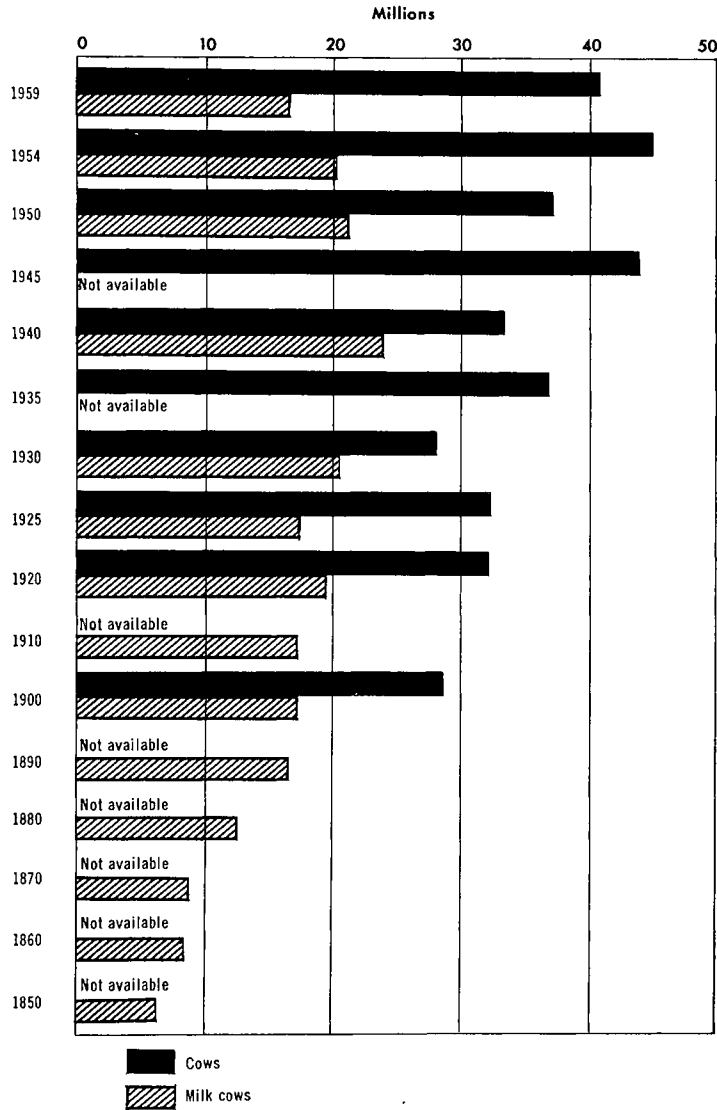


**CHANGES IN LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK SALES**

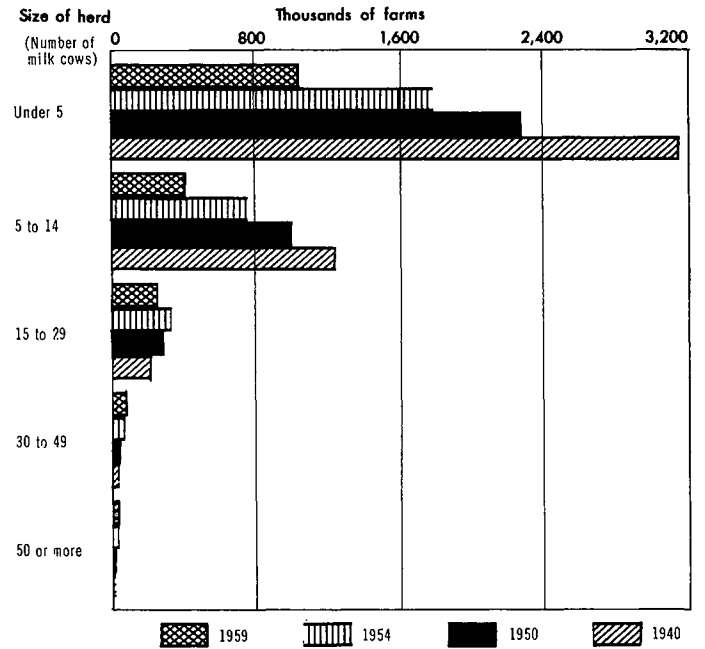
The two most important changes in livestock production during recent years have been the substantial reduction in the number of farms engaged in the production of livestock and livestock products and the increasing concentration of a significant part of the livestock production on a relatively small number of farms.

**NUMBER OF COWS, INCLUDING HEIFERS THAT HAVE CALVED, AND MILK COWS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1850 TO 1959**



Farms reporting cattle declined almost 1 million from 1954 to 1959. There was less than one-half as many farms with cattle in 1959 as in 1920. From 1954 to 1959, the number of farms reporting milk cows declined more than 1.1 million. The number of farms with milk cows in 1959 was only two-fifths of the number of farms with milk cows in 1920. The quantity of milk sold and the number of cattle and calves sold have increased significantly during the last 20 years. However, the number

**FARMS REPORTING MILK COWS BY SIZE OF HERD: 1940 TO 1959**



of farms reporting the sale of whole milk declined 18 percent from 1954 to 1959. The number of farms reporting whole milk sold in 1959 was only 66 percent of the number in 1944. The number of farms reporting cattle and calves sold was 12 percent less in 1959 than in 1954 and 24 percent less than in 1944.