

Although the number of full-owner operators and the total acreage of land in full-owner farms have been decreasing, the average acreage per farm has been increasing since 1935. The average acreage per farm has increased from 122 acres in 1935 to 175 acres in 1964, an increase of almost 43 percent. The increase in average acreage per farm has been greater in the period 1954 to 1964, as the number of full-owner farms decreased at a more rapid rate than that of land in full-owner farms. The average size of farm increased from 164 acres in 1959 to 175 acres in 1964.

The proportion of land in all farms in farms operated by full owners has been decreasing since 1910, except between 1945 and 1950 when the percentage remained unchanged. In 1910, almost 53 percent of all land in farms was operated by full owners, by 1935 the proportion had declined to 37 percent, and by 1964, to 29 percent.

TABLE 2. **Owned and Rented Lands, by Tenure of Operator, for the United States: 1925 to 1964**

[Data for subclass of tenants for 1964 and all data for conterminous United States for 1959 and 1964 are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

Tenure and year	Number of farms	Land in farms (acres)	Land owned by farm operators				Land rented from others by farm operators				Land managed for others by farm operators				Land rented to others by farm operators	
			Total		Operated by owner (acres)	Total		Operated by renter (acres)	Total		Operated by manager (acres)	Total		Farms	Acres	
			Farms	Acres		Farms	Acres		Farms	Acres		Farms	Acres			
All farm operators	3,157,857	1,110,187,000	2,617,782	644,099,126	602,657,066 <sup>1</sup>	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	17,798	(NA)	113,360,779	386,044	53,814,422			
1959	3,707,973	1,123,378,059	2,963,197	667,574,765	(NA)	1,574,110	399,550,885	(NA)	21,060	116,681,834	109,989,825	462,600	60,429,425			
1954	4,783,021	1,160,043,854	3,628,328	722,721,243	(NA)	2,027,963	406,085,576	(NA)	20,894	105,748,246	100,002,885	634,745	74,511,211			
1950	5,388,437	1,161,419,720	3,917,336	717,806,624	(NA)	2,273,125	410,545,700	(NA)	23,646	112,017,869	107,295,661	713,997	78,950,473			
1945	5,899,169	1,141,615,364	(NA)	(NA)	604,627,011	(NA)	(NA)	430,626,551	(NA)	(NA)	106,371,802	(NA)	(NA)			
1940	6,102,417	1,065,113,774	(NA)	(NA)	527,009,069	(NA)	(NA)	469,165,856	(NA)	(NA)	68,938,849	(NA)	(NA)			
1935	6,812,350	1,054,515,111	(NA)	(NA)	522,680,922	(NA)	(NA)	471,169,929	(NA)	(NA)	60,664,260	(NA)	(NA)			
1930	6,295,103	990,111,984	(NA)	(NA)	544,001,871	(NA)	(NA)	432,483,993	(NA)	(NA)	63,626,120	(NA)	(NA)			
1925	6,371,640	924,319,352	(NA)	(NA)	519,994,786	(NA)	(NA)	361,227,620	(NA)	(NA)	43,096,946	(NA)	(NA)			
Full owners	1,818,254	318,876,209	1,813,131	347,943,271	318,538,899	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	2,116,594	346,483,100	2,116,594	380,016,841	346,483,100	3,791	950,165	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	354,340	34,483,906			
1954	2,744,708	397,214,478	2,744,708	442,792,435	397,214,478	10,544	1,629,957	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	496,666	47,207,914			
1950	3,091,666	419,108,646	3,091,666	468,476,860	419,108,646	(X)	(X)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	548,945	49,368,214			
1945	3,301,361	412,357,893	3,301,361	(NA)	412,357,893	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1940	3,085,491	382,189,912	3,085,491	(NA)	382,189,912	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1935	3,210,224	390,977,830	3,210,224	(NA)	390,977,830	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1930	2,913,052	372,574,707	2,913,052	(NA)	372,574,707	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1925	3,313,490	419,445,827	3,313,490	(NA)	419,445,827	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
Part owners	781,884	533,043,590	796,301	293,759,394	284,118,177	796,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	834,470	503,681,878	834,470	285,040,389	(NA)	834,470	234,169,815	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	79,418	15,528,326			
1954	868,180	472,464,635	868,180	277,233,743	(NA)	868,180	212,262,156	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	92,390	17,031,264			
1950	825,670	422,811,633	825,670	249,329,764	(NA)	825,670	196,229,615	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	122,017	22,747,746			
1945	660,502	371,251,483	660,502	(NA)	192,259,118	660,502	(NA)	178,992,365	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1940	615,502	300,781,781	615,502	(NA)	144,825,197	615,502	(NA)	155,956,624	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1935	688,867	266,070,714	688,867	(NA)	131,703,092	688,867	(NA)	134,367,622	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1930	657,109	246,605,264	657,109	(NA)	121,427,164	657,109	(NA)	125,178,100	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1925	554,842	196,889,692	554,842	(NA)	100,548,959	554,842	(NA)	96,340,733	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
Managers	17,798	113,360,779	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	17,798	(NA)	113,360,779	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	21,060	109,989,825	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	21,060	116,681,834	109,989,825	2,439	6,692,009			
1954	20,894	100,002,885	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	20,894	105,748,246	100,002,885	3,359	5,745,361			
1950	23,646	107,295,661	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	23,646	112,017,869	107,295,661	3,935	4,722,208			
1945	38,885	106,371,802	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	38,885	(NA)	106,371,802	(NA)	(NA)			
1940	36,501	68,938,849	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	36,501	(NA)	68,938,849	(NA)	(NA)			
1935	48,104	60,664,260	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	48,104	(NA)	60,664,260	(NA)	(NA)			
1930	56,131	63,626,120	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	56,131	(NA)	63,626,120	(NA)	(NA)			
1925	40,700	43,096,946	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	40,700	(NA)	43,096,946	(NA)	(NA)			
All tenants	539,921	144,906,422	8,350	2,396,461	(X)	539,921	(NA)	144,906,422	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	735,849	163,223,256	12,133	2,517,535	(X)	735,849	164,430,905	163,223,256	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	26,403	3,725,184			
1954	1,149,239	190,361,856	15,440	2,699,065	(X)	1,149,239	192,193,463	190,361,856	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	42,330	4,526,672			
1950	1,447,455	212,209,780	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,447,455	214,316,085	212,209,780	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	39,100	2,112,305			
1945	1,858,421	251,634,186	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	1,858,421	(NA)	251,634,186	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1940	2,364,923	313,209,232	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	2,364,923	(NA)	313,209,232	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1935	2,865,155	336,802,307	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	2,865,155	(NA)	336,802,307	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1930	2,668,811	307,305,893	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	2,668,811	(NA)	307,305,893	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1925	2,462,608	264,886,887	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	2,462,608	(NA)	264,886,887	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
Cash	102,166	38,018,649	1,764	981,704	(X)	102,166	38,566,265	38,018,649	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	5,187	1,529,320			
1959	107,217	33,984,869	2,217	775,898	(X)	107,217	34,482,154	33,984,869	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	5,772	1,273,183			
1954	103,131	36,959,882	2,693	659,513	(X)	103,131	37,698,727	36,959,882	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	9,638	1,358,358			
1950	215,392	42,235,263	(X)	(X)	(X)	215,392	42,963,773	42,235,263	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	10,445	728,510			
Share-cash	103,197	37,353,448	2,156	380,923	(X)	103,197	37,510,849	37,353,448	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	3,695	538,324			
1959	132,524	42,135,039	3,381	596,714	(X)	132,524	42,295,829	42,135,039	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	5,096	757,504			
1954	165,241	46,210,227	3,703	623,257	(X)	165,241	46,409,890	46,210,227	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	6,433	822,920			
1950	193,141	48,690,965	(X)	(X)	(X)	193,141	48,951,841	48,690,965	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	4,169	260,876			
Crop-share	199,884	35,122,882	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	35,122,882	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	322,083	46,990,186	3,896	675,904	(X)	322,083	46,889,523	46,990,186	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	9,237	975,241			
1954	594,923	63,400,290	5,619	867,282	(X)	594,923	63,915,393	63,400,290	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	16,521	1,382,385			
1950	766,814	72,871,358	(X)	(X)	(X)	766,814	73,513,439	72,871,358	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	15,800	642,141			
Livestock-share	60,371	20,473,472	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	20,473,472	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	86,429	25,938,233	1,427	210,720	(X)	86,429	25,989,693	25,938,233	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	2,361	262,180			
1954	111,154	29,676,080	1,552	229,639	(X)	111,154	29,776,477	29,676,080	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	3,048	330,036			
1950	115,283	28,097,873	(X)	(X)	(X)	115,283	28,171,014	28,097,873	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	1,788	73,141			
Other and un-specified	64,652	12,492,575	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	12,492,575	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)			
1959	87,596	14,574,929	1,212	258,299	(X)	87,596	14,773,706	14,574,929	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	3,937	457,076			
1954	117,790	14,115,377	1,873	315,374	(X)	117,790	14,432,976	14,115,377	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	6,690	632,973			
1950	156,825	20,308,321	(X)	(X)	(X)	156,825	20,715,958	20,308,321	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	6,898	407,637			

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Data for "land owned by farm operators," number of part owner farms reporting land rented from others, and data on land rented to others by all farm operators are based on reports for only a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.

<sup>3</sup>For 1930 no differentiation for 63,626 acres reported by 330 "owners" for Alaska and for 679,197 acres reported by 359 part owners for Hawaii was made between land owned by the farm operator and land rented from others; consequently all this area was included in the acres of land owned.

<sup>4</sup>Data for Alaska are not available by subclass of tenant. (17 total tenants in 1959).