

Table 11.—CHANGES IN NUMBER OF FARMS BY VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD FOR ALL TENANTS, CROPPERS,¹ COTTON FARMS, AND OTHER FIELD-CROP FARMS, FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH: 1950 TO 1959—Continued

Item	Change in number of farms		
	1950 to 1959	1954 to 1959	1950 to 1954
Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more—Continued			
\$2,500 to \$4,999:			
Conterminous United States.....	-265,483	-195,146	-70,337
All tenants.....	-124,168	-99,760	-24,408
Cotton farms.....	-24,319	-48,996	24,677
Other field-crop farms.....	-34,670	-34,587	-83
The South.....	-46,688	-64,390	17,702
All tenants.....	-53,209	-64,682	11,473
Croppers.....	-19,322	-32,249	12,927
Cotton farms.....	-21,416	-46,757	25,341
Other field-crop farms.....	-30,825	-32,818	1,993
\$5,000 to \$9,999:			
Conterminous United States.....	-68,061	-53,779	-14,482
All tenants.....	-54,476	-48,054	-6,422
Cotton farms.....	-7,011	-9,036	2,025
Other field-crop farms.....	16,681	6,267	10,414
The South.....	41,241	19,381	21,860
All tenants.....	5,922	-4,825	10,747
Croppers.....	5,505	-1,889	7,394
Cotton farms.....	-5,476	-6,811	1,335
Other field-crop farms.....	20,800	8,581	12,219
\$10,000 or more:			
Conterminous United States.....	310,093	211,527	98,566
All tenants.....	71,627	33,365	38,262
Cotton farms.....	15,140	12,930	2,210
Other field-crop farms.....	13,436	10,327	3,109
The South.....	90,424	74,106	16,318
All tenants.....	16,375	12,683	3,692
Croppers.....	1,241	482	1,759
Cotton farms.....	12,541	13,104	-563
Other field-crop farms.....	11,823	9,213	2,610

¹ South only.

Table 12.—SELECTED FARM RESOURCES FOR ALL FARMS AND FARMS WITH SALES OF FARM PRODUCTS OF \$2,500 OR MORE AND PERCENT OF ALL FARMS FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1959, 1954, AND 1950

Item	All farms			Farms with sales of farm products of \$2,500 or more					
	1959	1954	1950	1959		1954		1950	
				Total	Percent of total for all farms	Total	Percent of total for all farms	Total	Percent of total for all farms
Land in farms.....	1,120,028	1,160,044	1,159,789	937,161	83.7	885,036	76.3	849,795	73.3
Cropland harvested.....	313,446	334,164	345,528	286,374	91.4	282,661	84.6	275,415	79.7
Land pastured.....	621,121	647,366	619,692	515,551	83.0	492,855	76.1	467,112	75.4
Cattle and calves.....	93,483	95,635	77,520	82,996	88.8	76,607	80.1	60,467	78.0
Hogs and pigs.....	69,380	57,912	56,292	61,653	88.9	49,218	85.0	44,174	78.5
Sheep and lambs.....	34,088	NA	NA	30,530	89.6	27,792	NA	NA	NA
Chickens 4 months old and over.....	369,024	383,971	343,109	316,521	85.8	279,522	72.8	223,535	65.2
Tractors (other than garden).....	4,685	4,345	3,394	3,738	79.8	3,213	73.9	2,507	73.9
Motortrucks.....	2,825	2,703	2,207	2,072	73.3	1,746	64.6	1,371	62.1
Grain combines.....	1,041,527	979,050	713,633	934,991	89.8	852,647	87.1	620,299	86.9
Corn pickers.....	792,379	687,466	455,519	715,034	90.2	618,806	90.0	421,887	92.6
Regular hired farm workers.....	685,794	691,068	1,014,518	656,950	95.8	649,649	94.0	895,505	88.3

NA Not available.

Table 13.—NUMBER OF FARMS WITH SALES OF \$2,500 OR MORE BY SIZE OF FARM FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1959

Size of farm and year	Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more			
	Total	\$2,500 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 or more
Under 10 acres:				
1959.....	46,360	18,347	10,925	17,118
1954.....	45,791	19,735	11,843	14,213
1950.....	42,200	18,296	11,630	12,274
10 to 99 acres:				
1959.....	454,232	241,834	132,674	79,724
1954.....	519,906	319,005	136,738	64,163
1950.....	497,455	325,041	122,845	49,569
100 to 219 acres:				
1959.....	679,340	218,142	262,570	198,628
1954.....	724,940	285,790	287,915	151,235
1950.....	767,016	338,241	310,781	117,994
220 to 499 acres:				
1959.....	570,651	101,499	174,807	294,345
1954.....	536,024	134,865	191,136	210,028
1950.....	520,701	151,224	197,967	171,510
500 to 999 acres:				
1959.....	183,492	26,732	48,112	108,648
1954.....	158,574	35,805	49,087	73,682
1950.....	151,238	35,432	50,599	65,207
1,000 or more acres:				
1959.....	130,339	10,265	24,062	96,012
1954.....	116,636	16,908	30,138	69,590
1950.....	109,285	14,068	27,389	67,828

The decrease in the number of vegetable farms resulted from the continuing disappearance of vegetable farms with relatively small operations.

Changes in Resources Used, 1950 to 1959.—Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more have a larger proportion of the resources used for agricultural production in 1959 than in 1950.

Most of the resources on the 1.7 million farms with sales of farm products of less than \$2,500 that disappeared from 1950 to 1959, have been transferred to the farms with sales of \$2,500 or more. In many cases these resources were transferred to farms that had sales of \$10,000 or more in 1959. Figures in table 13 indicate no enlargement from 1950 to 1959 in the average size of operations for farms with sales of less than \$10,000. The increase in the number of farms with sales of \$10,000 or more resulted from the increase in the number of farms with larger operations, in production per unit, and changes in prices of some farm products.

Changes in Specialization.—There has been very little change in the degree of specialization in farms with sales of \$2,500 or more in each type-of-farm group. Moreover, the degree of specialization for the farms in the three value-of-sales groups has been about the same for 1959 and 1954 census years. (See tables 41 to 49.)

Changes in the Use of Purchased Inputs.—There has been an increase in the proportion of the farms using tractors and other equipment (see tables 37 to 40) in the two groups of farms with sales of less than \$10,000. There was very little change in the proportion of the farms with sales of \$10,000 or more using tractors and other equipment. There has been a significant decrease in the proportion of farms with sales of less than \$10,000 reporting expenditures for hired labor. However, the amount of the expenditures for hired labor for farms using hired labor has not changed greatly (see tables 33 and 34). There has been a significant increase in the proportion of farms using commercial fertilizer and fertilizing materials, but the average quantity used per acre fertilized has not changed significantly. (See tables 27 and 28.)