

to 1950, and for Hawaii prior to 1940. Information is presented in table 3 for the various combinations of data required for censuses for

1924 to 1964 to obtain comparable data for total cropland, cropland pasture, and other pasture.

TABLE 3. Items Needed to Obtain Comparability of Data for Earlier Census Years with Those for 1964, for Total Cropland, Cropland Pastured, and Other Pasture (not Cropland and not Woodland)

Census year	Most nearly comparable item, each Census (as shown in Table 2)	To obtain more complete comparability with 1964 the following adjustments would be needed		
	Item as shown in this report	United States total (acres)	Add ¹	Subtract ¹
CROPLAND, TOTAL				
1964...	Cropland, total.....	434,232,200	.....	.....
1959...	Cropland, total.....	448,087,341	.....	.....
1954 ² ...	Cropland, total.....	459,648,961	.....	.....
1949...	Cropland, total.....	478,315,094	.....	.....
1944 ² ...	Cropland, other than cropland pasture not plowed within 7 years.	450,694,226	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	.....
1939 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	530,555,551	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured (except Alaska).
1934 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	513,913,969	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	522,395,804	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ...	Land available for crops.....	505,027,400	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
CROPLAND PASTURED				
1964...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	57,418,864	.....	.....
1959...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	65,516,598	.....	.....
1954 ² ...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	66,069,838	.....	.....
1949...	Cropland used only for pasture.....	69,487,805	.....	.....
1944 ² ...	Cropland used only for pasture plowed within 7 years.	47,449,184	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.	.....
1939 ² ...	Flowable pasture.....	131,379,940	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1934 ² ...	Flowable pasture.....	98,579,038	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1929 ² ...	Flowable pasture.....	109,159,914	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
1924 ² ...	Flowable pasture.....	113,567,498	.....	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.
OTHER PASTURE (NOT CROPLAND AND NOT WOODLAND)				
1964...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	490,306,987	.....	.....
1959...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	466,224,802	.....	.....
1954 ² ...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	459,878,925	.....	.....
1949...	Other pasture, not cropland and not woodland.	416,802,416	.....	.....
1944 ² ...	Other pasture not cropland plowed within 7 years and not woodland.	481,016,668	.....	Cropland used only for pasture not plowed within 7 years.
1939 ² ...	Other land; house lots, roads, wasteland, etc., and pasture other than plowable and woodland.	393,543,673	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	House lots, roads, wasteland, etc.
1934 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	311,225,652	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....
1929 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	269,672,710	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....
1924 ² ...	Other pasture, not plowable and not woodland.	217,687,145	Flowable pasture other than cropland pastured.	.....

¹No Census data available for these items.
²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.

Improved pasture—For 1964 pastureland that had been limed, fertilized, seeded, had weeds or brush controlled since 1960; or was irrigated during 1964; or had an established effective system of drainage was to be considered improved pasture. Data was obtained for improved pasture in 1954 and 1959; however, no year or time limitations were used in the instruction to farm operators or enumerators. Improved pasture composes one subclass of other pasture.

Rangeland predominantly grass—This classification, first used for 1964, includes unimproved other pasture often called meadow or prairie. It includes other pasture with vegetation comprised mostly of bunchgrass, shortgrass, buffalograss, bluestem, bluegrass, switchgrass, sandgrass, lovegrass, etc.

Rangeland predominantly brush or browse—This classification, first used for 1964, includes unimproved other pasture with vegetation comprised mostly of desert shrubs, sagebrush, mesquite, greasewood, mountain browse, juniper pinon, salt brush, cactus, etc.

All other land—This item refers to all land not included in any of the preceding land-use classes and includes land occupied by houses or other buildings; lanes, roads, ditches; land in ponds; and wasteland.

In addition to the classification of land in farms according to use, data for three summary classes are presented as follows:

Cropland, total—This class includes cropland harvested, cropland used only for pasture, and cropland not harvested and not pastured.

Land pastured, total—This class includes cropland used only for pasture, woodland pastured, and other pasture.

Woodland, total—This class includes woodland pastured and woodland not pastured.

Land-use classifications 1850 to 1920—From 1850 to 1920, all land in farms was classified as "improved" and "unimproved." In general, improved land included land in crops; land in pasture that had been cleared or tilled; land lying fallow; land in orchards, nurseries, vineyards, and gardens; and land occupied by buildings.