

# Chapter VIII.—FRUITS AND NUTS, HORTICULTURAL SPECIALTY CROPS, FOREST PRODUCTS

**Introduction.**—This chapter presents information for fruits and nuts, including berries and small fruits; horticultural specialty crops (nursery and greenhouse products, etc.); and forest products for the 1959 census, together with comparable data from prior censuses when available.

Data for each crop usually include the number of farms on which the crop was harvested, the acreage harvested or the number of trees and vines, the quantity harvested, and the value of both the quantity harvested and the quantity sold. No information on quantity harvested is given for horticultural specialty crops.

In the case of forest products data were obtained regarding the quantity cut as well as the quantity sold for the principal forest products. Data on miscellaneous forest products were limited to the receipts from the sale of such products.

**Source of Data.**—The data presented are from the 1959 Census of Agriculture with comparative data for earlier censuses. The totals for farms reporting, acres harvested, and quantity harvested represent a summation of the replies to inquiries on questionnaires for all farms in the United States. Some of the data on the number of farms reporting by number of trees or by quantity harvested were obtained by tabulating data for a sample of approximately 20 percent of the farms. A headnote to the table indicates when the data are estimates based upon reports for only a sample of farms. A description of the sampling procedure together with the tables showing the reliability of estimates based upon data for a sample of farms appear on pages XVIII-XXIII of the Introduction.

The Introduction to this volume also contains a description of (a) the procedures used in the enumeration, (b) the methods used in processing statistics, and (c) definitions and explanations.

**Presentation of Statistics.**—Statistics are presented as totals for the United States, for the conterminous United States (Alaska and Hawaii excluded), for major geographic areas, and for each of the 50 States. An outline map showing the States, geographic divisions, and regions appears in the Introduction. Averages, percentages, and other derived data are provided as aids in using and analyzing the statistics. Graphic presentation of the data through the use of maps supplements the tabular presentation.

Statistics for the United States include available comparable data from previous censuses for all items, whereas, for regions, divisions, and States, comparable data are confined to selected items and selected census years.

Any lack of comparability due to changes in wording of the inquiries and in definitions or in procedures followed in collecting data is explained in the text or by means of headnotes and footnotes to the tables.

For the more important crops or widely grown crops, both current and historical data by States have been included in the tables. As a rule, for each of the various crops, the table containing current data shows farms reporting, acreage or number of trees, quantity harvested, and value for the censuses of 1959 and 1954. This table is followed by a table which shows farms reporting, acreage or number of trees, and quantity harvested for several censuses. Because of space limitations no data are shown

for years prior to 1940. Historical State data for census years from 1920 to 1940 can be obtained from the general reports of prior censuses and from State table 8, volume I, of the reports of the 1959 Census of Agriculture.

For minor crops, data are presented only for the last census and are not presented by States.

For some crops, separate data have not been obtained for every State for each census. Totals are presented only for the specified States for which data are available. In most cases, these totals are approximate summations for the United States or for regions.

Table 1.—FRUITS AND NUTS—FARMS REPORTING, ACREAGE,  
AND VALUE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1840 TO 1959

[The first agriculture census was taken in 1840. Data for Alaska and Hawaii, first obtained in 1900 and since then obtained only in decennial enumerations, are included when available.]

Item and year	Farms reporting	Acreage		Value (dollars)		
		Total	Percent of 1959	Total	Percent of 1959	Average per acre
Fruits and nuts, total.....						
1959.....	NA	14,311,496	100.0	11,407,023,301	100.0	326.34
1954.....	NA	14,193,443	97.3	11,204,491,196	85.6	287.23
1949.....	NA	14,942,361	114.6	2,977,244,708	69.5	197.73
1944.....	NA	5,186,531	120.3	1,284,313,441	91.3	247.62
1939.....	NA	5,374,730	124.7	401,316,865	28.5	74.67
1934.....	NA	6,447,675	149.5	392,260,888	27.9	60.84
1929.....	NA	6,472,902	150.1	655,706,389	46.6	101.30
1919.....	NA	NA	NA	733,932,556	52.2	NA
1909.....	NA	NA	NA	222,370,361	15.8	NA
1899.....	NA	NA	NA	133,373,678	9.5	NA
Berries and small fruits <sup>3</sup> .....						
1959.....	NA	191,670	100.0	112,130,644	100.0	585.02
1954.....	NA	190,017	99.1	100,119,751	89.3	526.90
1949.....	NA	218,416	114.0	279,398,194	70.8	363.52
1944.....	NA	185,975	97.0	47,013,343	41.9	252.79
1939.....	351,707	322,314	168.2	47,456,895	42.3	147.24
1934.....	198,977	226,996	xxx	22,717,391	xxx	100.08
1929.....	NA	386,726	201.8	63,810,720	56.9	165.00
1919.....	545,856	249,117	130.0	61,741,539	55.1	247.84
1909.....	NA	272,480	142.2	29,978,197	26.7	110.02
1899.....	NA	309,780	161.6	25,030,877	22.3	80.80
Tree fruits, nuts, grapes, and coffee <sup>4</sup> .....						
1959.....	1319,461	14,119,826	100.0	11,294,892,657	100.0	314.31
1954.....	424,747	14,003,426	97.2	11,104,371,445	85.3	275.86
1949.....	12,222,828	14,723,945	114.7	2,897,846,514	69.3	190.06
1944.....	NA	5,000,556	121.4	1,237,300,098	95.6	247.43
1939.....	2,504,804	5,052,416	122.6	353,859,970	27.3	70.04
1934.....	2,041,318	6,220,679	151.0	7369,543,497	28.5	59.41
1929.....	2,751,018	6,086,176	147.7	591,895,669	45.7	97.25
1919.....	NA	NA	NA	672,191,017	51.9	NA
1909.....	NA	NA	NA	192,392,164	14.9	NA
1899.....	NA	NA	NA	108,342,801	8.4	NA
1879.....	NA	NA	NA	50,876,154	3.9	NA
1869.....	NA	NA	NA	47,335,189	3.7	NA
1859.....	NA	NA	NA	19,991,885	1.5	NA
1849.....	NA	NA	NA	7,723,186	0.6	NA
1839.....	NA	NA	NA	7,256,904	0.6	NA

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>For 1959 and 1954, totals do not include data for farms with less than 20 total trees and grapevines; for 1949, do not include fruit and nut acreage on farms with less than 1/2 acre of fruit orchards, groves, vineyards, and planted nut trees.

<sup>2</sup>Value for Alaska not available.

<sup>3</sup>For 1959, 1954, and 1949, harvested for sale only; for other years, all acreage harvested.

<sup>4</sup>Totals are for States for which separate inquiries were on the questionnaire.

<sup>5</sup>Data available separately only for strawberries. Other small fruits included with field crops.

<sup>6</sup>Acreage in tree fruits, nuts, grapes, and coffee relates to census year.

<sup>7</sup>Value of specified fruits only.

<sup>8</sup>Farms reporting fruit trees; farms reporting only grapevines and/or nut trees not included.

<sup>9</sup>Value of orchard products.