

In 1959 the amount of land operated by part owners (504 million) nearly equaled the combined total (510 million) of that operated by full owners and by tenants. Land in part-owner-operated farms accounted for 54.0 percent of the total land in farms in the West, 43.8 percent in the North Central States, 38.3 percent in the South, and 32.8 percent in the northeast.

In 1954 part-owner farm operators had more land under lease than tenants and in 1959 their number exceeded the number of tenants. In 1959 more than one-fourth (28.3 percent) of all owner-operators were also operating leased lands. Fifteen years earlier only one owner-operator in six (16.7 percent) was renting additional land.

Tenants operated one farm in five in 1959.

Nearly 50 percent of all farms operated by tenants were in the

South. The tenant-operated farms are concentrated in the tobacco- and cotton-producing areas.

Approximately 42 percent of all tenant-operated farms are in the two North Central geographic divisions.

Class of Tenants.—The following data indicate the relative importance of the several classes of tenants:

<i>Class of tenants</i>	<i>Number of tenants</i>	<i>Percent distribution</i>
Total.....	735,849	100.0
Crop-share.....	201,046	27.3
Share-cash.....	132,524	18.0
Croppers (South only).....	121,037	16.4
Cash tenants.....	107,217	14.6
Livestock-share.....	86,429	11.7
Other and unspecified.....	87,596	11.9

