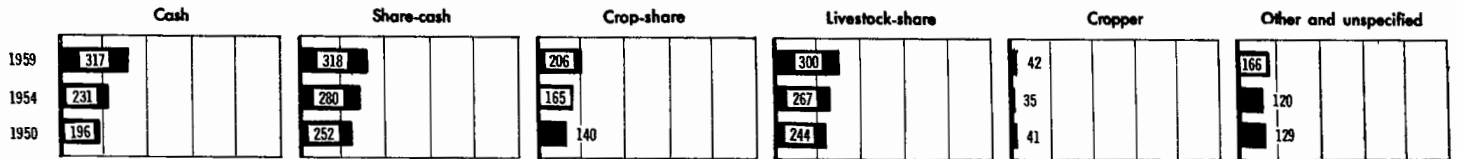
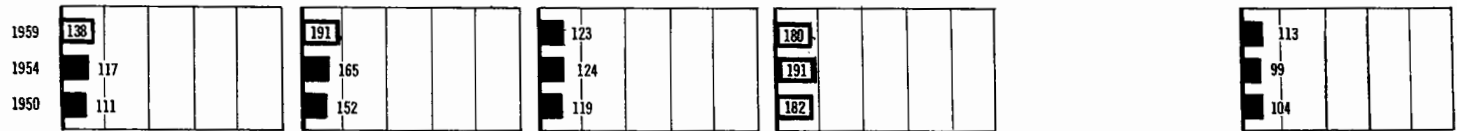


AVERAGE SIZE OF TENANT FARMS, BY CLASS OF TENANT, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1959, 1954, AND 1950

UNITED STATES



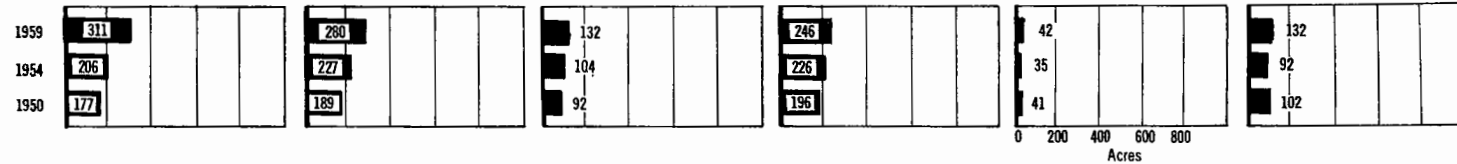
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Generally, the proportion of farms operated by full owners decreases as the size of farm increases. In 1959, two-thirds of the farms of less than 100 acres were operated by full owners; only one-fourth of the farms of 1,000 acres and over were operated by full owners. This relationship of the proportion of farms operated by full owners to size of farm reflects the effect of age of operator upon size of farm, the concentration of part-time farms in the smaller size groups, and the enlargement of farm size through rental rather than purchase of additional land.

The percentage of all farms operated by part owners increases as size of farm increases. In 1959, part owners operated 11.2 percent of all farms under 100 acres in size and 24.7 percent of all farms 1,000 acres and over. More than 45 percent of all farms operated by managers are 500 acres or over in size. Nearly one-fourth of the farms of less than 50 acres were operated by tenants in 1959. This proportion is affected by cropper farms in the South as 82 percent of all the farms operated by croppers

are less than 50 acres in size. The proportion of the farms operated by tenants was higher in 1959 for the size group 260 to 499 acres than for any size group.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMERCIAL FARMS BY TENURE OF OPERATOR

Geographic Distribution of Tenure Groups.—In comparing commercial farms by tenure, consideration must be given to differences in their geographic distribution. Seventy-five percent of the commercial farms in 1959 were owner-operated. About three-fifths of these owner-operators were full owners and two-fifths, part owners. The geographic distribution of both full-owner and part-owner farms was very similar to that for all farms. The highest proportion of commercial farms operated by full owners was in the northeast. Four out of five of all full-owner commercial farms were in the North Central States and in the South.