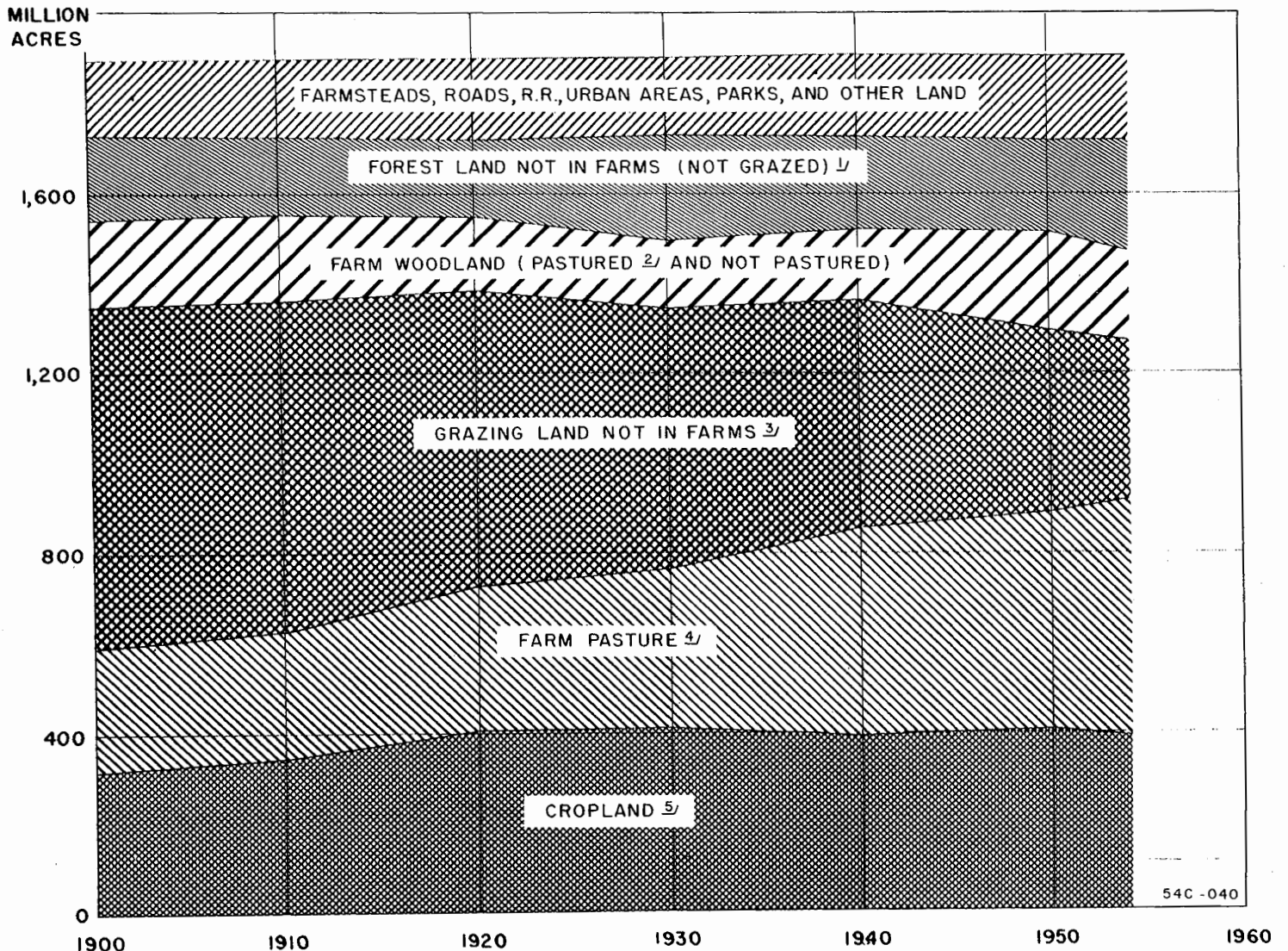


THE TREND IN LAND UTILIZATION



CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES EXCLUSIVE OF ALASKA.

- 1 EXCLUDES FORESTED AREAS RESERVED FOR PARKS AND RELATED USES AND ARID WOODLAND, BRUSHLAND, AND FOREST LAND USED FOR GRAZING.
 - 2 121 MILLION ACRES WERE REPORTED PASTURED IN 1954.
 - 3 INCLUDES GRASSLAND, ARID WOODLAND, BRUSHLAND, AND FOREST LAND GRAZED
 - 4 OPEN PASTURE IN FARMS, INCLUDING CROPLAND USED ONLY FOR PASTURE AND OTHER PLOWABLE PASTURE.
 - 5 INCLUDES SOIL IMPROVEMENT CROPS, SUMMER FALLOW, AND LAND SEED TO CROPS FOR HARVEST THE SUCCEEDING YEAR
- CROPLAND ACREAGES ARE FOR THE YEAR PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE CENSUS EXCEPT FOR 1954.

Woodland not pastured.—This includes all woodland that was not used for pasture or grazing. Unusually large tracts of timberland reported as woodland not pastured were excluded from the tabulations of land in farms when it was evident that such land was held primarily for nonagricultural purposes. (See "Land in farms" for procedure followed for excluding large acreages of nonagricultural woodland.) The definition for woodland, as given above, was also applicable to woodland not pastured.

Other pasture (not cropland and not woodland).—This includes rough and brush land pastured and any other land pastured that the respondent did not consider as either woodland or cropland.

Improved pasture.—This item includes land in "other pasture" on which one or more of the following practices had been used: Liming, fertilizing, seeding to grasses or legumes, irrigating, draining, or controlling weeds and brush. The question on improved pasture was included in 1954 for the first time.

Other land (house lots, roads, wasteland, etc.).—This item includes house lots, barn lots, lanes, roads, ditches, and wasteland. It includes all land that does not belong under any of the other land-use classes. Unusually large tracts of other land were excluded from the tabulations of land in farms in a manner similar to that followed for unusually large acreages of woodland not pastured.

In addition to the complete classification of land in farms according to use, the tables also present data for three summary classes as follows:

Cropland, total.—This includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland not harvested and not pastured.

Land pastured, total.—This includes cropland used only for pasture, woodland pastured, and other pasture (not cropland and not woodland).

Woodland, total.—This includes woodland pastured and woodland not pastured.