

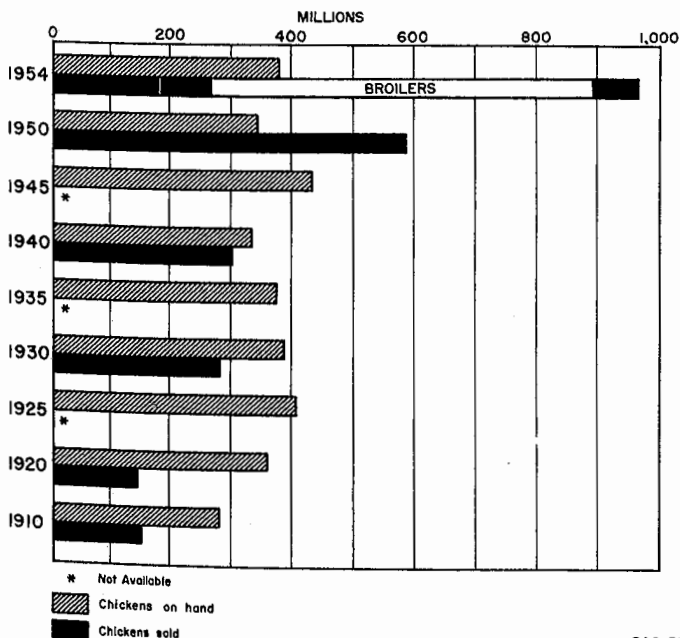
from average butterfat tests of milk used for the different purposes and are shown in Table 24 in columns under "Pounds of milk represented by—." For cream sold, the factor represents the pounds of milk skimmed on farms per pound of butterfat in cream sold, and includes allowances for losses in skimming and delivery of cream. For butter sold in 1944, the factor represents the pounds of milk used per pound of butter churned on farms, including allowances for losses.

**Hogs.**—The 1954 Questionnaire provided for obtaining inventory numbers of hogs through the use of three inquiries. The first asked for the total number of hogs and pigs of all ages including sows and boars, followed by questions for the number in each of two groups: (1) Born before June 1, and (2) born since June 1. The sum of the entries for the two component groups was to equal the number reported for the total.

The Agriculture Questionnaire contained two inquiries relating to sows and gilts farrowing. The first inquiry asked for the number of sows and gilts farrowing between December 1, 1953, and June 1, 1954. The second inquiry called for the number of sows and gilts farrowing since June 1, 1954, and before December 1, 1954. The total for these two inquiries represents the number of litters farrowed during the year December 1, 1953, to December 1, 1954. Sows farrowing both in the spring and in the fall would be counted twice. The checking of a sample of reports indicates that the totals for sows and gilts farrowing are quite accurate in the principal hog-producing areas. However, the number of sows farrowing may be under-reported in areas outside the Corn Belt and other important hog-producing States.

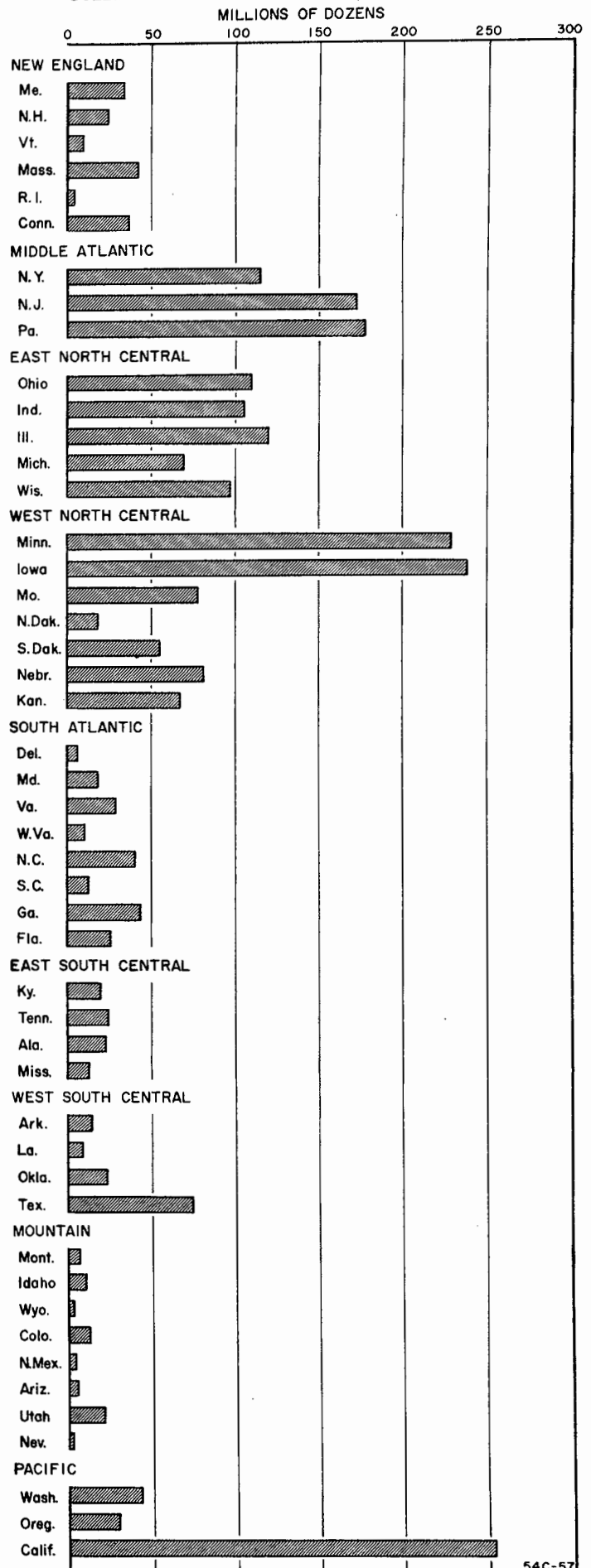
**Sheep and wool.**—The inquiries on the Agriculture Questionnaire in 1954 were the same in 45 States. In the other three States, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, the inquiries on sheep were omitted from the Agriculture Questionnaire. Sheep in these States are kept on a relatively few farms and provide a very small proportion of the total livestock production. In 1950, sheep were reported on 993 farms in these three States, and these farms reporting sheep represented only 0.3 percent of all farms reporting sheep in the United States. The number of sheep in these three States

NUMBER OF CHICKENS ON HAND AND CHICKENS SOLD FOR THE UNITED STATES, CENSUSES OF 1910 TO 1954



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DOZENS OF CHICKEN EGGS SOLD, BY STATES: 1954



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