

Wage rates increased from 1954 to 1959, although not as much as during the period from 1950 to 1954 as indicated by the following data for the conterminous United States:

	1959	1954	1950
Average wages per month for workers paid on monthly basis	\$195.00	\$162.00	\$118.00
Average wages per week for workers paid on weekly basis	42.00	38.00	28.00
Average wages per day for workers paid on daily basis	5.25	5.13	3.66
Average wages per hour for workers paid on hourly basis	0.95	0.88	0.67

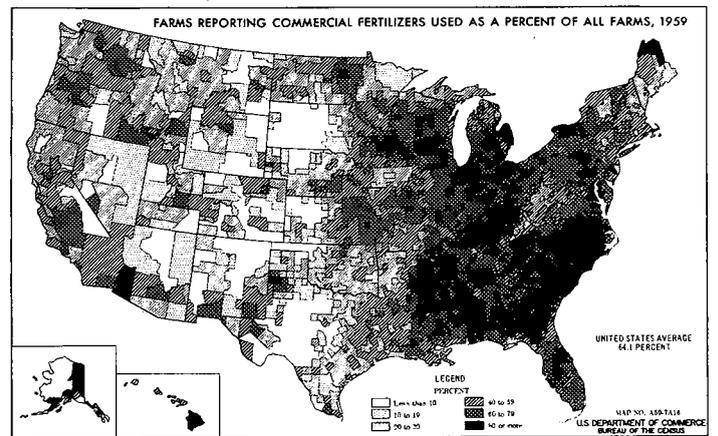
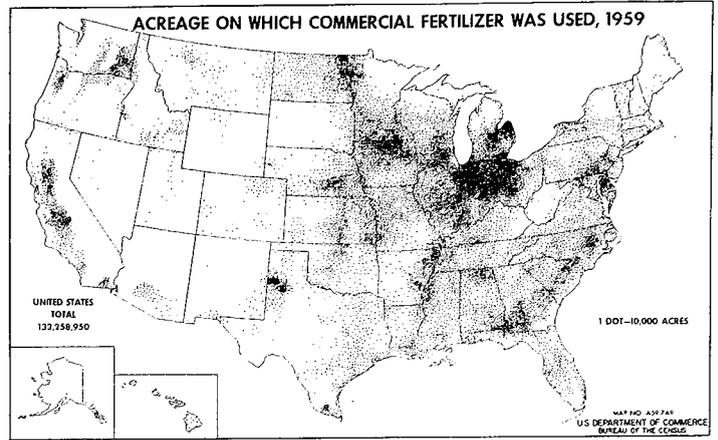
FERTILIZER AND LIME

Fertilizer.—Fertilizer was used on nearly two out of three farms in 1959. In the United States 19.8 million tons of fertilizer were purchased for use on 2.4 million farms. The proportion of farms using fertilizer was much higher in the North and South than in the West. This is mainly because there is more cultivated land in the North and South.

Of all fertilizer used on farms in 1959, 91.6 percent was used on commercial farms and only 8.4 percent on other farms. Of all fertilizer used 18.2 million tons were dry materials and 1.6 million tons were liquid materials.

More fertilizer is used on corn than on any other crop. In 1959 more than one-third of all fertilizer was used for corn. Corn accounted for approximately two-fifths of the acreage fertilized in 1959. Nearly 2 out of every 3 acres of corn harvested in 1959 were fertilized. In 4 out of the 10 States having 2 million or more acres of corn harvested in 1959, 80 percent or more of the corn harvested was fertilized.

More total tons of fertilizer were used in North Carolina than any other State. This is mainly because of the high fertilizer requirements of tobacco which is the principal crop in North Carolina. The South Atlantic Division in general led all other divisions in use of fertilizer with 5.3 million tons.



USE OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER AND FERTILIZING MATERIALS ON CROPS AND PASTURE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1959

Crops and pasture fertilized	Farms reporting use of fertilizer			Tons used		Acres fertilized			Pounds per acre	Percent distribution of—	
	Total	Percent of all farms in the United States	Percent of all farms using fertilizer	Total	Average per farm reporting	Total	Average per farm reporting	Percent of acreage fertilized ¹		Tons used	Acres fertilized
United States, total.....	2,378,454	64.1	100.0	19,802,175	8.3	² 133,258,950	56.0	15.8	297	100.0	100.0
Hay and cropland pastured.....	490,330	13.2	20.6	2,195,396	4.5	13,399,909	27.3	10.4	328	11.1	10.1
Other pasture (not cropland).....	154,727	4.2	6.5	745,547	4.8	4,456,949	28.8	1.0	335	3.8	3.3
Corn.....	1,568,714	42.3	66.0	6,759,814	4.3	51,000,884	32.5	64.6	265	34.1	38.3
Sorghums.....	31,236	0.8	1.3	155,049	5.0	2,358,804	75.5	18.4	131	0.8	1.8
Wheat.....	494,095	13.3	20.8	1,406,386	2.8	17,486,168	35.4	42.1	161	7.1	13.1
Soybeans.....	79,467	2.1	3.3	279,717	3.5	2,731,113	34.4	14.0	205	1.4	2.0
Cotton.....	381,919	10.3	16.1	1,636,264	4.3	8,545,771	22.4	62.5	383	8.3	6.4
Tobacco.....	312,654	8.4	13.1	655,244	2.1	817,853	2.6	98.0	1,602	3.3	0.6
Irish potatoes.....	29,140	0.8	1.2	449,284	15.4	869,503	29.8	75.4	1,033	2.3	0.7
Sugar beets.....	17,552	0.5	0.7	143,346	8.2	637,696	36.3	95.3	450	0.7	0.5
Oats.....	8,322	0.2	0.3	17,005	2.0	188,467	22.6	14.2	180	0.1	0.1
Barley.....	13,304	0.4	0.6	52,435	3.9	985,644	74.1	30.5	106	0.3	0.7
Sugarcane.....	966	(Z)	(Z)	156,044	161.5	209,903	217.3	95.4	1,487	0.8	0.2
Pineapples.....	111	(Z)	(Z)	28,275	254.7	57,183	515.2	90.6	989	0.1	(Z)
Coffee.....	1,215	(Z)	0.1	4,174	3.4	7,716	6.4	99.5	1,082	(Z)	(Z)
Oats and other grains.....	134	(Z)	(Z)	870	6.5	7,032	52.5	79.7	247	(Z)	(Z)
Vegetables.....	74	(Z)	(Z)	132	1.8	285	3.9	125.6	926	(Z)	(Z)
Unspecified other crops.....	964,137	26.0	40.5	5,117,193	5.3	20,561,329	30.7	39.9	346	25.8	22.2

Z Less than 0.05 percent.

¹ Percentages for crops or pasture fertilized represent the ratio of the acreage fertilized to the total acres of crops that are harvested in the United States. The percentage for total acres fertilized is based on all cropland harvested plus the acres of pasture, other

than woodland; in the case of pasture, to the total acreage of pasture (excluding woodland pasture).

² Area of land on which fertilizer was applied. In some cases, two or more crops were fertilized and harvested from the same land.