

Off-farm employment and income.—In 1954, 43.2 percent of total farm operators worked off their farms; more than half of these, 23.5 percent, worked off their farms 100 days or more and almost the same number, 23.2 percent, had other income of the family exceeding the value of farm sales (Table 26). The proportions working off farms 100 days or more differ considerably from region to region, with only 15.4 percent working off farms 100 days or more in the South as against 40.9 percent in the Western Region. Likewise, the proportion with other income exceeding the value of farm sales was almost three times as large (44.6 percent) in the Western Region as in the South (15.3 percent). These differences suggest other noteworthy differences in farm operation, in off-farm employment, and in level of living.

Value of land and buildings per farm and per acre.—Part-time farms rank consistently higher than commercial farms in terms of value of land and buildings, both per farm and per acre (Table 27). The average value per farm is higher for part-time farms in each of the regions, although the differences are not so large as the differences in value per acre. The differences in value per acre between part-time and commercial farms are most marked in the Western Region. This indicates that the part-time farms generally have a smaller acreage than the commercial farms in the West, and generally either are located on more productive land or are engaged in more intensive farming.

Total acreage per farm, part-time and commercial farms.—The average of 136.1 acres for part-time farms in the United States is

Table 26.—CLASS V FARMS, NUMBER OF OPERATORS AND PERCENT, BY OTHER INCOME EXCEEDING VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD AND WORK OFF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

Region	Other income and work off farm							
	Number of operators				Percent of operators			
	Total	Other income of family exceeding value of farm products sold	Working off farm	Working off farm 100 days or more	Total	Other income of family exceeding value of farm products sold	Working off farm	Working off farm 100 days or more
United States.....	769,080	178,440	332,080	181,020	100.0	23.2	43.2	23.5
Eastern.....	116,780	27,840	47,520	28,420	100.0	23.8	40.7	24.3
Southern.....	313,180	47,880	118,640	48,140	100.0	15.3	37.9	15.4
Central.....	187,800	56,440	92,560	60,260	100.0	30.1	49.3	32.1
Great Plains.....	105,240	25,740	47,340	25,300	100.0	24.5	45.0	24.1
Western.....	46,080	20,540	26,020	18,840	100.0	44.6	56.5	40.9

Table 27.—CLASS V FARMS (PART-TIME AND COMMERCIAL), BY VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS PER FARM AND PER ACRE, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

Region	Value of land and buildings (dollars)					
	Per farm			Per acre		
	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial
United States.....	9,100	10,798	8,335	74.42	85.25	69.29
Eastern.....	8,409	9,472	7,920	87.81	101.06	81.92
Southern.....	5,890	7,751	5,384	74.68	72.42	75.61
Central.....	9,868	9,933	8,823	90.85	110.88	80.85
Great Plains.....	13,027	13,570	12,785	56.75	58.48	55.98
Western.....	17,865	18,226	17,441	74.13	103.45	54.97

more than the average of 128.4 acres for commercial farms. (See Table 28.) This larger total acreage for part-time farms is almost entirely due to the differences observed in the South, where the average of 129.2 acres for part-time farms is significantly larger than the 77.1 acres for commercial farms. In each of the other regions part-time farms are smaller in total acreage than the commercial farms. In the Western Region, in particular, this difference is substantial; commercial farms average 367.7 acres per farm as compared with 201.5 acres for the part-time farms.

Cropland harvested.—Cropland harvested per farm is about the same for part-time and commercial farms in both the Eastern and the Southern Regions, while in the Central, Great Plains, and Western Regions it is consistently more for commercial farms than for part-time farms, the greatest spread being 52.0 acres per farm for commercial farms in the Western Region as compared with 22.7 acres for part-time farms.

Table 28.—CLASS V FARMS (PART-TIME AND COMMERCIAL), LAND USE PER FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

Land use	Average acreage per farm																	
	United States			Eastern Region			Southern Region			Central Region			Great Plains Region			Western Region		
	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial	All farms	Part-time	Commercial
Total acreage per farm.....	130.7	136.1	128.4	100.5	98.9	101.2	88.0	129.2	77.1	113.1	94.8	125.2	258.1	235.4	268.3	278.5	201.5	367.7
Cropland harvested.....	38.0	32.1	40.6	27.5	27.0	27.8	25.7	25.7	25.7	42.4	35.4	46.7	79.4	50.1	92.6	36.3	22.7	52.0
Cropland used only for pasture.....	10.8	12.4	10.2	13.3	13.3	13.4	7.7	13.6	6.1	10.9	9.4	11.8	14.7	15.0	14.6	16.6	13.2	20.5
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....	7.7	7.5	7.8	5.4	6.4	4.9	4.7	6.0	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.1	18.0	14.2	19.8	23.0	11.5	36.3
Woodland pastured.....	19.8	23.4	17.7	11.0	8.4	12.2	16.9	20.7	13.5	21.6	18.3	23.7	27.9	36.2	24.1	35.7	26.8	34.5
Woodland not pastured.....	14.7	16.0	14.2	23.1	21.2	23.9	19.9	29.6	17.4	8.2	6.4	9.4	3.8	6.7	2.5	10.1	13.1	6.7
Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland).....	34.0	38.8	31.9	15.7	18.7	14.3	10.2	19.8	7.7	16.5	13.2	18.7	104.5	107.2	103.3	152.6	105.7	206.9
Total pasture.....	64.6	74.6	59.8	40.0	40.4	39.9	34.8	63.1	27.3	49.0	40.9	54.2	147.1	158.4	142.0	204.9	145.7	261.9