

Other specified machinery and expenditures.—Part-time farms generally appear to be more adequately supplied with other farm machinery and equipment (Table 34). This is especially true of such items as milking machines and motortrucks. In some

cases as with milking machines, however, a somewhat larger percentage of part-time farmers would be expected to have the given machine since a larger percentage are dairy farms.

Farms by tenure of operator.—A relatively large percentage of all farm operators are listed as full owners or part owners. (This is shown in Table 35.) These two groups comprise 69.5 percent of the total as compared with 30.4 percent listed as tenants.

The stronger ownership status of part-time farmers is shown in the Eastern, Southern, and Western Regions where significantly larger percentages of part-time farmers are full owners. In contrast, in the Central and Great Plains Regions part-time and commercial farms are about equal in percentage of ownership.

Nationally, full ownership or part ownership among part-time farms, totaling 82.0 percent of all part-time farms as compared with 64.0 percent of ownership among commercial farmers, is largely the result of considerably greater ownership among part-time farmers in the South, where 69.3 percent of the part-time farms are operated by either full or part owners, compared with only 44.0 percent of commercial farms operated by full owners or part owners.

If owner operation is accepted as a criterion of financial status or well-being, there would be little difference among the part-time and commercial farms except in the South. It appears, however, that other factors should also be taken into account, such as value of farm, off-farm income, and type of operation. Part-time farms by definition, of course, have more off-farm income than do the commercial farms. In addition, the part-time farms have been found to be of higher value per farm and per acre, and except in the Central Region or Corn Belt, part-time farms generally have larger investments in livestock or, as in the Western Region, in specialties like fruits or nuts. Thus, although the percentage of ownership, except in the South, is about as high among commercial Class V operators as among the part-time groups, other factors suggest that financial status between the two groups is considerably different. In the South, however, the low percentage of ownership among the commercial farms, and the high percentage of crop-share tenancy in a situation of predominantly field-crop type of farming, suggest considerable insecurity and lack of financial reserves among the commercial farm-operator families.

Table 34.—CLASS V FARMS (PART-TIME AND COMMERCIAL), PERCENT REPORTING SPECIFIED FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

Machinery and equipment and type of farm	United States	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Central Region	Great Plains Region	Western Region
Farms reporting electric pig brooder:						
All farms.....	0.9	0.5	0.2	2.1	0.7	1.1
Part-time.....	1.2	.6	.2	2.7	.6	.8
Commercial.....	.7	.5	.2	1.8	.7	1.5
Farms reporting power feed grinder:						
All farms.....	8.9	8.4	2.8	13.5	18.2	11.1
Part-time.....	9.7	10.0	4.4	11.7	17.3	7.4
Commercial.....	8.5	7.7	2.4	14.7	18.6	15.4
Farms reporting milking machine:						
All farms.....	8.4	9.2	1.7	18.9	6.1	14.8
Part-time.....	10.5	13.6	1.8	18.3	5.3	12.3
Commercial.....	6.8	7.2	.5	19.2	6.5	14.4
Farms reporting grain combine:						
All farms.....	9.9	4.9	3.7	15.8	22.6	12.8
Part-time.....	10.6	6.1	4.9	16.1	16.9	7.6
Commercial.....	8.8	4.6	1.3	15.6	25.2	18.8
Farms reporting corn picker:						
All farms.....	6.0	3.9	1.2	15.1	9.1	.3
Part-time.....	6.5	4.2	1.4	14.8	5.2	.1
Commercial.....	5.9	3.8	1.1	15.5	10.8	.7
Farms reporting pickup baler:						
All farms.....	4.6	6.6	1.8	6.7	5.4	8.0
Part-time.....	5.5	8.6	3.6	5.6	4.9	6.5
Commercial.....	4.2	5.7	1.4	7.5	5.5	9.7
Farms reporting field forage harvester:						
All farms.....	1.0	1.0	.3	1.7	1.5	1.5
Part-time.....	1.3	1.4	.8	1.6	1.6	1.0
Commercial.....	.9	1.0	.2	1.7	1.4	2.2
Farm reporting motortruck:						
All farms.....	39.6	39.4	33.3	35.3	56.6	62.2
Part-time.....	46.7	42.7	43.9	39.6	60.9	63.1
Commercial.....	36.5	37.8	30.5	32.4	54.6	61.1

Table 35.—CLASS V FARMS (PART-TIME AND COMMERCIAL), BY TENURE OF OPERATOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1954

Tenure of operator	Percent of operators																	
	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
Full owners.....	53.7	64.7	48.9	65.5	72.9	62.1	35.5	50.4	31.6	74.2	74.2	74.3	48.9	51.4	47.8	74.4	80.0	68.0
Part owners.....	15.8	17.3	15.1	14.5	14.1	14.7	13.8	18.9	12.4	15.2	15.5	15.0	23.7	24.9	23.2	16.9	13.1	21.2
Managers.....	.2	.2	.1	.1	.3		.2	.4	.1				.4	.4	.4	.2	.1	.4
Tenants.....	30.4	17.8	35.9	20.0	12.7	23.2	50.5	30.3	55.9	10.6	10.4	10.7	27.0	23.4	28.7	8.5	6.8	10.4
Crop-share tenants and crop- pers.....	23.4	10.9	28.9	15.3	6.9	19.1	44.0	25.9	49.6	3.6	3.8	3.4	13.2	7.6	15.7	4.0	2.9	5.3
Cash tenants.....	2.4	2.6	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	3.8	6.3	2.6	1.7	1.5	1.9
Share-cash tenants.....	1.6	1.5	1.7	.1	.3		.6	.2	.8	1.9	1.7	1.9	6.2	5.8	6.4	.9	.1	1.9
Livestock share tenant.....	.9	.6	1.0	1.5	.6	1.9	.4		.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.6	.9	1.8		.1	
Other and unspecified.....	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.7	2.8	1.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.1	1.8	2.2	1.4
White operator.....	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	93.3	(NA)	(NA)	60.5	(NA)	(NA)	99.6	(NA)	(NA)	97.0	(NA)	(NA)	98.4	(NA)	(NA)
Colored operator.....	17.7	(NA)	(NA)	6.7	(NA)	(NA)	39.5	(NA)	(NA)	.4	(NA)	(NA)	3.0	(NA)	(NA)	1.6	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.