

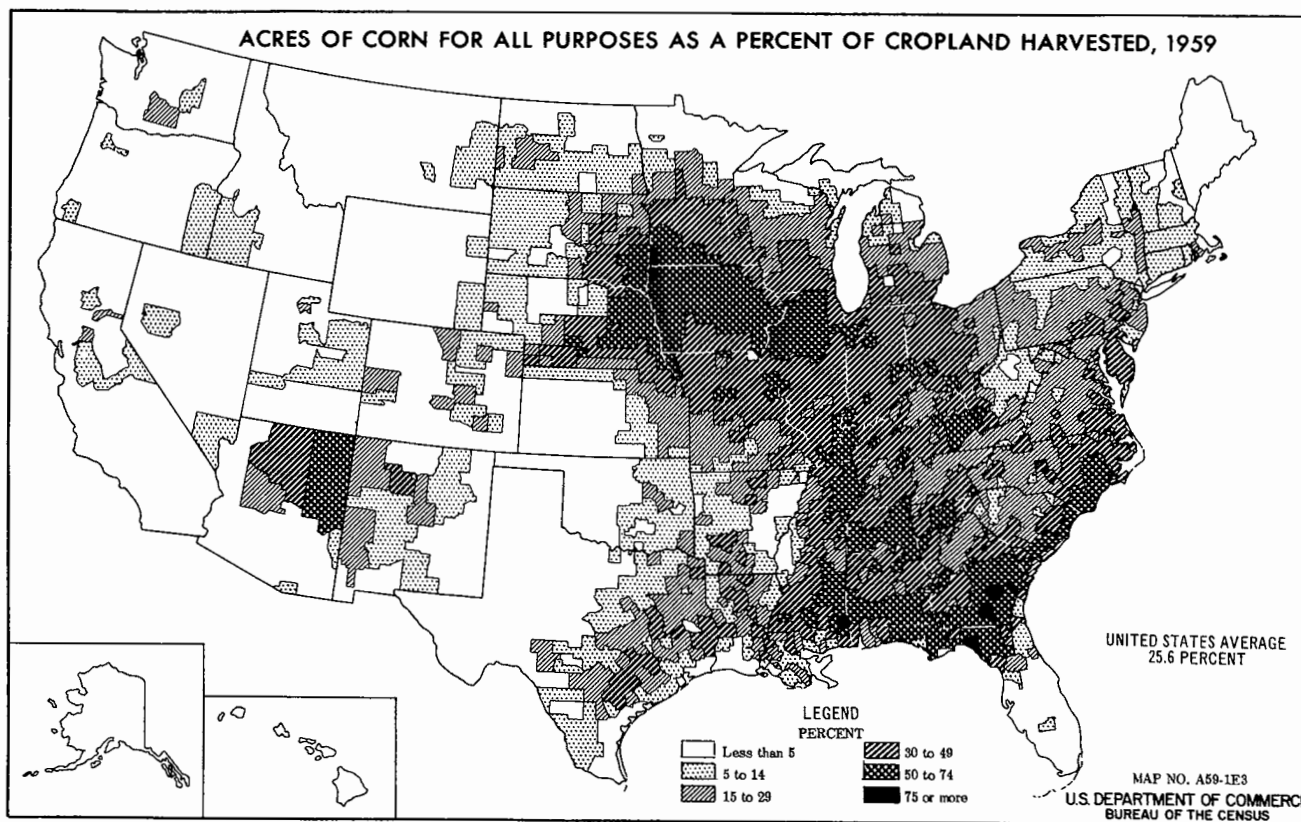
harvested from a 3-acre field during 1959, the enumerator was instructed to report six acres as harvested. Likewise, if the same land was used for one or more vegetable crops followed by a field crop, the land was to be reported for both the vegetable crop and the field crop.

The value of vegetables sold was obtained for all the vegetables harvested for sale for each farm, but not for each vegetable crop harvested. In Alaska and Hawaii, the value of sales for each vegetable crop was enumerated.

Acreage and Production of Principal Crops.—In 1959, more than 308 million acres of field crops other than vegetables, small fruits and berries, and fruit and nut crops were reported as harvested. The total value of all field crops harvested was \$16.1 billion. Field crops accounted for 94 percent of the value of all crops harvested in 1959. However, only 19 field crops accounted for as much as one-half of 1 percent of the total value of all field crops harvested and value of production of these 19 field crops accounted for 97 percent of the value of all field crops harvested in 1959. The acreage of these 19 field crops represented 86 percent of the acreage of cropland harvested in 1959.

VALUE OF PRODUCTION FOR PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS: 1959

| Item | Percent of all farms | Acres harvested as a percent of cropland harvested | Total value of production | | |
|--|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | Total (millions of dollars) | Percent of value of all field crops harvested | Average per farm reporting (dollars) |
| All field crops..... | NA | 98.9 | 16,084 | 100.0 | NA |
| Corn for all purposes..... | 57.8 | 25.6 | 4,384 | 27.3 | 2,045 |
| Cotton..... | 13.7 | 4.7 | 2,343 | 14.6 | 4,598 |
| Wheat..... | 25.1 | 15.9 | 1,872 | 11.6 | 2,010 |
| Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures cut for hay..... | 26.2 | 8.4 | 1,270 | 7.9 | 1,309 |
| Soybeans for all purposes..... | 15.6 | 7.3 | 1,036 | 6.4 | 1,791 |
| Tobacco..... | 11.2 | 0.4 | 948 | 5.9 | 2,274 |
| Oats for grain..... | 27.7 | 8.5 | 639 | 4.0 | 622 |
| Sorghums for all purposes..... | 8.9 | 5.8 | 577 | 3.6 | 1,756 |
| Irish potatoes..... | 18.5 | 0.4 | 480 | 3.0 | 700 |
| Clover, timothy, and mixtures of clover and grasses cut for hay..... | 17.3 | 4.5 | 437 | 2.7 | 682 |
| Barley..... | 7.8 | 4.6 | 343 | 2.1 | 1,183 |
| Rice..... | 0.3 | 0.5 | 249 | 1.6 | 23,876 |
| Sugar beets for sugar..... | 0.6 | 0.3 | 187 | 1.2 | 7,890 |
| Wild hay..... | 5.1 | 3.4 | 144 | 0.9 | 765 |
| Peanuts for all purposes..... | 2.8 | 0.5 | 141 | 0.9 | 1,351 |
| Dry field and seed beans..... | 0.9 | 0.5 | 138 | 0.9 | 3,978 |
| Sugarcane for sugar..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 121 | 0.8 | 39,410 |
| Other hay..... | 6.7 | 1.6 | 119 | 0.7 | 476 |
| Lespedeza hay..... | 6.7 | 1.0 | 80 | 0.5 | 324 |



Corn is the most important crop grown in the United States. It was grown in 1959 on almost three-fifths of all farms; its acreage was equivalent to more than one-fourth of the acreage of land from which crops were harvested. Corn production is concentrated in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. More than

70 percent of the corn acreage and nearly 80 percent of the corn produced in 1959 was concentrated in the nine States of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri, and South Dakota.