



Rice, the twelfth leading field crop, accounted for 1.6 percent of the value of all field crops harvested in 1959. The acreage of rice harvested represented only one-half of 1 percent of the acreage of cropland harvested. All rice harvested was grown on irrigated land. Rice was produced only in five States: California, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

The acreage of rice harvested in 1959 was 35 percent less than the acreage in 1954 and 9 percent less than the acreage harvested in 1949. The number of farms producing rice has been between 10,000 and 12,000 during the last four censuses.

The thirteenth most important field crop was sugar beets. Sugar beets for sugar accounted for 1.2 percent of the value of