55.5	418	380
Class I.....	61.7	62.9	1,676	1,496	93.2	93.4	8,972	10,065	74.7	78.0	10,883	8,707	96.0	93.3	2,005	1,836
Class II.....	66.6	73.1	455	460	78.2	88.0	1,401	1,781	85.5	87.5	2,802	2,243	95.6	94.4	814	755
Class III.....	68.5	75.5	289	276	65.7	70.7	642	703	84.8	88.2	1,332	1,065	94.0	92.6	514	460
Class IV.....	65.5	69.2	202	189	58.4	68.0	366	374	76.4	81.3	706	566	85.6	81.0	327	292
Class V.....	59.7	57.3	138	127	48.9	52.5	217	228	69.1	70.3	401	333	69.7	67.6	201	187
Class VI.....	47.8	40.4	82	78	33.9	32.9	139	139	69.2	59.5	220	173	47.2	30.4	134	134
Part-time.....	45.3	39.7	89	80	30.7	32.6	149	163	74.5	69.3	266	235	54.4	37.2	108	108
Residential.....	23.9	19.2	52	59	11.1	14.0	121	153	76.4	58.5	131	135	32.5	16.3	59	85
Abnormal.....	35.0	29.5	893	505	66.8	53.5	13,948	11,583	72.6	57.4	10,454	8,960	75.3	57.7	1,551	1,269
THE NORTH																
All farms.....	60.9	63.4	223	206	45.4	55.3	813	701	84.4	82.6	1,304	960	84.2	74.9	446	388
Class I.....	61.7	62.9	607	682	90.0	92.2	5,298	6,254	86.2	85.8	9,730	8,187	96.7	93.8	1,442	1,387
Class II.....	68.6	78.2	339	345	74.1	87.3	1,093	1,243	90.8	92.4	2,602	2,212	96.9	96.1	777	721
Class III.....	71.1	80.6	254	244	59.3	78.6	470	515	90.2	92.7	1,307	1,069	96.5	95.5	524	464
Class IV.....	70.5	76.5	190	180	47.5	65.4	177	285	86.1	88.9	787	628	93.4	90.0	360	307
Class V.....	65.2	65.3	150	130	35.8	48.3	107	201	80.7	82.2	505	420	84.8	75.1	227	201
Class VI.....	47.3	43.5	101	92	21.6	27.7	155	159	78.1	71.0	304	255	63.1	48.1	149	143
Part-time.....	49.1	43.4	94	83	21.0	26.2	159	179	75.7	73.1	314	287	67.9	49.6	110	105
Residential.....	24.6	21.6	53	54	7.9	10.0	174	218	74.9	59.6	154	162	45.8	25.7	57	68
Abnormal.....	38.7	36.6	486	318	72.4	58.6	14,295	12,292	77.0	64.6	10,995	9,900	80.6	65.6	1,412	1,096
THE SOUTH																
All farms.....	47.0	41.1	209	192	46.0	43.6	753	735	70.6	63.6	632	420	52.6	36.4	317	307
Class I.....	63.3	60.3	2,215	2,132	94.9	93.9	9,712	11,067	71.0	75.6	10,597	7,151	94.4	92.4	2,605	2,216
Class II.....	64.5	66.3	713	750	87.0	90.2	2,160	2,782	79.5	81.7	3,488	2,219	91.9	90.8	927	811
Class III.....	64.7	65.9	345	354	80.5	83.5	865	1,077	75.5	80.1	1,341	944	87.5	84.7	471	426
Class IV.....	61.3	60.7	190	186	71.6	72.0	395	439	65.7	72.1	539	403	75.8	67.2	270	251
Class V.....	57.2	52.7	121	117	57.2	55.2	209	218	62.1	62.9	295	230	59.2	44.5	171	164
Class VI.....	48.3	39.4	72	60	38.6	34.5	110	122	65.9	55.7	174	129	40.0	23.2	116	123
Part-time.....	43.3	37.0	80	71	36.2	36.4	135	141	74.4	67.3	225	182	45.7	27.3	102	106
Residential.....	23.0	17.1	47	54	12.3	15.6	91	116	77.6	58.0	116	115	25.9	10.9	56	97
Abnormal.....	32.3	23.0	505	469	68.8	51.7	12,551	11,717	79.1	57.2	8,204	7,175	76.6	52.5	1,753	1,648
THE WEST																
All farms.....	49.9	50.1	626	459	53.8	56.6	3,181	2,646	69.4	68.5	2,127	1,633	77.7	69.8	648	481
Class I.....	59.5	57.7	2,805	2,243	96.3	94.5	3,333	4,371	61.2	69.3	13,534	11,138	96.5	93.5	2,315	2,129
Class II.....	59.9	60.9	698	652	85.7	88.4	2,182	2,628	68.7	74.9	2,953	2,436	94.8	92.2	839	825
Class III.....	60.0	60.7	421	392	71.9	79.3	984	1,138	71.3	74.5	1,522	1,296	93.2	89.4	539	497
Class IV.....	55.7	58.5	305	276	58.4	67.6	599	644	69.7	71.3	922	777	88.5	83.2	374	336
Class V.....	51.2	52.5	225	194	46.3	52.7	401	462	68.1	67.6	604	558	80.7	72.2	253	230
Class VI.....	40.6	40.8	161	155	33.3	35.0	325	363	68.0	60.4	374	352	70.0	56.0	221	178
Part-time.....	44.2	42.7	128	117	29.7	32.8	229	263	70.7	67.9	365	358	62.0	52.3	128	123
Residential.....	28.9	28.7	80	95	11.7	14.6	248	331	72.5	59.4	186	205	42.5	29.6	81	98
Abnormal.....	30.7	24.0	2,348	1,117	52.6	45.8	15,218	9,582	55.3	43.2	12,879	9,207	62.7	48.6	1,620	1,198