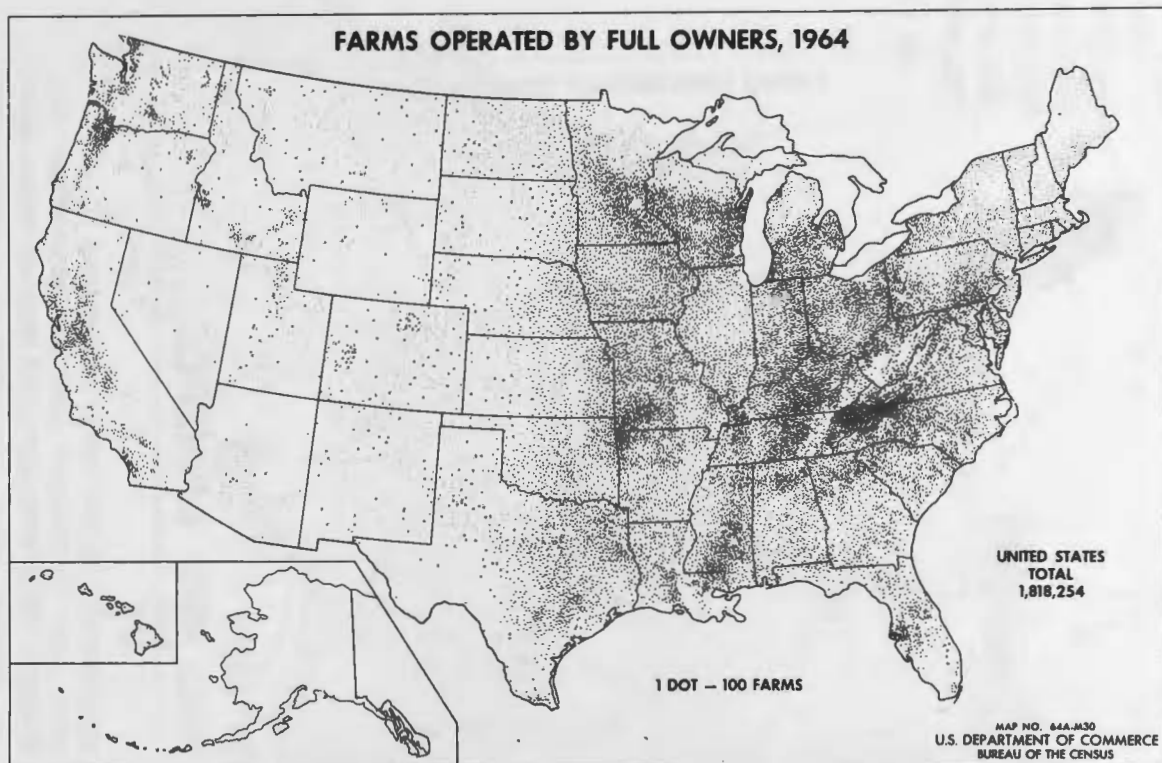


The rapidly declining number of farms has brought about substantial changes in farm tenure.

Full owners—Although full owners represent 57.6 percent of all operators, they operated only 29 percent of all land in farms.



Part owners—Since World War II, part owners have become increasingly the most important tenure group in the United States. The importance of this tenure group is significantly greater than indicated by the number of farms operated.

In 1964, part owners represented less than 25 percent of all farm operators; however, they operated 48 percent of the land in farms.

