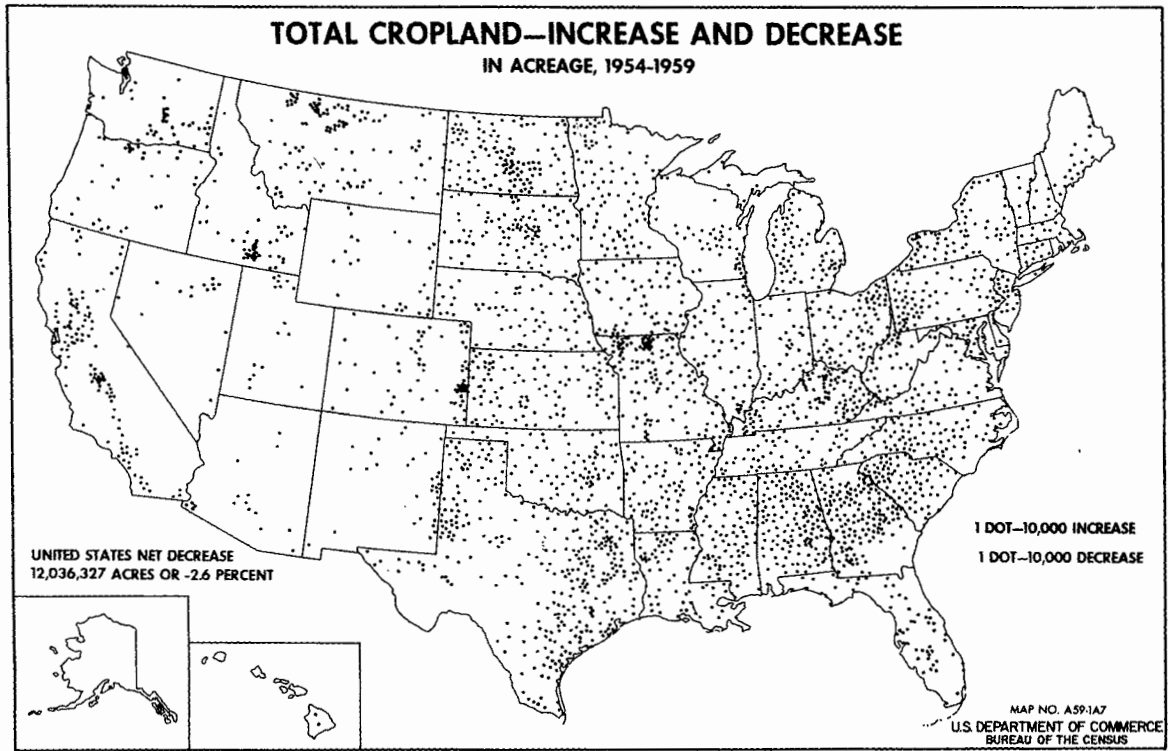


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The acreage of cropland harvested in 1959 was the same as in 1910, and 37 million acres less than at the end of World War I, and 41 million acres less than at the end of World War II. The acreage of cropland harvested in the South in 1959 was about one-third less than at the end of World War I and World War II. The decline in cotton acreage, because of the shift of cotton acreage westward and the increase in cotton yields; the decrease

in corn acreage; and the abandonment of marginal farms have accounted for a large part of the decrease in cropland harvested in the South. The acreage of cropland harvested has declined about half in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The acreage of cropland harvested was less in 1959 than at the end of World War I and World War II in every State in the South except Florida.

