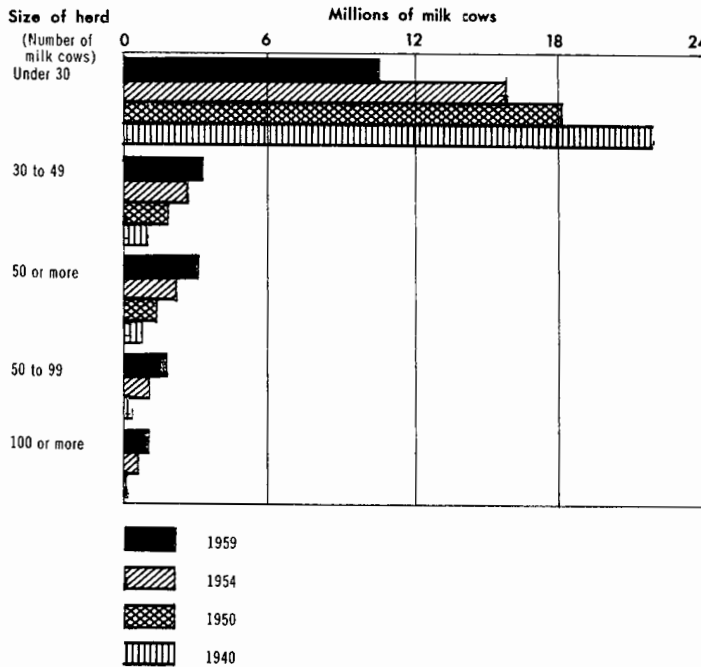


The disappearance of small herds and flocks accounted for most of the decrease in the number of farms reporting livestock and poultry. From 1954 to 1959, 72 percent of the decline in the number of farms reporting cattle and calves was accounted for by the decline in the number of farms with fewer than 10 cattle and calves. Likewise, the decline in the number of farms with fewer than 10 milk cows accounted for 88 percent of the decrease in farms reporting milk cows from 1954 to 1959. The decline of nearly 3 million in the number of farms reporting chickens from 1940 to 1959 was largely the result of the disappearance of 2.6 million small flocks of fewer than 100 chickens.

The number of large producers of livestock and livestock products and of poultry and poultry products is increasing rapidly and a substantial part of livestock and poultry production is produced by these large-scale specialized producers.

NUMBER OF MILK COWS BY SIZE OF HERD: 1940 TO 1959



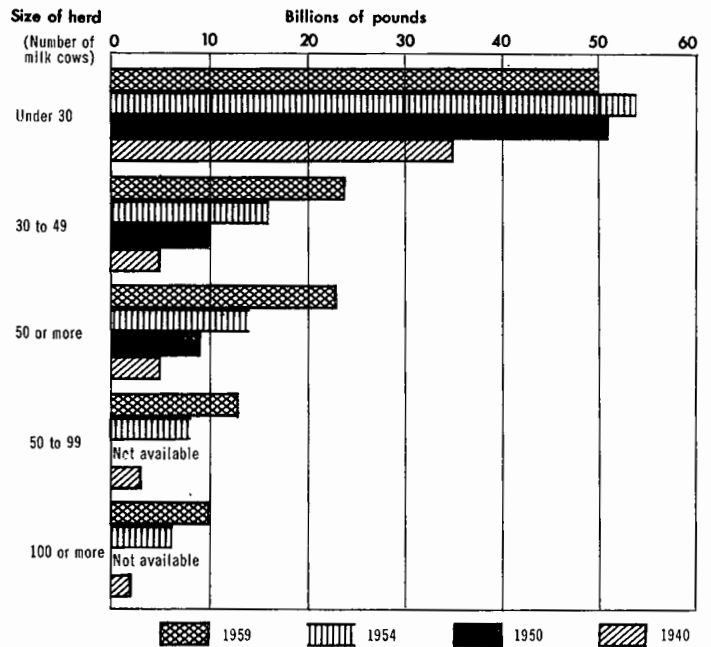
In 1939, farms with 30 or more milk cows accounted for approximately one-seventh of all the whole milk and cream sold. In 1959, farms with 30 or more milk cows accounted for almost half the whole milk and cream sold. The number of

The following data relate only to the 48 States in the conterminous United States.

Item and size of producing farm	Number of farms reporting			
	Total		Percent of farms reporting for item	
	1959	1954	1959	1954
Cattle and calves:				
Farms with 100 head or more on hand.....	156,684	137,855	5.8	3.8
Farms with 100 or more cattle sold.....	47,677	32,517	3.1	1.7
Farms with 100 or more calves sold.....	21,721	15,922	1.3	0.8
Farms with 50 head or more of milk cows.....	34,491	23,748	1.9	0.8
Hogs and pigs:				
Farms with 100 or more sold.....	254,523	154,690	20.0	10.8
Sows and gilts:				
Farms with 10 or more farrowing.....	403,605	368,597	35.4	28.7
Sheep and lambs:				
Farms with 5,000 or more on hand.....	536	NA	0.2	NA
Chickens 4 months old and over:				
Farms with 3,200 or more on hand.....	14,604	6,480	0.7	0.2
Eggs:				
Farms with 5,000 or more dozens sold.....	104,776	81,878	9.8	4.9

NA Not available.

WHOLE MILK SOLD BY SIZE OF HERD: CENSUSES OF 1940 TO 1959



farms with 50 or more milk cows increased 45 percent from 1954 to 1959 and the proportion of all whole milk sold by such farms increased from about 16 percent in 1954 to 24 percent in 1959.

Table 9.—FARMS REPORTING, NUMBER OF MILK COWS, WHOLE MILK SOLD, AND CREAM SOLD, FOR FARMS CLASSIFIED BY NUMBER OF MILK COWS FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1929 TO 1959

Size of herd (number of milk cows)	Farms reporting				Number of milk cows		Whole milk sold (pounds)		Cream sold as butterfat (pounds)	
	1959	1954	1939	1929	1959	1939 <sup>1</sup>	1959	1939	1959	1939
Under 30 milk cows.....	1,712,315	2,862,204	4,622,823	4,583,802	10,581,928	20,017,012	50,012,315,331	35,883,820,615	246,587,889	1,053,388,999
30 to 49 milk cows.....	89,315	70,948	30,520	24,307	3,245,774	1,080,887	24,281,658,316	5,442,058,345	5,613,717	21,271,239
50 to 74 milk cows.....	22,336	15,034	6,363	4,935	1,299,276	367,055	9,729,130,531	2,006,722,719	387,479	7,163,361
75 to 99 milk cows.....	5,604	3,992	1,728	1,276	483,192	144,264	3,571,699,278	840,489,954	238,314	3,140,744
100 or more milk cows.....	6,551	4,722	1,997	1,209	1,197,522	327,338	9,888,822,132	2,055,416,314	851,382	5,297,143

<sup>1</sup> Number of cows milked.