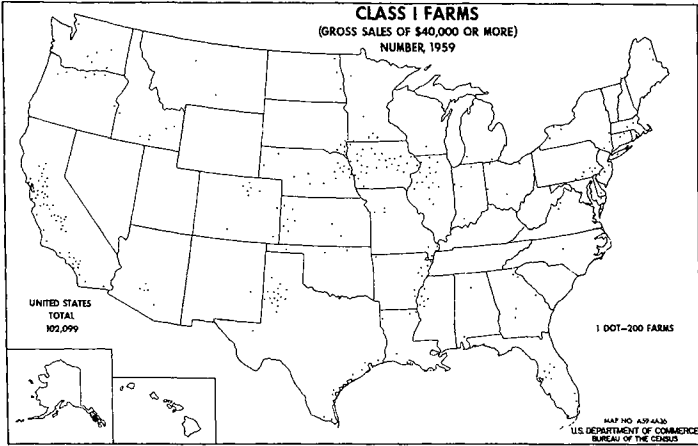
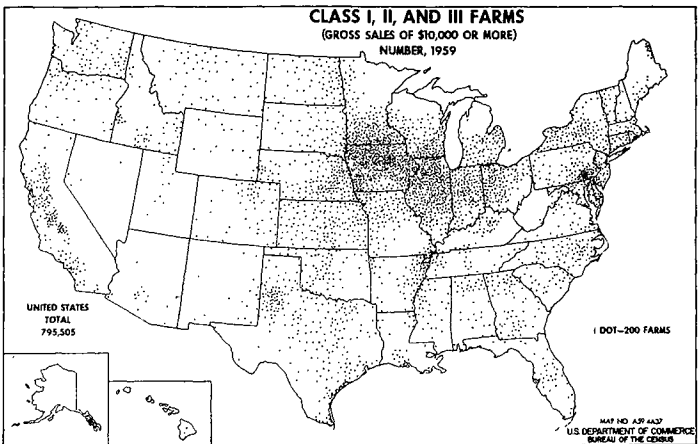


A GRAPHIC SUMMARY

Class I farms (gross sales of \$40,000 or more).—Although Class I farms represented only 4.2 percent of all commercial farms in 1959, they accounted for 31.5 percent of the gross value of all farm products sold. Class I farms represent relatively large farming operations. Class I farms accounted for 21.4 percent of all the fertilizer used, 30.3 percent of all the feed purchased, 48.7 percent of all the livestock and poultry purchased, 28.3 percent of all the machine hire, 49.9 percent of the expenditures for hired farm labor, 27.6 percent of the expenditures for seeds, plants, and trees; and 18.1 percent of the expenditures for gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business on commercial farms. They employed more than one-third of all hired farmworkers and almost one-half of all regular hired farmworkers. Most of the Class I farms are in the Corn Belt, California, the High Plains area of Texas, and in the Mississippi Delta.



Class II, III, and IV farms.—Class II, III, and IV farms had a total value of farm products sold of \$5,000 to \$39,999. Farms in these economic classes accounted for almost three-fifths of all commercial farms and almost three-fifths of all farm products sold. These farms contain 51 percent of all land in farms and 66 percent of all cropland harvested. Most of these farms are operated by the farm operator and members of his family. Only one out of six of these farms had regular hired farmworkers and less than 5 percent of the farms had more than one regular hired worker in 1959. Seventy-seven percent of these farms that harvested crops in 1959 used commercial fertilizer and 19 percent used lime. Over 91 percent of the Class II, III, and IV farms had tractors, other than garden, and 77 percent had one or more motortrucks.



Class V and VI farms.—Class V comprises farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 to \$4,999 and Economic Class VI, farms with sales of \$50 to \$2,499. Although farms in these two

economic classes comprised 26.1 percent of all farms, they accounted for only 8.9 percent of all farm products sold. The small scale of operations on these farms is indicated not only by the value of farm products sold but also by the relatively small quantities of resources used.

Farm operators of Economic Class VI farms depend primarily upon farming for their income. They use relatively small amounts of resources.

Item	Average per Class VI farm
Land in farms.....acres.....	106.3
Cropland harvested.....acres.....	25.6
Value of land and buildings.....dollars.....	9,849
Cattle and calves.....number.....	6.7
Milk cows.....number.....	1.7
Chickens 4 months old and over.....number.....	36.2
Tractors (other than garden).....number.....	0.6

Relatively small amounts of purchased inputs are used on these farms.

Item	Average per Class VI farm
Fertilizer.....tons.....	2.2
Lime.....tons.....	1.4
Hired farm labor.....dollars.....	61
Machine hire.....dollars.....	66
Feed for livestock and poultry.....dollars.....	173
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....dollars.....	121

Most of the farms in Class VI were in the smaller size groups.

Farms by size	Class VI farms	Percent distribution
Total.....	348,954	100.0
Under 10 acres.....	31,642	9.1
10 to 49 acres.....	121,439	34.8
50 to 69 acres.....	36,096	10.3
70 to 99 acres.....	48,341	13.9
100 to 139 acres.....	39,185	11.2
140 to 179 acres.....	27,457	7.9
180 or more acres.....	44,794	12.8

Most of the Class VI farms had relatively small amounts of cropland.

Cropland	Number of farms	Percent distribution
Farms with acreage of cropland harvested of—		
Total.....	348,954	100.0
None.....	34,808	10.0
1 to 9 acres.....	77,750	22.3
10 to 19 acres.....	87,463	25.1
20 to 29 acres.....	54,638	15.7
30 to 49 acres.....	49,322	14.1
50 to 99 acres.....	32,987	9.5
100 or more acres.....	11,986	3.4

Nearly three-fourths of the Class VI farms are in the South. More than half of these Class VI farms in the South were cotton and tobacco farms.

Type of farm	Number of farms	Percent distribution
Total.....	348,954	100.0
Cash-grain farms.....	32,342	9.3
Tobacco farms.....	56,759	16.3
Cotton farms.....	83,202	23.8
Field-crop farms other than cash-grain, tobacco, and cotton.....	5,811	1.7
Vegetable farms.....	4,383	1.3
Fruit-and-nut farms.....	5,465	1.6
Poultry farms.....	8,900	2.6
Dairy farms.....	30,342	8.7
Livestock farms other than poultry and dairy and livestock ranches.....	82,886	23.8
Livestock ranches.....	6,441	1.8
General farms.....	26,068	7.5
Miscellaneous farms.....	6,355	1.8