

FIELD CROPS AND VEGETABLES

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Table 1.—ALL CROPS—ACREAGE AND VALUE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1879 TO 1959

[The first agricultural census was in 1840. Total acreage of crops not secured prior to 1879, and total value of crops not secured prior to 1899. Totals do not include figures for Alaska and Hawaii for 1954, 1944, 1934, and 1924.]

Item and year	Acreage		Value (dollars)		
	Total	Percent of 1959	Total	Percent of 1959	Average per acre
Cropland harvested.....					
1959...	311,476,141	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
1954...	332,870,479	106.9	xxx	xxx	xxx
1949...	344,564,497	110.6	xxx	xxx	xxx
1944...	352,865,765	113.3	xxx	xxx	xxx
1939...	321,434,288	103.2	xxx	xxx	xxx
1934...	295,624,176	94.9	xxx	xxx	xxx
1929...	359,242,091	115.3	xxx	xxx	xxx
1924...	344,549,267	110.6	xxx	xxx	xxx
1919 ¹ ...	348,603,729	111.9	xxx	xxx	xxx
All crops, except forest products ²					
1959...	316,261,811	100.0	18,845,552,181	100.0	59.59
1954...	338,026,899	106.9	18,679,518,631	99.1	55.26
1949...	351,068,653	111.0	16,302,166,338	86.5	46.44
1944 ³ ...	353,354,773	111.7	14,439,930,636	76.6	40.87
1939...	324,397,155	102.6	5,741,582,606	30.5	17.70
1934...	298,642,348	94.4	4,479,015,137	23.8	15.00
1929...	362,103,278	114.5	8,224,196,401	43.6	22.71
1924...	NA	NA	7,472,534,858	39.7	NA
1919...	348,497,441	110.2	14,691,370,722	78.0	42.16
1909...	311,223,207	98.4	5,316,592,329	28.2	17.08
1899...	NA	NA	2,908,057,358	15.4	NA
1889...	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1879...	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field crops ⁴					
1959...	308,187,020	100.0	16,083,564,341	100.0	52.19
1954...	329,858,370	107.0	16,376,278,716	101.8	49.65
1949...	342,048,072	111.0	14,321,684,091	89.0	41.87
1944 ³ ...	343,797,961	111.6	11,891,732,143	73.9	34.59
1939...	315,808,108	102.5	4,798,873,022	29.8	15.20
1934...	288,420,991	93.6	5,949,725,135	24.6	13.69
1929...	352,816,244	114.5	6,900,096,145	42.9	19.56
1919 ⁶ ...	347,016,195	112.6	13,316,235,491	82.8	38.37
1909...	310,112,964	100.6	4,970,723,451	30.9	16.03
1899...	282,918,226	91.8	2,744,974,924	17.1	9.70
Vegetables ⁷					
1959...	⁸ 3,490,763	100.0	⁸ 739,626,458	100.0	211.88
1954...	⁸ 3,739,994	107.1	⁸ 645,095,047	87.2	172.49
1949...	⁸ 3,869,732	110.9	⁸ 609,791,764	82.4	157.58
1944 ³ ...	4,370,281	125.2	1,032,626,099	139.6	236.28
1939...	3,056,500	87.6	411,558,394	55.6	134.65
1934...	3,773,682	108.1	⁹ 137,029,114	18.5	36.31
1929...	2,814,132	80.6	522,660,892	70.7	185.73
1919...	1,426,053	40.9	535,048,617	72.3	375.20
1909...	⁸ 1,011,374	29.0	⁸ 66,160,708	8.9	65.42
Fruits and nuts ¹⁰					
1959...	4,311,496	100.0	1,407,023,301	100.0	326.34
1954...	4,193,443	97.3	1,204,491,196	85.6	287.23
1949...	4,942,361	114.6	977,244,708	69.5	197.73
1944...	5,186,531	120.3	1,284,313,441	91.3	247.62
1939...	5,374,730	124.7	401,316,865	28.5	74.67
1934...	6,447,675	149.5	392,260,888	27.9	60.84
1929...	6,472,902	150.1	655,706,389	46.6	101.30
1919...	NA	NA	733,932,556	52.2	NA
1909...	NA	NA	222,370,361	15.8	NA
1899...	NA	NA	133,373,678	9.5	NA
Horticultural specialties.....					
1959...	272,532	100.0	615,338,081	100.0	2,257.86
1954...	235,092	86.3	453,653,672	73.7	1,929.69
1949...	208,488	76.5	393,445,775	63.9	1,887.14
1944...	NA	NA	231,258,953	37.6	NA
1939...	157,817	57.9	129,834,325	21.1	822.69
1934...	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1929...	NA	NA	145,732,975	23.7	NA
1919...	55,193	20.3	106,154,058	17.3	1,923.32
1909...	98,869	36.3	57,337,809	9.3	579.94
1899...	68,799	25.2	29,708,756	4.8	431.82

NA Not available.

¹For Census of 1930 and for Census of 1920, cropland harvested was obtained by adding the acres of individual crops harvested. See note 6.

²Total acreage of crops harvested for which figures are available. Includes any acreage of alfalfa seed and clover and grass seeds harvested from land from which hay was cut.

³Total for specified crops.

⁴Irish and sweet potatoes included with "Field crops," not with "Vegetables."

⁵Only strawberries included in small fruits; other small fruits included in field crops.

⁶14,502,932 acres of corn cut for fodder were excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain. The value of this fodder, \$206,934,650 was also excluded.

⁷Irish and sweet potatoes included with "Field crops," not with "Vegetables." Acres of vegetables represent vegetables harvested for sale only; acreage in farm gardens not available. Value includes both vegetables for home use and for sale, except as noted.

⁸Vegetables harvested for sale.

⁹Farm garden vegetables for home use only.

¹⁰For 1959 and 1954 does not include data for farms with less than 20 trees and grapevines; for 1949 does not include acreage for farms reporting less than 1/2 acre. See text.