

Acreage pastured.—Total acreage pastured is about the same for part-time and commercial farms in the Eastern Region, more for commercial farms in the Central and Western Regions, and more for part-time farms in the South and the Great Plains Region. The largest spreads are found in the South, with 63.1 acres of pasture for part-time farms and 27.3 acres for commercial farms. The opposite situation is found in the Western Region; 155.7 acres of pasture for part-time farms compared with 261.9 acres for commercial farms.

Woodland per farm.—Woodland per farm does not differ consistently between part-time and commercial farms among the regions, although for the United States both woodland pastured and woodland not pastured is less for commercial farms than for part-time farms. In the Eastern and Central Regions, commercial farms have more woodland per farm than the part-time farms, while in the Southern Region the total of 59.3 acres of woodland per farm for part-time farms is almost twice the total of 30.9 acres for commercial farms. In the Great Plains a total of 36.2 acres of woodland pastured and 6.7 acres of woodland not pastured on part-time farms is significantly greater than the 24.1 acres pastured and the average of 2.5 acres pastured on the commercial farms. In the Western Region the commercial farms have a large acreage of woodland pastured and a small acreage not pastured.

Summary of land-use comparisons.—These differences in land use between part-time and commercial farms among regions suggest several conclusions. Apparently the part-time farms generally have more livestock and less acreage in cash crops than commercial farms. The greater extent of pasture for part-time farms is most marked in the South; the opposite extreme is found in the Western Region. The smaller acreage of cropland harvested on part-time farms is most evident in the Central, Great Plains, and Western Regions.

The general picture that emerges is one of cash cropping among these small-scale commercial farms, with land being used more extensively among the commercial than among the part-time farms in the Central, Great Plains, and Western Regions. In contrast there is a more intensive type of cropping, typically cotton and/or tobacco, among the commercial farms in the South.

Classification by type of farm.—These general observations are demonstrated more precisely in Table 29, and the reasons for the differences are made more evident, where it is shown that 60.1 percent of the commercial farms are classed as field-crop farms, other than vegetable and fruit-and-nut farms, while only 41.7 percent of the part-time farms are so classed. Further, 19.9

percent of the commercial farms are classed as predominantly other field-crop farms, whereas only 10.8 percent of the part-time farms are in this class. On the other hand, almost twice as large a proportion of the part-time farms (28.7 percent) as compared with the commercial farms (15.7 percent) are classed as livestock farms other than dairy and poultry.

Classification by type of farm, by regions.—The classification by regions further clarifies the general picture. In the Eastern, Southern, and Western Regions, particularly, the percentage of commercial farms classified as field-crop farms is higher than in the case of part-time farms. In the Eastern Region about twice as large a proportion of commercial farms (57.0 percent) are primarily field-crop, other than vegetable and fruit-and-nut, than is the case of the part-time farms (34.2 percent); whereas more than twice the percentage of part-time farms (14.7 percent compared with 6.3 percent for commercial farms) are primarily poultry. In the South, 57.5 percent of the commercial farms are primarily cotton as against 44.1 percent of the part-time farms; and only 5.4 percent of the commercial farms are livestock farms other than dairy and poultry as against 19.1 percent of the part-time farms.

On the other hand, in the Western Region, 18.8 percent of the commercial farms are primarily field-crop, other than vegetable and fruit-and-nut, as against only 10.6 percent of the part-time farms. However, in this case the part-time farms are not so likely to be primarily livestock, although 30.1 percent are primarily fruit-and-nut farms as against only 12.8 percent of the commercial farms.

In the Central Region, however, most of the proportions are reversed. The commercial farms tend toward livestock and away from cash crops, in comparison with the part-time farms. A smaller percentage of Class V commercial farms are primarily field-crop farms, other than vegetable and fruit-and-nut, 22.0 percent as compared with 28.6 percent of part-time farms; only 19.1 commercial farms are cash-grain as compared with 26.9 percent of the part-time farms; 39.5 percent of the commercial farms are primarily dairy and 5.9 percent, primarily livestock as compared with 29.2 percent primarily dairy and 4.2 percent primarily livestock for the part-time farms. The pattern in the Central Region is for part-time farming to be associated with grains and field crops and for commercial farms to tend toward chiefly dairy and livestock. Evidently in the Corn Belt, primarily crop farming permits greater mobility for the operators, and it complements off-farm employment.

Table 29.—CLASS V FARMS (PART-TIME AND COMMERCIAL), BY TYPE OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

| Type of farm | Percent of all farms | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| | 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 |
| All farms..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Field-crop farms, other than vegetable and fruit-and-nut..... | 54.7 | 41.7 | 60.1 | 50.2 | 34.2 | 57.0 | 80.5 | 67.7 | 83.7 | 24.6 | 28.6 | 22.0 | 47.2 | 46.0 | 47.7 | 14.4 | 10.6 | 18.8 |
| Cotton farms..... | 26.2 | 15.6 | 30.5 | 4 | .3 | 4 | 54.0 | 44.1 | 57.5 | 1.2 | .8 | 1.4 | 19.4 | 18.4 | 19.8 | .5 | ----- | 1.1 |
| Cash-grain farms..... | 11.2 | 15.1 | 9.7 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 22.2 | 26.9 | 19.1 | 25.8 | 24.2 | 25.4 | 11.5 | 8.5 | 14.8 |
| Other field-crop farms..... | 17.3 | 10.8 | 19.9 | 41.9 | 23.5 | 49.6 | 23.8 | 20.9 | 24.5 | 1.2 | .9 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.8 |
| Livestock farms, other than dairy and poultry..... | 19.5 | 28.7 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 23.2 | 12.1 | 8.1 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 27.4 | 20.7 | 26.0 | 30.9 | 50.4 | 35.7 | 36.2 | 34.6 | 38.0 |
| Dairy farms..... | 14.3 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 15.9 | 18.9 | 14.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 35.5 | 20.2 | 39.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 19.4 | 18.6 | 20.2 |
| General farms..... | 10.6 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 14.2 | 12.4 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 14.1 | 15.3 | 10.3 | 16.2 | 16.3 |
| Crop and livestock farms..... | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 9.3 |
| Poultry farms..... | 4.2 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 8.8 | 14.7 | 6.3 | 1.9 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 10.1 |
| Primarily crop farms..... | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 5.8 |
| Fruit-and-nut farms..... | 2.3 | 5.4 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 3.5 | .5 | 1.3 | 2.3 | .7 | .3 | .4 | .3 | 21.0 | 30.1 | 12.8 |
| Primarily livestock farms..... | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.0 | .6 | 1.2 | .2 | .2 | .2 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 1.0 | 1.0 | .6 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 1.2 | .9 | 2.2 | .5 | .7 | 1.2 | .4 | .3 | .8 | .2 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 1.9 |
| Vegetable farms..... | .9 | 1.6 | .7 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | .4 | .7 | .3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.9 | .9 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 1.1 |