



all field crops harvested and the acreage of sugar beets was equivalent to 0.3 percent of the acreage of cropland harvested in 1959. Over 76.8 percent of the acreage of sugar beets was irrigated in 1959. Sugar beet production is localized around processing factories. Nearly two-thirds of the acreage harvested was in the five States of California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, and Michigan.

For the last four censuses, the number of farms reporting sugar beets has varied from 23,000 to 31,000. The 1959 acreage was 5.5 percent greater than that of 1954, and 37.8 percent greater than that of 1949.

The peanut crop was the fifteenth most important field crop in 1959. It represented 0.9 percent of the value of all field crops harvested. Peanuts were an important cash crop in southeastern

