

Other Cropland Not Harvested and Not Pastured.—In 1959 this item comprised idle cropland and land on which all crops failed. At various times since 1925, these two subdivisions have been either separate inquiries or have been grouped with other land uses.

Crop Failure.—For 1954, crop failure was included under the classification, "Cropland used for crops not harvested and not pastured," and for 1950 with idle land and land in soil-improvement crops under the classification "cropland not accounted for." The agriculture questionnaire contained a separate inquiry for the States in the conterminous United States for this item for the censuses from 1924 to 1944.

Idle land was included with other cropland not harvested and not pastured for 1959; it was a separate land-use classification for 1954. For 1950, idle land was included with crop failure and land in soil-improvement crops under the heading "Cropland not accounted for"; and grouped with fallow land under the heading "Cropland idle or fallow" in the years 1924 to 1944, for the States in the conterminous United States.

Woodland Pastured and Woodland not Pastured.—These classifications were identical for all years 1924 to 1959 except for 1939 when the two classifications were combined as woodland.

Other Pasture.—This item for the States in the conterminous United States was qualified as "not cropland and not woodland," from 1949 to 1959; "not cropland plowed within 7 years and not woodland," for 1944; and "not plowable and not woodland" for 1924 to 1934. For 1939, it was part of "other land." Separate data for other pasture are not available for Alaska prior to 1950, and for Hawaii prior to 1940. Information is presented in table 6 in regard to the combinations of data required for censuses for 1924 to 1959 to obtain comparable data for total cropland, cropland pastured, and other pasture.

Land-Use Classification, 1850 to 1920.—From 1850 to 1920, all land in farms was classified as "improved" and "unimproved." In general, improved land included land in crops; land in pasture that had been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in or-

chards, nurseries, vineyards, and gardens; and land occupied by buildings.

Cropland harvested for 1879 to 1919 was obtained by adding the acreages of the individual crops reported for these censuses.

Irrigation.—Irrigated land is defined as land watered by artificial means for agricultural purposes. These means included subirrigation as well as systems whereby water was applied to the ground surface, either directly or by sprinklers.

The irrigation inquiries on questionnaires for the 17 Western States in the conterminous United States, Louisiana, and Hawaii were more detailed than those for the eastern States. For the Western States, Louisiana, and Hawaii, data were obtained on number of acres irrigated, the acres of cropland irrigated, the acres of crops irrigated, the acres irrigated by sprinklers, and the source of irrigation water.

Data on irrigation in these States may be found in volume I, county table 1a, and in Volume III: "Irrigation of Agricultural Lands." Statistics on the irrigation enterprises which supplied irrigation water also will be found in volume III.

The questionnaire used in the 30 Eastern States contained only one inquiry regarding the total acres irrigated. Additional data for 1960 on irrigation in these 30 States appear in Volume V, Part 2: "Irrigation in Humid Areas."

Irrigated Farms.—These are farms with any land irrigated. The land in irrigated farms includes the entire acreage of land in these farms, whether irrigated or not.

Land Irrigated.—This relates only to that part of the land in farms to which water was applied during the year.

Soil-Conservation Practices.—In 1959, for the second time, the census of agriculture obtained information on soil-conservation practices.

Table 1.—ITEMS NEEDED TO OBTAIN COMPARABILITY OF DATA FOR EARLIER CENSUS YEARS WITH THOSE FOR 1959, FOR TOTAL CROPLAND, CROPLAND PASTURED, AND OTHER PASTURE (NOT CROPLAND AND NOT WOODLAND)

Census year	Most nearly comparable item, each Census (as shown in Table 5)		To obtain more complete comparability with 1959 the following adjustments would be needed	
	Item as shown in this report	United States total (acres)	Add ¹	Subtract ¹
CROPLAND, TOTAL				
1959...	Cropland, total.....	448,087,341	.....	.....
1954 ² ..	Cropland, total.....	459,648,961	.....	.....
1949...	Cropland, total.....	478,315,094	.....	.....
1944 ² ..	Cropland, other than cropland pasture not plowed within 7 years.	450,694,226	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	.....
1939...	Land available for crops.....	530,555,551	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured (except Alaska).
1934 ² ..	Land available for crops.....	513,913,969	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ..	Land available for crops.....	522,395,804	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ..	Land available for crops.....	505,027,400	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
CROPLAND PASTURED				
1959...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	65,516,598	.....	.....
1954 ² ..	Cropland used only for pasture.....	66,069,838	.....	.....
1949...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	69,487,805	.....	.....
1944 ² ..	Cropland used only for pasture plowed within 7 years.	47,449,184	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	.....
1939 ² ..	Flowable pasture.....	131,379,940	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1934 ² ..	Flowable pasture.....	98,579,038	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ..	Flowable pasture.....	109,159,914	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ..	Flowable pasture.....	113,567,498	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
OTHER PASTURE (NOT CROPLAND AND NOT WOODLAND)				
1959...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	466,224,802	.....	.....
1954 ² ..	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	459,878,925	.....	.....
1949...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	416,802,416	.....	.....
1944 ² ..	Other pasture not cropland plowed within 7 years and not woodland.	481,016,668	.....	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.
1939 ² ..	Other land; house lots, roads, wasteland, etc., and pasture other than plowable and woodland.	393,543,673	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.
1934 ² ..	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	311,225,652	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....
1929 ² ..	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	269,672,710	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....
1924 ² ..	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	217,687,145	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....

¹No Census data available for these items.
²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.