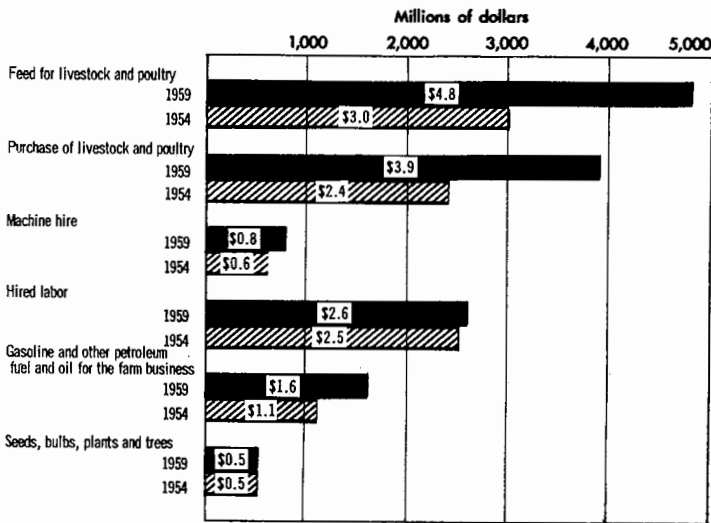


SELECTED FARM EXPENDITURES

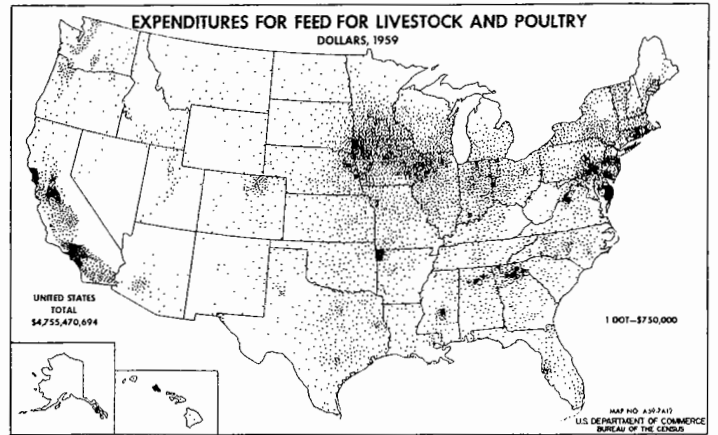
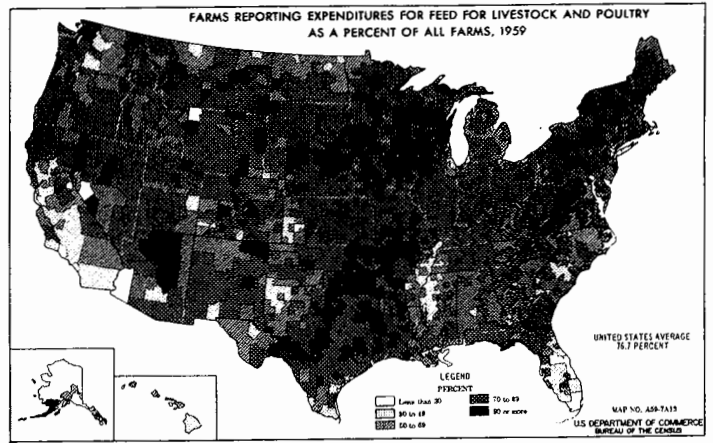
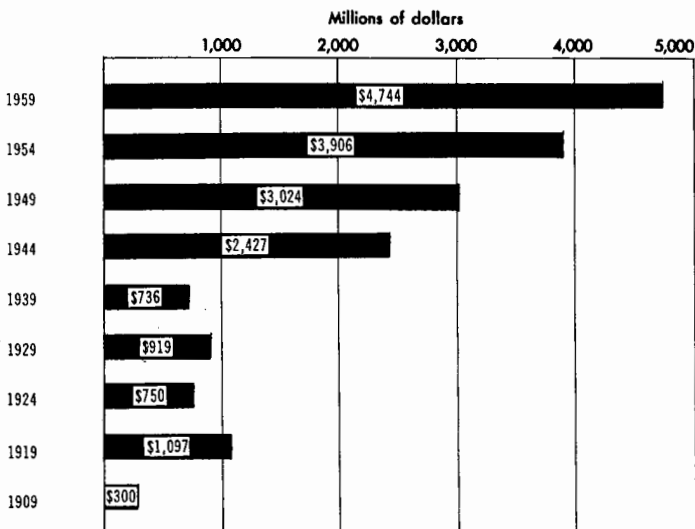
In 1959, one or more of six items of farm expenditures were reported by 99 percent of all the 3.7 million farms in the United States. These items were feed for livestock or poultry, purchase of livestock and poultry, machine hire, hired labor, gasoline and other petroleum products; and seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees. The total of the six items for farm expenditures was over \$14 billion and was equivalent to 46.2 percent of the value of all farm products sold in 1959. These six items of farm expenditures account for approximately two-thirds of the cash expenditures for farm operators in the United States. There are many significant items of expense not included in this total, such as expenditures for fertilizer, lime, interest, taxes, containers, cash rent, etc. The six items of farm expense averaged \$3,798 per farm for all farms, and \$5,549 per farm for commercial farms.

SELECTED FARM EXPENDITURES: 1959 AND 1954



Expenditures were larger for feed than for any other of the six items. The expenditures for the purchase of livestock and poultry and the expenditures for hired labor were the next two most important items of farm expenditure.

EXPENDITURES FOR FEED FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: 1909 TO 1959



While one or more of the six items of cash expenditures were reported for nearly all farms, most items of expenditure were reported for only a part of the farms. The expenditures for gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business were reported for 93 percent of all farms and 97 percent of the commercial farms. There were some farms for which all the farmwork was hired on a contract basis and there were some farms on which gasoline-operated machinery was not required or not used. Feed for livestock and poultry was reported for more than three-fourths of the farms, and hired farm labor by less than half of the farms. The amount of expenditures on a large proportion of the farms reporting a particular item of expenditure was relatively small. For example, for almost one-fifth of the farms reporting the purchase of feed, the expenditure was less than \$100; for almost three-fifths of the farms with ex-

