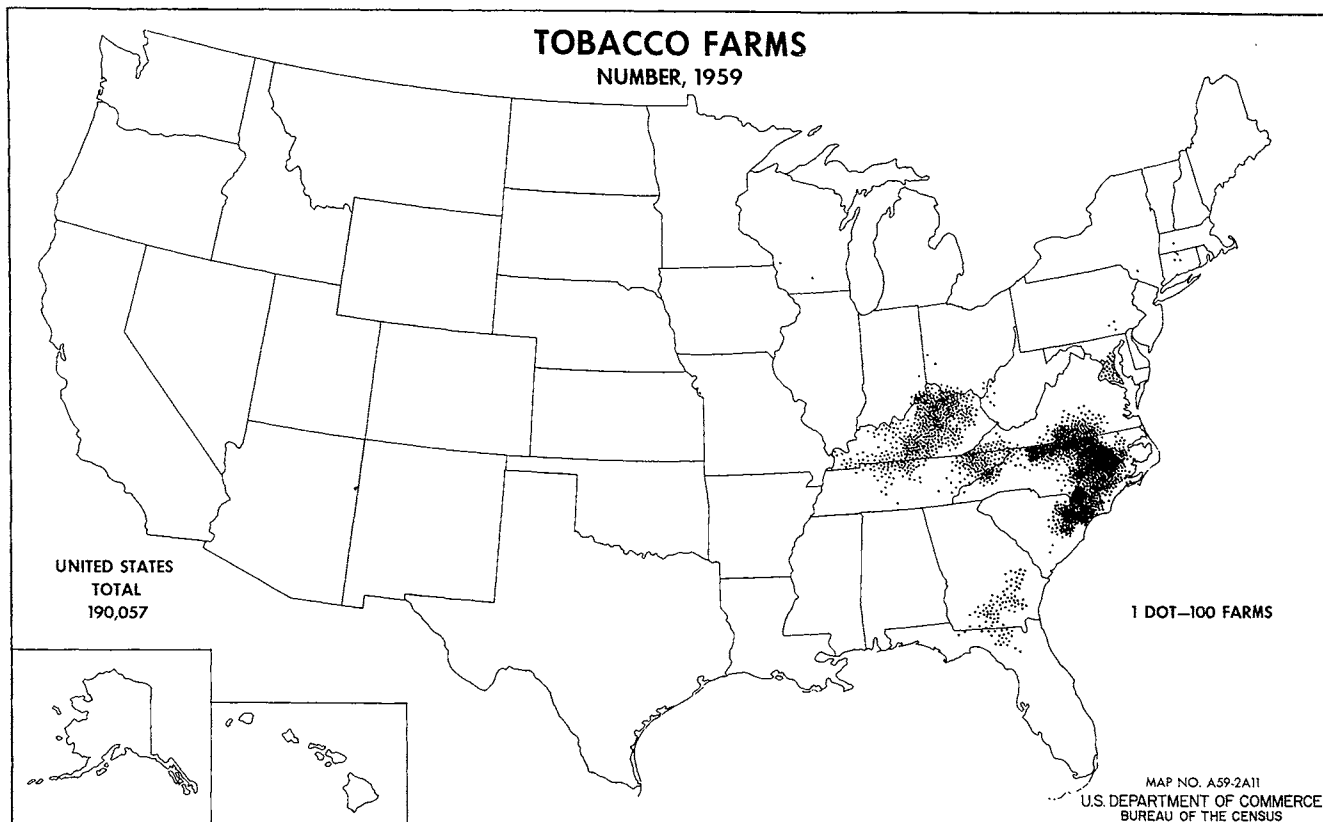


Almost one-third of the cash-grain farms had a value of farm products sold of less than \$5,000. About three-fourths of these farms contained less than 220 acres and more than 90 percent had less than 200 acres of cropland harvested. More than one-fifth of the operators of these farms reported that the family income from sources other than the farm operated exceeded the

value of farm products sold. Over two-fifths of the operators worked off their farms, over one-third of the operators had income from sources other than the farm operated and off-farm work, and almost one-fifth reported other members of the family working off the farm in 1959.



Tobacco Farms.—Tobacco farms comprised 8 percent of the 2.4 million commercial farms in 1959. Nearly all of the tobacco farms are in the South. Five States—North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee—had more than 90 percent of the tobacco farms. Tobacco farms accounted for more than three-fourths of the value of tobacco sold from all commercial farms in 1959. Tobacco farms had about 2 percent of the cropland in commercial farms. Tobacco accounted for less than one-fifth of the acreage of crops harvested on tobacco farms. Corn and hay crops comprised more than three-fifths of the acreage of all crops harvested.

Tobacco farms were relatively small. More than two-thirds contained less than 100 acres and more than two-fifths contained less than 50 acres. About 88 percent had less than 50 acres of cropland harvested. More than two-fifths were operated by tenants, renting mostly for a share of the crop. About one-fifth of the tobacco farms were operated by nonwhite operators. Tobacco farms operated by nonwhite operators represented one-fourth of all commercial farms operated by nonwhite operators. The labor on tobacco farms was furnished largely by the farm operator and members of his family. An expenditure

of \$2,500 or more for hired labor was reported for approximately 2 percent of the tobacco farms, and an expenditure of less than \$500 for almost half of the farms. Operators of tobacco farms depended primarily upon their farm operations for the main source of income for their families. For more than 90 percent of the farm operators, the income from the sale of agricultural products exceeded the income of the farm operator and his family from sources other than the farm operated.

Tobacco farms were highly specialized. The sale of tobacco provided for 77 percent of the value of all farm products sold. There were approximately 2,100 tobacco farms with a value of farm products sold of \$20,000 or more. These were largely farms on which shade-grown and cigar types of tobacco were grown. Although these farms accounted for only 1 percent of all tobacco farms, they accounted for almost one-eleventh of the value of all tobacco sold.

More than two-thirds of the tobacco farms had a value of farm products sold of less than \$5,000. The average value of farm products sold per farm for these farms was less than \$3,000. More than a fourth of these farms were operated by tenants.