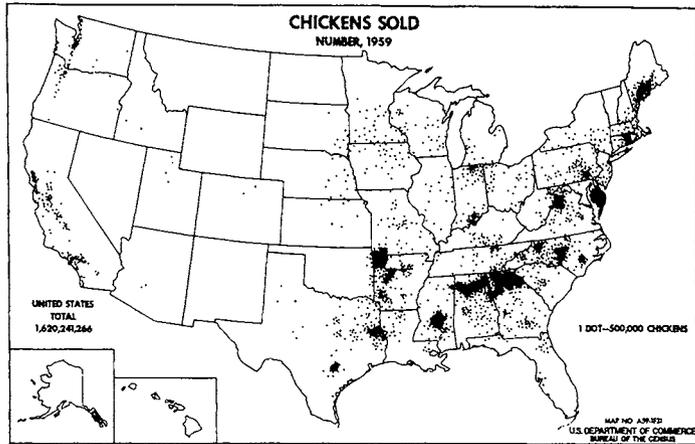


A GRAPHIC SUMMARY

Of the 1.2 million farms having fewer than 50 chickens on hand, almost 1 million reported no eggs sold in 1959. Less than 3 percent of the farms reporting chickens had 800 or more chickens on hand in 1959, but these farms had 51 percent of the chickens and produced 61 percent of the eggs sold in 1959. Commercial poultry farms having 6,400 or more chickens 4 months old or over on hand, marketed 39 percent of the eggs sold from commercial poultry farms in 1959. The number of farms having flocks of 3,200 or more chickens 4 months old and over doubled from 1954 to 1959. These farms had 35 percent of all chickens 4 months old and over on all commercial farms in 1959. Farms having flocks of 3,200 or more sold 38.6 percent of the eggs in 1959 as compared with only 17.6 percent in 1954.



FARMS REPORTING CHICKENS ON HAND AND DOZENS OF EGGS SOLD, AND NUMBER FOR ALL COMMERCIAL FARMS BY SIZE OF FLOCK: 1959 AND 1954

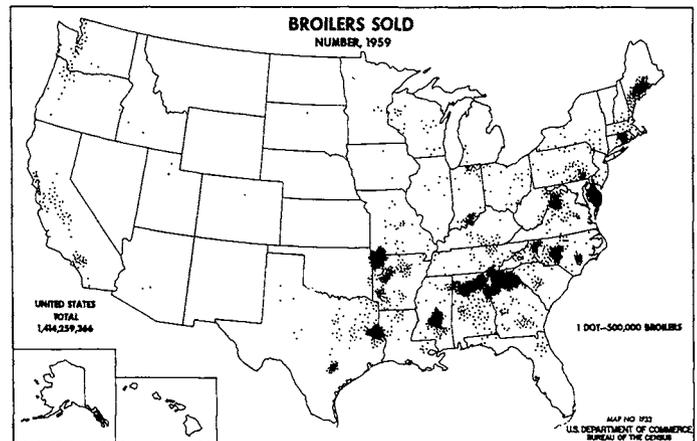
Item	All farms, total	Size of flock (number of chickens 4 months old and over on hand)			
		Under 100	100 to 799	800 to 3,199	3,200 or more
Chickens 4 months old and over on hand:					
Farms reporting.....1959.....	1,452,053	912,971	476,471	46,795	15,816
.....1954.....	2,406,338	1,506,434	850,472	42,276	7,156
Percent distribution.....1959.....	100.0	62.9	32.8	3.2	1.1
.....1954.....	100.0	62.6	35.3	3.7	0.3
Number on hand (000).....1959.....	329,156	29,950	115,232	70,540	113,434
.....1954.....	340,498	52,306	186,904	60,031	41,257
Percent distribution.....1959.....	100.0	9.1	35.0	21.4	34.5
.....1954.....	100.0	15.4	54.9	17.7	12.1
Eggs sold:					
Farms reporting.....1959.....	840,626	303,153	475,141	46,667	15,665
.....1954.....	1,391,734	525,782	817,009	41,848	7,095
Percent distribution.....1959.....	100.0	36.1	56.5	5.5	1.9
.....1954.....	100.0	37.8	58.7	5.0	0.5
Dozens sold (000).....1959.....	3,416,338	125,967	1,116,273	823,084	1,351,014
.....1954.....	2,663,454	162,014	1,405,910	628,045	467,485
Percent distribution.....1959.....	100.0	3.7	32.7	24.1	39.5
.....1954.....	100.0	6.0	52.9	23.6	17.6

Broilers.—Farms reporting broilers sold decreased from 50,094 in 1954 to 42,045 in 1959; however, the number of broilers sold increased from 796 million to 1,419 million during the same period. The number of farms reporting fewer than 16,000 broilers sold decreased by over 53 percent from 1954 to 1959. Farms with 60,000 or more broilers sold increased from 1,687 in 1954 to 6,100 in 1959. These 6,100 farms, each with 60,000 or more broilers sold, accounted for almost half of all broilers sold in 1959.

FARMS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD BY NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD PER FARM: 1959 AND 1954

Farms reporting number of broilers sold as—	Farms reporting				Number of broilers sold	
	Total		Percent distribution		1959 (1,000)	1954 (1,000)
	1959	1954	1959	1954		
All farms, total.....	42,045	50,094	100.0	100.0	1,418,877	796,207
Under 2,000.....	869	5,541	2.1	11.1	1,126	NA
2,000 to 3,999.....	2,371	7,062	5.6	14.1	6,448	NA
4,000 to 7,999.....	4,459	9,400	10.6	18.8	25,213	NA
8,000 to 15,999.....	8,336	12,483	19.8	24.9	96,649	NA
16,000 to 59,999.....	19,910	13,921	47.4	27.8	606,903	NA
16,000 to 29,999.....	10,332	NA	24.6	NA	222,851	NA
30,000 to 59,999.....	9,578	NA	22.8	NA	384,052	NA
60,000 or more.....	6,100	1,687	14.5	3.4	682,538	NA
60,000 to 99,999.....	3,846	NA	9.1	NA	277,389	NA
100,000 or more.....	2,254	NA	5.4	NA	405,149	NA

NA Not available.



A large proportion of the broilers sold are produced on a relatively few specialized poultry farms. Only 42,045 farms reported broilers sold in 1959. Of these, 37,298, or 89 percent, were commercial poultry farms and 97 percent of all broilers sold in 1959 were from these farms. Over 28 percent of the broilers were sold from 2,222 commercial poultry farms, each selling 100,000 or more broilers in 1959.

Eggs.—Approximately one-half of the farms with chickens did not report any eggs sold in 1959. Of the 1.1 million farms selling eggs, 598,317, or 54 percent, sold less than 800 dozens and accounted for less than 4 percent of all eggs sold. The 31,285 farms, each selling 20,000 or more dozens of eggs, comprised less than 3 percent of the farms selling eggs, but reported 52 percent of all eggs sold. The 11,782 farms, each selling 50,000 or more dozens, reported 36 percent of all eggs sold.

