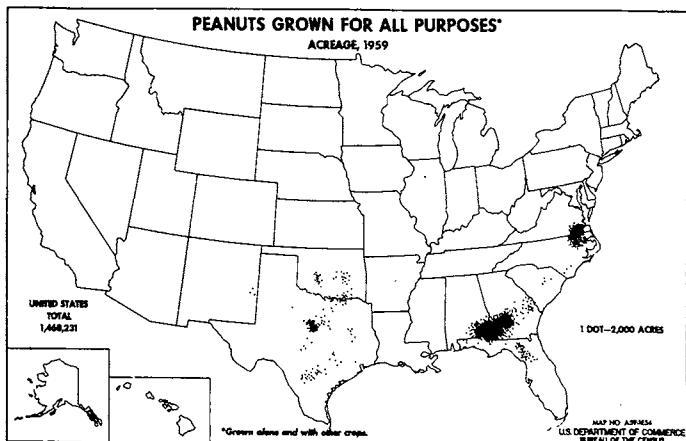


For the last four censuses, the number of farms reporting sugar beets has varied from 23,000 to 31,000. 1959 acreage was 5.5 percent greater than that of 1954, and 37.8 percent greater than that of 1949.

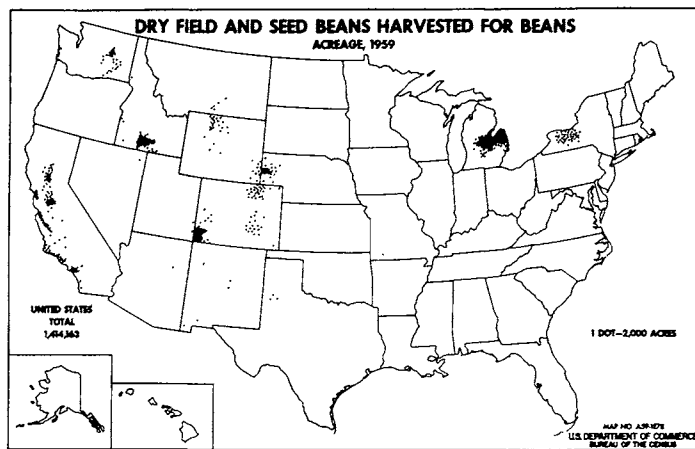
Peanuts.—The peanut crop was the fifteenth most important field crop in 1959. It represented 0.9 percent of the value of all field crops harvested. Peanuts were an important cash crop in southeastern Virginia, northeastern North Carolina, southern Georgia, southeastern Alabama, and eastern Texas. More than 90 percent of the peanut crop was harvested for nuts and 97 percent of the nuts harvested were sold.



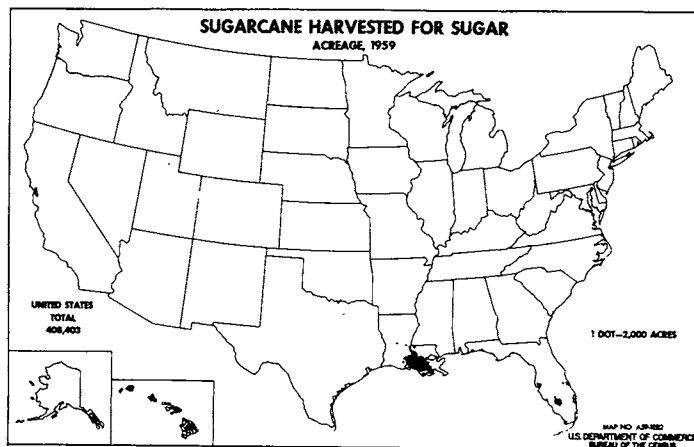
Significant changes have occurred in the number of farms growing peanuts and the acreage harvested. From 1954 to 1959, the number of farms reporting declined 31 percent. Only 46 percent as many farms reported peanuts in 1959 as in 1949. The 1959 acreage of peanuts grown for all purposes was only 86.5 percent of that for 1954, and 53.9 percent of that for 1949.

Dry field and seed beans.—Dry field and seed beans, the sixteenth most important field crop, accounted for 0.9 percent of the value of all field crops harvested in 1959. The production of dry field and seed beans was confined largely to the irrigated valleys of the West. Nearly 47 percent of the acreage in 1959 was harvested from irrigated land. Approximately two-thirds of the production in 1959 was in Michigan, California, and Idaho.

Only about half as many farms reported harvesting dry field and seed beans in 1959 as in 1949. The 1959 acreage was 3 percent less than that for 1954, and 21 percent less than that for 1949.



Sugarcane for sugar.—The production of sugarcane for sugar was limited to Hawaii, Louisiana, and Florida. On the basis of value of production, sugarcane for sugar was the seventeenth most important field crop. The production of sugarcane for sugar is highly localized. Sugarcane is grown by a relatively small number of farms and the number of growers is declining.



VEGETABLES

Vegetables harvested for sale.—The value of vegetables harvested for sale totaled \$740 million in 1959, represented 5.5 percent of all crops sold, and 2.4 percent of all farm products sold. The 3.5 million acres of vegetables harvested for sale represented 1.1 percent of the acreage of land from which crops were harvested in 1959. On the basis of acreage, the ten leading vegetable crops

