

**TABLE 11. Farms by Size of Cow Herd, for the United States: 1950 to 1964**

Size of cow herd	Number of farms			
	1964	1959	1954 <sup>1</sup>	1950 <sup>1</sup>
Total.....	2,051,438	2,477,073	3,488,157	3,930,706
1 to 4.....	581,411	928,081	1,565,776	2,092,877
5 to 9.....	333,795	431,499	625,095	775,217
10 to 19.....	436,547	515,618	696,407	663,006
20 to 29.....	267,513	271,242	292,714	206,746
30 to 49.....	238,584	193,004	179,920	110,391
50 to 99.....	130,243	91,380	84,002	52,906
100 to 199.....	42,294	30,518	29,006	19,145
200 to 499.....	16,958	12,696	12,341	8,347
500 to 999.....	2,975	2,206	2,096	1,523
1,000 or more.....	1,118	829	800	548

<sup>1</sup>Data for Alaska and Hawaii are not included.

Only half as many farms had cows in 1964 as 15 years earlier. The decline in the number of farms with less than 10 cows accounted for a 1.9 million decline between 1950 and 1964 in the number of farms with cows. The number of farms with 20 or more cows has been steadily increasing and was 75 percent greater in 1964 than in 1950. Farms with 100 or more cows increased 100 percent from 1950 to 1964.

Year	Cows including heifers that have calved (million)	Cows including heifers that have calved minus milk cows (million)
1964.....	47.3	32.7
1959.....	41.3	24.8
1954.....	45.2	25.0
1950.....	37.3	16.1
1940.....	33.6	9.5
1930.....	28.3	7.8
1920.....	32.4	12.7
1900.....	28.7	11.6

The number of cattle excluding calves sold from farms in 1964 exceeded the number sold in 1959 by 5 million, yet the number of farms

selling cattle were fewer in 1964 than in 1959. Farms from which 100 or more cattle were sold have been increasing and there were 14 percent more of these farms in 1964 than 5 years earlier.

**TABLE 12. Farms and Number of Cattle, Excluding Calves, Sold for Farms Classified by Number Sold per Farm, for the United States: 1954 to 1964**

Farms with number of cattle sold	Farms			Number of cattle sold, 1964	
	1964	1959	1954 <sup>1</sup>	Total (1,000)	Percent distribution
Total, all farms....	1,359,665	1,529,330	1,858,791	34,606	100.0
1 to 4.....	616,665	740,734	1,027,421	1,349	3.9
5 to 19.....	478,312	513,874	595,120	4,445	12.8
20 to 49.....	151,806	166,447	156,517	4,532	13.1
50 to 99.....	58,582	60,535	47,216	3,965	11.5
100 to 199.....	31,571	30,462	20,241	4,234	12.2
200 or more.....	16,749	17,278	12,276	4,833	14.0
500 or more.....	5,980	(NA)	(NA)	11,248	32.5

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Alaska and Hawaii not included.

An increasing proportion of the cattle and calves slaughtered have been fattened on grain and concentrates. In 1964, 18.8 million cattle and 3.4 million calves were fattened on grain and concentrates and sold for slaughter. A large proportion of these cattle and calves were raised on farms other than the farms on which they were fattened.

**TABLE 13. Cattle and Calves Sold—Farms, Number Sold, and Number Fattened on Grain and Concentrates and Sold for Slaughter, by Regions: 1964**

Region	Cattle and calves sold			Cattle sold				Calves sold			
	Total		Fattened on grain and concentrates (Number 1,000)	Total		Fattened on grains and concentrates		Total		Fattened on grains and concentrates	
	Farms	Number (1,000)		Farms	Number (1,000)	Farms	Number (1,000)	Farms	Number (1,000)	Farms	Number (1,000)
1 United States....	1,990,968	62,952	22,202	1,359,665	34,606	229,923	18,801	1,577,504	28,346	170,877	3,401
2 North.....	1,036,196	32,122	13,731	805,963	19,707	191,550	12,044	745,091	12,415	94,688	1,687
3 South.....	786,963	17,250	3,128	426,659	5,978	23,449	1,711	709,638	11,272	66,080	1,417
4 West.....	167,809	13,580	5,342	127,043	8,921	14,924	5,045	122,775	4,659	10,109	297