

GENERAL REPORT

Table 9.—NUMBER OF FARMS, ALL LAND IN FARMS, AND VALUE

[Data for values for 1959, 1954, and 1950 for the conterminous United

Region, division, and State	Number of farms						All land in farms								
	1959	1954	1950	Increase or decrease (-), 1954-1959		Acres	Increase or decrease (-), 1954-1959			Average acreage per farm					
				Number	Percent		Acres	Percent	1959	1954	1950	1959	1954	1950	
															1959
1 U. S.	3,710,503	NA	5,388,437	NA	NA	1,123,507,574	NA	1,161,419,727	NA	NA	302.8	NA	215.5		
2 Conterminous U.S.	3,703,894	4,782,426	5,382,162	-1,078,522	-22.6	1,120,157,789	1,158,191,511	1,158,565,852	-38,033,722	-3.3	305.4	242.2	215.3		
3 The North	1,715,441	2,043,092	2,268,066	-327,651	-16.0	421,439,668	434,476,967	440,827,903	-13,037,299	-3.0	242.7	212.7	194.4		
4 The South	1,645,949	2,316,607	2,652,423	-670,658	-29.0	357,448,086	386,289,000	393,215,174	-28,840,914	-7.5	217.2	166.7	148.2		
5 The West	349,113	467,948	467,948	NA	NA	344,619,820	NA	327,376,643	NA	NA	987.1	NA	699.6		
6 Conterminous area ..	342,504	422,717	461,673	-80,213	-19.0	341,270,035	337,425,544	324,522,775	3,844,491	1.1	996.4	798.2	702.9		
Geographic Divisions:															
7 New England	56,867	81,878	103,225	-25,011	-30.5	9,316,356	11,120,920	12,546,518	-1,804,564	-16.2	163.8	135.8	121.5		
8 Middle Atlantic	197,867	257,276	296,702	-59,409	-23.1	26,730,245	29,898,166	31,855,003	-3,167,921	-10.6	135.1	116.2	107.4		
9 Past North Central ..	666,189	798,690	885,404	-132,501	-16.6	103,385,833	108,596,915	112,097,670	-5,211,082	-4.8	155.2	136.0	126.6		
10 West North Central ..	794,518	905,248	982,735	-110,730	-12.2	282,007,234	284,860,966	284,328,712	-2,853,732	-1.0	354.9	314.7	289.3		
11 South Atlantic	592,153	858,971	958,998	-266,818	-31.1	83,339,043	98,258,904	102,170,327	-14,919,861	-15.2	140.7	114.4	106.5		
12 East South Central ..	562,604	789,507	913,002	-226,903	-28.7	68,284,953	77,201,608	79,575,708	-8,916,655	-11.5	121.4	97.8	87.2		
13 West South Central ..	491,192	668,129	780,423	-176,937	-26.5	205,824,090	210,828,488	211,469,139	-5,004,398	-2.4	419.0	315.6	271.0		
14 Mountain	149,080	180,026	194,858	-30,946	-17.2	264,428,817	260,941,995	250,212,556	3,486,822	1.3	1,773.7	1,449.5	1,284.1		
15 Pacific	200,033	NA	273,090	NA	NA	80,191,003	NA	77,164,087	NA	NA	400.9	NA	282.6		
16 Conterminous area ..	193,424	242,691	266,815	-49,267	-20.3	76,841,218	76,483,549	74,310,219	357,669	0.5	397.3	315.1	278.5		
New England:															
17 Maine	17,360	23,368	30,358	-6,008	-25.7	3,081,987	3,614,242	4,181,613	-532,255	-14.7	177.5	154.7	137.7		
18 New Hampshire	6,542	10,411	13,391	-3,869	-37.2	1,124,312	1,457,293	1,713,731	-332,981	-22.8	171.9	140.0	128.0		
19 Vermont	12,099	15,981	19,043	-3,882	-24.3	2,945,343	3,317,737	3,527,381	-372,394	-11.2	243.4	207.6	185.2		
20 Massachusetts	11,179	17,361	22,220	-6,182	-35.6	1,142,341	1,439,080	1,660,389	-296,739	-20.6	102.2	82.9	74.7		
21 Rhode Island	1,395	2,004	2,598	-609	-30.4	137,930	154,674	191,052	-16,744	-10.8	98.9	77.2	73.5		
22 Connecticut	8,292	12,753	15,615	-4,461	-35.0	884,443	1,137,894	1,272,352	-253,451	-22.3	106.7	89.2	81.5		
Middle Atlantic:															
23 New York	82,356	105,714	124,977	-23,598	-22.1	13,489,516	15,070,832	16,016,721	-1,581,316	-10.5	163.8	142.6	128.2		
24 New Jersey	15,459	22,686	24,838	-7,227	-31.9	1,379,002	1,665,241	1,725,441	-286,239	-17.2	89.2	73.4	69.5		
25 Pennsylvania	100,052	128,876	146,887	-28,824	-22.4	11,861,727	13,162,093	14,112,841	-1,300,366	-9.9	118.6	102.1	96.1		
East North Central:															
26 Ohio	140,353	177,074	199,359	-36,721	-20.7	18,506,796	19,991,586	20,969,411	-1,484,790	-7.4	131.9	112.9	105.2		
27 Indiana	128,160	153,593	166,627	-25,433	-16.6	18,613,046	19,232,774	19,658,677	-619,728	-3.2	145.2	125.2	118.0		
28 Illinois	154,644	175,543	195,268	-20,899	-11.9	30,327,261	30,398,517	30,978,495	-71,256	-0.2	196.1	173.2	158.6		
29 Michigan	111,817	138,922	155,589	-27,105	-19.5	14,782,507	16,466,750	17,269,992	-1,684,243	-10.2	132.2	118.5	111.0		
30 Wisconsin	131,215	153,598	168,561	-22,343	-14.6	21,156,223	22,507,288	23,221,095	-1,351,065	-6.0	161.2	146.6	137.8		
West North Central:															
31 Minnesota	145,662	165,225	179,101	-19,563	-11.8	30,796,097	32,284,539	32,883,163	-1,488,442	-4.6	211.4	195.4	183.6		
32 Iowa	174,707	192,933	203,159	-18,226	-9.4	33,830,920	34,044,533	34,264,639	-213,583	-0.6	193.6	176.5	168.7		
33 Missouri	168,672	201,614	230,045	-32,942	-16.3	33,155,256	34,195,379	35,123,143	-1,040,153	-3.0	196.6	169.6	152.7		
34 North Dakota	54,928	61,943	65,401	-7,015	-11.3	41,465,717	41,876,924	41,194,044	-411,207	-1.0	754.9	676.1	629.9		
35 South Dakota	55,727	62,520	66,452	-6,793	-10.9	44,850,666	44,949,473	44,785,529	-98,807	-0.2	804.8	719.0	674.0		
36 Nebraska	90,475	100,846	107,183	-10,371	-10.3	47,755,708	47,486,580	47,466,828	269,128	0.6	527.8	470.9	442.9		
37 Kansas	104,347	131,394	131,394	-15,820	-13.2	50,152,870	50,023,538	48,611,366	129,332	0.3	480.6	416.3	370.0		
South Atlantic:															
38 Delaware	5,208	6,297	7,448	-1,089	-17.3	762,526	814,316	851,291	-51,790	-6.4	146.4	129.3	114.3		
39 Maryland	25,122	32,500	36,107	-7,378	-22.7	3,456,769	3,896,608	4,055,529	-439,839	-11.3	137.6	119.9	112.3		
40 District of Columbia ..	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,265	NA	NA	NA	NA	45.2		
41 Virginia	97,623	136,416	150,997	-38,793	-28.4	13,125,802	14,685,964	15,572,295	-1,560,162	-10.6	134.5	107.7	103.1		
42 West Virginia	44,011	68,583	81,434	-24,572	-35.8	6,062,594	7,351,874	8,214,626	-1,289,280	-17.5	137.8	107.2	100.9		
43 North Carolina	190,567	267,906	288,508	-77,339	-28.9	15,887,724	18,260,346	19,317,937	-2,372,622	-13.0	83.4	68.2	67.0		
44 South Carolina	78,172	124,203	139,364	-46,031	-37.1	9,149,492	11,069,348	11,878,793	-1,919,856	-17.3	117.0	89.1	85.2		
45 Georgia	106,350	165,523	198,191	-59,173	-35.7	19,657,615	24,018,773	25,751,055	-4,361,158	-18.2	184.8	145.1	129.9		
46 Florida	45,100	57,543	56,921	-12,443	-21.6	15,236,521	18,161,675	16,527,536	-2,925,154	-16.1	337.8	315.6	290.4		
East South Central:															
47 Kentucky	150,986	193,487	218,476	-42,501	-22.0	17,030,675	18,034,380	19,441,774	-1,003,705	-5.6	112.8	93.2	89.0		
48 Tennessee	157,688	203,149	231,631	-45,461	-22.4	16,081,285	17,654,324	18,534,380	-1,573,039	-8.9	102.0	86.9	80.0		
49 Alabama	115,788	176,956	211,512	-61,168	-34.6	16,542,730	20,810,492	20,888,784	-4,267,762	-20.5	142.9	117.6	98.8		
50 Mississippi	138,142	215,915	251,383	-77,773	-36.0	18,630,263	20,702,412	20,710,770	-2,072,149	-10.0	134.9	95.9	82.4		
West South Central:															
51 Arkansas	95,007	145,076	182,429	-50,069	-34.5	16,458,515	17,944,367	18,871,244	-1,485,852	-8.3	173.2	123.7	103.4		
52 Louisiana	74,438	111,127	124,181	-36,689	-33.0	10,347,328	11,441,343	11,202,278	-1,094,015	-9.6	139.0	103.0	90.2		
53 Oklahoma	94,676	118,979	142,246	-24,303	-20.4	35,800,688	35,630,045	36,006,603	-370,643	0.5	378.1	299.5	253.1		
54 Texas	227,071	292,947	331,567	-65,876	-22.5	143,217,559	145,812,733	145,389,014	-2,595,174	-1.8	630.7	497.7	438.5		
Mountain:															
55 Montana	28,959	33,061	35,085	-4,102	-12.4	64,081,391	61,468,903	59,247,434	2,612,488	4.3	2,212.8	1,859.3	1,688.7		
56 Idaho	33,670	38,740	40,284	-5,070	-13.1	15,232,401	14,364,471	13,224,192	867,930	6.0	452.4	370.8	328.3		
57 Wyoming	9,744	11,402	12,614	-1,658	-14.5	36,199,668	34,989,064	34,420,892	1,210,602	3.5	3,715.1	3,068.7	2,728.8		
58 Colorado	33,390	40,749	45,578	-7,359	-18.1	38,787,312	38,385,234	37,953,099	402,078	1.0	1,161.6	942.0	832.7		
59 New Mexico	15,919	21,070	23,599	-5,151	-24.4	46,293,207	49,450,885	47,521,809	-3,157,676	-6.4	2,908.0	2,347.0	2,013.7		
60 Arizona	7,233	9,321	10,412	-2,088	-22.4	40,203,386	41,789,946	39,916,440	-1,586,560	-3.8	5,558.3	4,483.4	3,833.7		
61 Utah	17,811	22,826	24,176	-5,015	-22.0	12,688,518	12,262,222	10,865,165	426,296	3.5	712.4	537.2	449.4		
62 Nevada	2,354	2,857	3,110	-503	-17.6	10,942,936	8,231,270	7,063,525	2,711,666	32.9	4,648.7	2,881.1	2,271.2		
Pacific:															
63 Washington	51,577	65,175	69,820	-13,598	-20.9	18,716,972	17,641,429	17,369,245	1,075,543	6.1	362.9	270.7	248.8		
64 Oregon	42,573	54,441	59,827	-11,868	-21.8	21,236,298	21,047,340	20,327,683	188,958	0.9	498.8	386.6	339.8		
65 California	99,274	123,075	137,168	-23,801	-19.3	36,887,948	37,794,780	36,313,291	-906,832	-2.4	371.6	307.1	266.9		

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

OF FARMS, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1959, 1954, AND 1950

States are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.

Value of farms (land and buildings)												Approximate land area			Percent distribution 1959						
Amount ¹ (dollars)			Average per farm (dollars) ²			Average per acre ² (dollars)			Percent of farms reporting value		Percent of land in farms for which value was reported		Acres, 1959	Percent in farms			Number of farms	Ap- prox- imate land area	Land in farms		
1959	1954	1950	1959	1954	1950	1959	1954	1950	1959	1954	1959	1954		1959	1954	1950					
NA	NA	75,462,427,000	NA	NA	14,005	NA	NA	64.97	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,271,343,360	49.5	NA	51.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	1	
128,987,659,000	97,582,918,000	75,260,606,000	34,825	20,405	13,983	115.15	84.25	64.96	81	81	74	78	1,901,756,160	58.9	60.8	60.9	99.8	83.7	99.7	2	
61,761,140,000	48,025,056,000	38,455,289,000	36,003	23,506	16,955	146.55	110.54	87.23	82	81	83	84	587,569,920	71.7	73.9	74.9	46.2	25.9	37.5	3	
39,011,497,000	29,549,362,000	22,955,349,000	23,702	12,755	8,654	109.14	76.50	58.38	80	80	73	77	561,238,400	63.7	68.7	69.9	44.4	24.7	31.8	4	
NA	NA	14,051,789,000	NA	NA	30,029	NA	NA	42.92	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,122,535,040	30.7	NA	29.2	9.4	49.4	30.7	5	
28,215,022,000	20,008,500,000	13,849,968,000	82,379	47,334	30,000	82.68	59.30	42.68	83	86	63	72	752,947,840	45.3	44.8	43.1	9.2	33.1	30.4	6	
1,413,724,000	1,252,984,000	1,222,057,000	24,860	15,303	11,839	151.75	112.67	97.40	88	83	88	82	40,400,640	23.1	27.5	31.0	1.5	1.8	0.8	7	
4,878,817,000	4,156,470,000	3,485,485,000	24,657	16,156	11,747	182.52	139.02	109.42	83	82	81	81	64,298,880	41.6	46.5	49.5	5.3	2.8	2.4	8	
24,736,800,000	18,942,277,000	14,703,512,000	37,132	23,717	16,607	239.27	174.43	131.17	80	79	81	80	156,679,040	66.0	69.3	71.5	18.0	6.9	9.2	9	
30,731,799,000	23,673,325,000	19,044,235,000	38,680	26,151	19,379	108.98	83.10	66.98	83	83	83	86	326,191,360	86.5	87.2	87.0	21.4	14.4	25.1	10	
12,832,354,000	9,554,724,000	7,159,765,000	21,671	11,123	7,466	153.98	97.24	70.08	80	80	73	73	171,324,800	48.6	57.3	59.6	16.0	7.5	7.4	11	
7,854,913,000	6,086,280,000	5,169,088,000	13,962	7,709	5,662	115.03	78.84	64.96	77	77	71	71	115,141,120	59.3	67.0	69.1	15.2	5.1	6.1	12	
18,324,230,000	13,908,348,000	10,626,496,000	37,306	20,817	13,616	89.03	65.97	50.25	82	84	74	81	274,772,480	74.9	76.5	76.8	13.2	12.1	18.3	13	
10,877,967,000	7,775,495,000	5,513,393,000	72,967	43,191	28,294	41.14	29.80	22.03	82	85	62	71	548,448,640	48.2	47.6	45.6	4.0	24.1	23.5	14	
NA	NA	8,538,396,000	NA	NA	31,266	NA	NA	110.65	NA	NA	NA	NA	574,086,400	14.0	NA	NA	5.4	25.3	7.1	15	
17,337,055,000	12,233,005,000	8,336,575,000	89,632	50,406	31,245	225.62	159.94	112.19	85	87	67	76	204,499,200	37.6	37.4	36.3	5.2	9.0	6.8	16	
256,157,000	219,464,000	226,518,000	14,756	9,392	7,462	83.11	60.72	54.17	88	87	87	87	19,847,680	15.5	18.2	21.0	0.5	0.9	0.3	17	
118,058,000	124,820,000	124,845,000	18,046	11,989	9,323	105.00	85.65	72.85	84	83	82	83	5,768,960	19.5	25.3	29.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	18	
240,003,000	202,356,000	196,405,000	19,837	12,662	10,314	81.49	60.99	55.68	94	87	95	86	5,936,640	49.6	55.9	59.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	19	
354,285,000	322,077,000	314,710,000	31,692	18,552	14,163	310.14	223.81	189.54	85	79	82	72	5,034,880	22.7	28.6	33.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	20	
52,411,000	53,056,000	44,328,000	37,571	26,475	17,062	379.98	343.02	232.02	82	75	66	68	677,120	20.4	22.8	28.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	21	
392,810,000	331,211,000	315,251,000	47,372	25,971	20,189	444.13	291.07	247.77	86	77	83	71	3,135,360	28.2	36.3	40.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	22	
1,971,252,000	1,674,909,000	1,467,452,000	23,936	15,844	11,742	146.13	111.14	91.62	85	81	83	80	30,680,960	44.0	49.1	52.2	2.2	1.4	1.2	23	
717,251,000	672,307,000	505,278,000	46,397	29,635	20,343	520.12	403.73	292.84	76	83	67	78	4,813,440	28.6	34.6	35.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	24	
2,190,314,000	1,809,254,000	1,512,755,000	21,892	14,039	10,299	184.65	137.46	107.19	83	84	81	82	28,804,480	41.2	45.7	49.0	2.7	1.3	1.1	25	
4,573,139,000	3,707,415,000	2,858,969,000	32,583	20,937	14,341	247.11	185.45	136.34	77	77	78	77	26,222,080	70.6	76.2	79.9	3.8	1.2	1.6	26	
4,932,749,000	3,732,730,000	2,691,273,000	38,489	24,303	16,151	265.02	194.08	136.90	78	76	80	79	23,158,400	80.4	83.0	84.8	3.5	1.0	1.7	27	
9,579,602,000	7,036,269,000	5,394,905,000	61,946	40,083	27,628	315.87	231.47	174.15	80	77	81	79	35,795,200	84.7	84.9	86.5	4.2	1.6	2.7	28	
2,855,261,000	2,194,903,000	1,701,440,000	25,535	15,800	10,935	193.15	133.29	98.52	79	79	79	79	36,492,160	40.5	45.1	47.3	3.0	1.6	1.3	29	
2,796,049,000	2,270,960,000	2,056,925,000	21,309	14,789	12,203	132.16	100.90	88.58	98	85	88	86	35,011,200	60.4	64.3	66.3	3.5	1.5	1.9	30	
4,749,296,000	3,478,232,000	2,777,312,000	32,605	21,051	15,507	154.22	107.74	84.46	88	85	89	87	51,205,760	60.1	63.0	64.2	3.9	2.3	2.7	31	
8,586,924,000	6,769,927,000	5,506,670,000	49,150	35,090	27,105	233.82	198.86	160.71	84	83	86	85	35,860,480	94.3	94.9	95.5	4.7	1.6	3.0	32	
3,726,715,000	2,785,371,000	2,235,939,000	22,094	13,815	9,720	112.40	81.45	63.66	80	80	80	80	44,248,320	74.9	77.2	79.3	4.5	1.9	3.0	33	
2,140,991,000	1,493,427,000	1,188,860,000	38,978	24,110	18,178	51.63	35.66	28.86	90	89	91	90	44,452,480	93.3	93.4	91.9	1.5	2.0	3.7	34	
2,276,544,000	1,766,980,000	1,401,787,000	40,852	28,263	21,095	50.76	39.31	31.30	84	85	83	87	48,881,920	91.8	91.8	91.4	1.5	2.2	4.0	35	
4,233,856,000	3,399,827,000	2,735,039,000	46,796	33,713	25,517	88.66	71.60	57.62	78	83	80	85	49,031,680	97.4	96.8	96.7	2.4	2.2	4.3	36	
5,017,473,000	3,979,561,000	3,198,628,000	48,084	33,117	24,344	100.04	79.55	65.80	77	81	78	85	52,510,720	95.5	95.2	92.5	2.8	2.3	4.5	37	
179,943,000	127,746,000	97,141,000	34,551	20,287	13,043	235.98	156.88	114.11	71	72	64	68	1,265,920	60.2	64.3	67.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	38	
982,152,000	690,876,000	507,225,000	39,095	21,258	14,048	284.12	177.30	125.07	78	79	75	76	6,319,360	54.7	61.6	64.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	39	
NA	NA	4,666,000	NA	NA	166,643	NA	NA	3,888.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	39,040	NA	NA	3.2	NA	(2)	NA	NA	40
1,819,248,000	1,550,959,000	1,277,084,000	18,635	11,369	8,438	138.60	105.61	82.01	82	78	79	78	25,496,320	51.5	57.5	61.0	2.6	1.1	1.2	41	
450,246,000	497,066,000	487,209,000	10,230	7,248	5,983	74.27	67.61	59.31	89	86	85	84	15,410,560	39.3	47.7	53.3	1.2	0.7	0.5	42	
2,948,972,000	2,346,338,000	1,905,714,000	15,475	8,758	6,605	185.61	128.49	98.65	78	79	71	73	31,402,880	50.6	58.1	61.5	5.1	1.4	1.4	43	
1,226,146,000	964,994,000	820,349,000	15,685	7,769	5,886	134.01	87.18	69.06	77	80	69	69	19,374,080	47.2	57.1	61.2	2.1	0.9	0.8	44	
1,908,362,000	1,441,753,000	1,114,506,000	17,944	8,710	5,623	97.08	60.03	43.28	77	80	69	71	37,295,360	52.7	64.2	68.8	2.9	1.6	1.7	45	
3,317,285,000	1,935,002,000	945,871,000	73,554	33,627	16,617	217.72	106.54	57.23	87	84	72	66	34,721,280	43.9	52.3	47.6	1.2	1.5	1.4	46	
2,305,473,000	1,722,034,000	1,572,256,000	15,269	8,900	7,196	135.37	95.49	80.87	76	74	72	70	25,512,320	66.8	70.7	76.2	4.1	1.1	1.5	47	
2,095,354,000	1,635,096,000	1,431,966,000	13,288	8,049	6,182	130.30	92.62	77.26	76	77	71	72	26,727,680	60.2	66.0	69.3	4.2	1.2	1.4	48	
1,479,820,000	1,206,218,000	1,017,07																			