

not on the questionnaire, relates only to the crop harvested for grain or cut for silage.

The unit of measure used in reporting the production of sorghum grain or seed was bushels in all States, except Arizona and California. In these two States, production was enumerated in 100-lb. bags. To obtain a United States total, the reported bags for these two States were converted to bushels by using the standard bushel weight for sorghum.

Silage and forage production were both enumerated in tons. Production of silage was reported on a green-weight basis and forage on a dry-weight basis. The acres of sorghum for hay or forage in the 13 States, for which a separate inquiry appeared on the Agriculture Questionnaire, included also the acres of sorghum hogged or grazed. No information was obtained by the enumerator regarding the production of the acreage hogged or grazed. Therefore, the figures for the quantity of sorghums harvested for hay or forage do not include the total production for the acres shown for sorghums harvested for hay or forage and hogged or grazed.

The acreage of sorghum for all purposes in 1954, 17.6 million acres, was the largest ever reported for any Census and represents a 74 percent increase over that for 1949. The 1954 acreage of sorghum harvested for grain, 11.2 million acres, was also the highest for any Census year. Texas was the leading grain sorghum-producing State in 1954 with one-half of the United States acreage. The figures on value of sales of sorghums relate only to sorghums harvested for grain in 1954, and were obtained by multiplying the quantity sold by a State average price. The value of sales for 1949 includes the value of sorghum forage and sorghum silage sold, as well as the value of grain sold. The value of sales in 1949 was obtained from each farm operator.

**Small grains.**—The Agriculture Questionnaire for 1954 contained several questions regarding the acreage and quantity of small grains

harvested. There were separate inquiries for the most important small grains in each State.

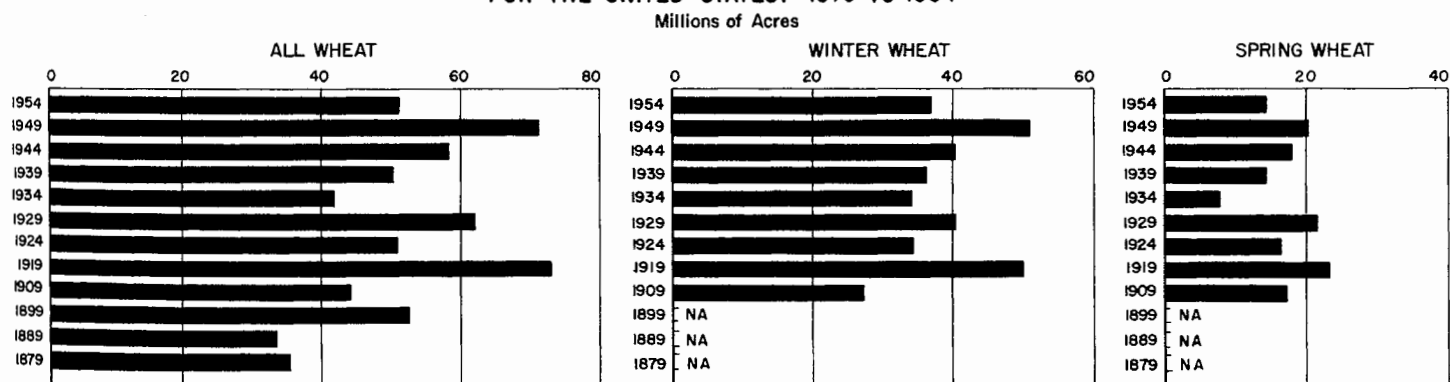
Small grains for which a separate inquiry did not appear on the questionnaire were to be reported under "Other grain" in 42 States. Since the number of small grain crops for which a separate inquiry appeared on the Agriculture Questionnaire varied from State to State, the kinds of small grains included in "Other grain" were not the same for all States.

Table 56 of this chapter shows farms reporting, acreage, and quantity harvested for both 1954 and 1949 for "Other grain" and lists the specific crops included under "Other grain." Two versions of the questionnaire were used in Missouri and Texas and the kinds of small grains included in "Other grain" were not uniform for the entire State.

**Wheat.**—The inquiries on wheat called for the acres harvested, bushels harvested, and bushels sold. Separate inquiries were provided for each type of wheat in States where the production of more than one type of wheat was important. For those States where spring wheat was unimportant, the inquiry was limited to "all wheat." In those States where spring wheat was an important crop, separate inquiries were provided for winter wheat and for spring wheat. In North Dakota and South Dakota only, separate inquiries provided for the reporting of three types of wheat: (a) winter wheat, (b) durum or macaroni wheat, and (c) other spring wheat. Spring wheat harvested in the States where a separate inquiry for spring wheat did not appear on the questionnaire was enumerated under "all wheat," and durum or macaroni wheat, in States other than North Dakota and South Dakota, was enumerated under spring wheat.

A count of the number of farms reporting any wheat was not made in 1954 for those States where separate inquiries were carried for different types of wheat. A total for the farms reporting wheat at the United States, region, division, or State level may be approximated

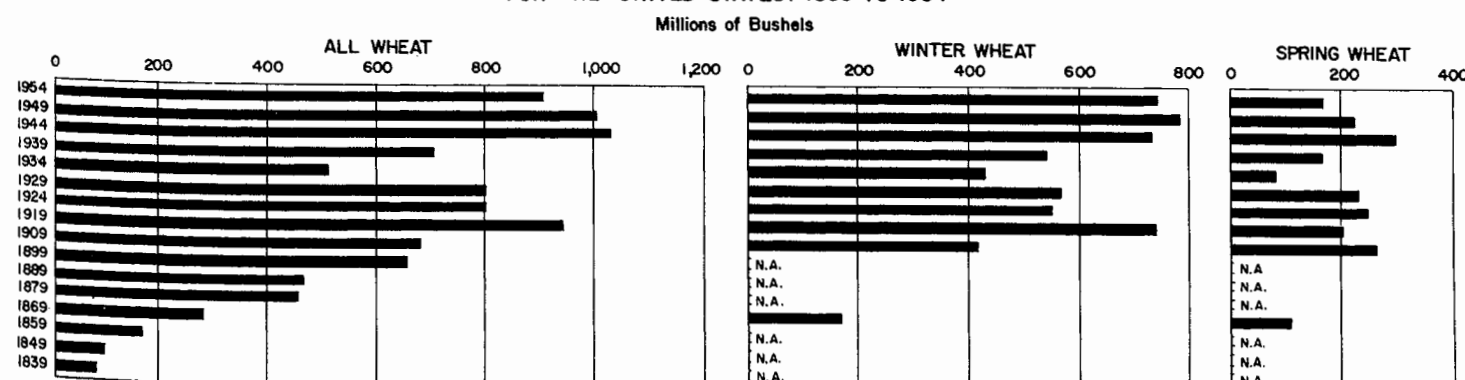
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NA - Not available

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WHEAT THRESHED - PRODUCTION OF ALL WHEAT, WITH SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR WINTER WHEAT AND SPRING WHEAT; FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1839 TO 1954



Yield per acre of All Wheat 17.7 bu. in 1954  
N.A. - Not available

Yield per acre of Winter Wheat 20.1 bu. in 1954

Yield per acre of Spring Wheat 11.6 bu. in 1954

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