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VALUE OF FARMS IN OLD VIRGINIA

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chinary, 82 per cent., and in the whole number of farms, 9 per cent.

The decrease during the decade, among the items for which percentages are given, occurred in the average acre per farm, 11 per cent.; in the total improved farm acreage, 2 per cent.; and in the total farm acreage, 2 per cent.

The statement shows in detail that the number of farms reported in 1910 was 183,762, as compared with 167,886 in 1900, an increase of 15,876, or 9 per cent.

Farm Values.
 The total value of farm land and buildings was given in 1910 as \$137,951,000, as against \$70,963,000 in 1900, an increase of \$66,988,000, or 95 per cent.

The total value of all farm land alone was reported in 1910 as \$393,837,000, as compared with \$200,618,000 in 1900, a gain of \$193,222,000, or 96 per cent.

The total value of all farm buildings alone was given in 1910 as \$137,951,000, as against \$70,963,000 in 1900, an increase of \$66,988,000, or 95 per cent.

In both 1910 and 1900 the value of the farm land alone constituted 71 per cent of the total value of land and buildings.

The reported value of farm implements and machinery was \$18,079,000 in 1910, as against \$9,311,000 in 1900, a gain of \$8,768,000, or 93 per cent.

The total acreage reported in 1910 was 19,776,000 acres, as compared with 19,908,000 in 1900, a decrease of 132,000 acres, or 2 per cent.

The improved acreage was returned in 1910 as amounting to 9,841,000 acres, as against 10,995,000 in 1900, a decrease of 234,000, or 2 per cent.

The improved acreage formed 61 per cent of the total acreage in both 1910 and 1900.

The average acres per farm reported in 1910 was 106, as against 119 in 1900, a decrease of 13 acres, or 11 per cent.

The average value per acre of farm land and buildings in 1910 is stated as \$27.26, as against \$13.64 in 1900, a rise of \$13.62, or 100 per cent.

The average value per acre of farm land alone in 1910 was reported as \$29.22, while in 1900 it was \$10.08, the amount of gain being \$19.14, or 191 per cent.

Color of Farmers.
 Of the whole number, 183,762, of farms reported in 1910, there were 135,743, or 74 per cent, operated by white farmers, and 48,019, or 26 per cent, by negro and other non-white farmers, as compared with a total of 167,886 in 1900, of which 123,952, or 74 per cent, were conducted by white farmers, and 43,934, or 27 per cent, by negro and other non-white. The increase in the number of farms of white farmers during the decade amounted to 12,691 and in the number of farms of negro and other non-white farmers to 3,155.

Farm Ownership.
 The total number of farms operated in 1910 by owners, part owners, and tenants, comprising the "all owners" class, was 135,485, as compared with 114,155 in 1900, an increase of 21,330.

The total number of farms conducted in 1910 by cash tenants, share tenants, and cash and share tenants, comprising the "all tenants" class, was 48,666, as against 51,596 in 1900, a decrease of 2,930.

The total number of farms operated by managers in 1910 was 1,611, as compared with 2,135 in 1900, a decrease of 524.

The total number of farms operated by the "all owners" class constituted 73 per cent of the whole number of farms in 1910 and 68 per cent in 1900, those operated by the "all tenants" class, 26 per cent in 1910 and 31 per cent in 1900; and those conducted by managers, 1 per cent in both 1910 and 1900.

Of the total number, 133,485, of farms operated in 1910 by the "all owners" class, there were 112,337, or 84 per cent, reported as "owned free of debt," and 21,148, or 16 per cent, reported as mortgaged. There were 953 farms for which no mortgage report was secured, and these are included in the farms "owned free of debt."

In 1900 information was secured concerning the "owned farm homes." At that time 99,547, or 86 per cent, were reported "free from debt," and 16,285, or 14 per cent, as mortgaged. There were 4,859 farms in 1900 for which no mortgage report was secured, and these were included in the farms "free from debt." The Census Bureau has no detailed information respecting the number of mortgaged farms leased to tenants.

Distribution According to Acreage Groups.
 The statement relative to farms distributed according to certain acreage groups shows that those of 19 acres and under numbered 39,625 in 1910 and 32,903 in 1900, a gain of 6,722, or 20 to 49 acres, 42,336 in 1910 and 35,317 in 1900, an increase of 7,019, or 20 to 99 acres, 26,077 in 1910 and 26,077 in 1900, an increase of 0, or 100 to 174 acres, 3,446 in 1910 and 3,446 in 1900, a gain of 0, or 300 to 499 acres, 4,100 in 1910 and 4,100 in 1900, a gain of 0, or 500 to 999 acres, 1,100 in 1910 and 1,100 in 1900, a gain of 0, or 1,000 acres and over, 990 in 1910 and 990 in 1900, a gain of 0.

Acreage-Group Proportions.
 Of the whole number of farms, those of 19 acres and under formed 22 per cent in 1910 and 20 per cent in 1900; those of 20 to 49 acres, 23 per cent in 1910 and 21 per cent in 1900; those of 50 to 99 acres, 21 per cent in 1910 and 20 per cent in 1900; those of 100 to 174 acres, 15 per cent in 1910 and 17 per cent in 1900; those of 175 to 299 acres, 3 per cent in both 1910 and 1900; and those of 300 to 499 acres, and over, 1 per cent in both 1910 and 1900.

The expenditures for labor in 1910 reached the sum of \$13,296,000, as compared with \$7,791,000 in 1900, an increase of \$5,505,000, or 71 per cent.

The expenditures for fertilizers amounted in 1910 to \$6,925,000, as compared with \$3,652,000 in 1900, an increase of \$3,273,000, or 89 per cent.

The above facts and figures, if studied by the reader, will prove very pleasing and encouraging to the average Virginian be he a farmer, city business man or what not. All of the above is reducible to figures and it is hereby so reduced, but the average reader will not want to digest them at once. I suggest that the table of figures below be cut out for future reference, and the coming winter, when the rains come that have not been coming this summer and the countryman cannot work outdoors, he can sit in doors and make the most of the encouraging statistics. Here they are:

All Farms by Acreage, Value of Land, Buildings, Implements, Etc.

	1910.	1900.
All farms	183,762	167,886
Total acreage	19,476,000	19,908,000
Improved acreage	9,841,000	10,995,000
Average acres per farm	106	119
Value of land and buildings	\$393,837,000	\$200,618,000
Value of implements and machinery	\$18,079,000	\$9,311,000
Average value per acre of land and buildings	\$27.26	\$13.64
Average value per acre of land alone	\$29.22	\$10.08
Expenditures for—		
Labor	\$13,296,000	\$7,791,000
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