

# 1962 SUPPLEMENT to Atlas of Oregon Agriculture

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Used in conjunction with the 1958 edition of the *Atlas of Oregon Agriculture*, the information contained in this SUPPLEMENT provides current data on land devoted to farming and related activities, livestock and poultry populations, crop acreages, etc. The figures presented are the latest available, being based for the most part on the 1959 Census of Agriculture, the 1958 Census of Business, and 1960 Census of Population. Page number given with each item refers to the 1958 edition of the *Atlas of Oregon Agriculture*.

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## FARMLANDS AND FARMS, 1959\*

Counties	Area Acres	Land in farms Acres	Cropland Acres	Farm woodland Acres	Farm land used only for pasture <sup>1</sup> Acres	Irrigated lands Acres	Number of farms
<i>Coast</i>							
Clatsop .....	524,800	55,082	18,673	29,565	3,340	940	457
Columbia .....	413,440	104,090	41,041	44,479	10,828	4,673	1,060
Coos .....	1,031,040	254,460	48,594	123,786	67,933	7,419	1,059
Curry .....	1,038,080	118,219	11,128	47,819	52,562	1,554	273
Lincoln .....	630,400	77,707	16,600	44,506	8,872	1,077	504
Tillamook .....	713,600	68,467	31,541	25,775	6,055	6,575	741
<i>Willamette Valley</i>							
Benton .....	427,520	205,340	93,985	80,104	22,573	9,716	895
Clackamas .....	1,207,680	319,048	143,182	101,289	58,186	11,064	4,267
Lane .....	2,918,400	365,310	150,488	149,878	45,955	22,469	3,004
Linn .....	1,464,320	490,060	268,295	99,080	99,353	23,478	2,539
Marion .....	750,720	351,397	245,828	68,114	17,685	44,861	3,788
Multnomah .....	271,360	89,379	44,062	22,841	15,380	10,212	1,104
Polk .....	472,960	232,683	138,830	67,946	13,883	9,485	1,363
Washington .....	458,240	211,108	130,511	53,922	11,726	15,169	2,785
Yamhill .....	453,760	260,673	146,335	83,366	18,865	13,497	2,094
<i>Southern Oregon</i>							
Douglas .....	3,239,040	505,501	107,424	217,902	163,088	11,939	1,811
Jackson .....	1,802,240	627,051	86,726	399,803	112,234	51,806	1,908
Josephine .....	1,040,000	76,878	26,562	39,275	4,804	18,376	931
<i>Columbia Basin</i>							
Gilliam .....	774,400	772,437	279,226	51,974	435,221	3,297	196
Hood River .....	338,560	36,683	20,344	10,237	1,911	18,424	782
Morrow .....	1,317,760	1,109,903	378,347	99,013	607,041	14,019	386
Sherman .....	529,280	521,700	299,882	1,270	212,121	1,505	247
Umatilla .....	2,062,080	1,499,226	659,035	149,917	648,965	56,320	1,741
Wasco .....	1,524,480	1,370,488	275,610	103,844	978,230	16,840	669
Wheeler .....	1,092,480	790,282	37,107	98,664	647,635	6,972	141
<i>Blue Mountains</i>							
Baker .....	1,959,680	885,841	163,562	89,249	620,485	119,863	757
Malheur .....	6,316,800	1,523,214	246,599	10,989	1,230,515	210,838	1,993
Union .....	1,300,480	527,355	177,248	163,533	174,324	27,073	873
Wallowa .....	2,033,920	728,917	115,860	181,021	423,906	42,559	600
<i>Central Oregon</i>							
Crook .....	1,907,200	1,142,600	76,324	249,855	804,175	40,299	319
Deschutes .....	1,937,280	357,900	64,862	126,580	152,507	44,161	795
Grant .....	2,900,480	1,152,840	75,107	227,330	843,787	41,458	331
Harney .....	6,483,840	1,535,096	206,145	13,425	1,304,088	84,156	292
Jefferson .....	1,148,160	639,006	95,319	31,531	497,170	53,176	445
Klamath .....	3,822,080	1,172,577	300,799	439,089	415,532	231,512	1,089
Lake .....	5,292,160	1,057,780	158,963	134,396	751,010	107,502	334
State total ....	61,598,720	21,236,298	5,380,144	3,881,367	11,481,945	1,384,284	42,573

\* 1959 Census of Agriculture.

<sup>1</sup> Does not include cropland used only for pasture.

## STATE TRENDS: U. S. Census of Agriculture

Page	Item and unit	1945	1950	1954 (Oct.-Nov.)	1959 (Oct.-Nov.)
17	Croplands, in acres .....	4,909,101	5,537,147	5,249,888	5,380,144
	Irrigated lands, in acres .....	1,129,059	1,306,810	1,490,366	1,384,284
18	Land used only for pasture, in acres .....	11,085,754	9,664,984	10,607,429	11,481,945
	Total woodland on farms, in acres .....	3,262,193	4,568,622	4,637,964	3,881,367
22	Average value of land and buildings				
	Per farm .....	\$11,054.00	\$19,918.00	\$27,803.00	\$41,146.00
	Per acre .....	\$35.32	\$62.83	\$76.17	\$92.97
23	Milk cows .....	not available	203,817	196,589	152,226
	Beef cows .....	not available	329,405	487,260	469,033
	All cattle and calves .....	1,101,021	1,099,124	1,490,155	1,354,205
24	Sheep and lambs .....	1,032,040	913,435	860,650	886,525
	Hogs and pigs .....	194,116	157,237	135,913	197,593
25	Chickens, 4 months old and over .....	3,500,735	2,842,740	3,265,833	2,860,025
	Turkeys, number raised .....	2,214,138	1,790,413	1,501,596	1,370,714
26	Winter wheat, in acres .....	723,632	750,105	702,627	696,539
	Spring wheat, in acres .....	184,044	283,196	154,325	84,905
	Barley, in acres .....	220,541	248,015	494,381	501,905
27	Oats, in acres .....	238,287	214,533	241,729	147,365
	Corn, in acres .....	34,456	25,310	27,586	51,798
28	Alfalfa, in acres .....	258,111	214,058	287,099	307,398
	All land from which hay was cut, in acres .....	1,147,652	962,019	1,003,419	931,722
29	Wild hay, in acres .....	277,130	289,756	276,952	237,935
	Grass silage, in acres .....	not available	11,249	36,444	34,441
30	All field seed crops, in acres .....	not available	311,809	288,367	334,770
	Irish potatoes, in acres .....	43,296	36,229	36,735	34,189
31	Sugar beets, in acres .....	13,332	15,713	18,347	20,567
	Peppermint, in acres .....	not available	14,283	10,301	15,274
32	Vegetables harvested for sale, in acres .....	90,280	91,144	95,490	106,500
	Green peas, in acres .....	52,632	51,046	51,240	57,093
	Dry peas (not included in total vegetables) in acres .....	48,973	19,353	8,346	15,584
33	Sweet corn, in acres .....	7,504	14,507	15,966	18,886
	Snap beans, in acres .....	4,816	6,441	9,304	11,085
34	Strawberries, in acres .....	4,955	13,596	14,085	13,654
	Cane and bramble berries, in acres .....	not available	not available	10,139	15,088
35	Fruit and nut trees, in acres .....	132,917	130,506	105,882	99,338
	Pears, number of trees .....	1,347,510	1,417,126	1,375,991	1,492,392
36	Apples, number of trees .....	901,610	797,733	612,343	641,535
	Cherries, number of trees .....	811,956	998,664	685,990	825,278
37	Plums and prunes, number of trees .....	3,099,191	2,300,075	1,413,293	1,281,189
	Filberts, number of trees .....	1,843,770	2,144,020	1,533,044	1,395,433
	English walnuts, number of trees .....	557,413	533,692	396,127	372,856

<sup>1</sup> For the censuses of 1945 and 1950 data refer to the year preceding the census, with the exception of livestock and tree numbers which are as of Jan. 1, 1945 and April 1, 1950. 1959 data tend to understate increases and overstate decreases as some farms included in earlier years were excluded by Census definition in 1959. For definition, see page 4 of this supplement.

## FARMS BY TYPE, TENURE, AND SIZE

## Farms by Tenure of Operator, 1954, 1959

Category	Number	
	1954	1959 <sup>1</sup>
Full owners .....	41,523	31,360
Part owners .....	8,134	7,900
Managers .....	307	257
All tenants .....	4,477	3,056
Cash tenants .....	1,505	1,095
Share-Cash .....	396	346
Other .....	2,576	1,615
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>54,441</b>	<b>42,573</b>

<sup>1</sup> See change in farm definition.

## Farms by Number and Size

Year	Number	Average
		<i>Acres</i>
1920 .....	50,206	269.7
1925 .....	55,911	252.7
1930 .....	55,153	300.1
1935 .....	64,826	267.8
1940 .....	61,829	290.9
1945 .....	63,125	312.9
1950 .....	59,827	339.8
1954 .....	54,441	386.6
1959 <sup>1</sup> .....	42,573	498.8

<sup>1</sup> See change in farm definition.

## Farms by Type of Farm, 1954, 1959

Type	Number <sup>1</sup>	
	1954	1959
Field-Crop farms other than vegetable, fruit and nut .....	5,104	3,320
Cash-grain .....	4,102	2,522
Other field-crop .....	1,002	798
Vegetable farms .....	1,053	852
Fruit-and-nut farms .....	4,726	2,744
Dairy .....	5,686	3,439
Poultry farms .....	2,582	1,436
Livestock farms, other than dairy and poultry .....	6,087	6,176
General farms: .....	5,058	3,490
Primarily crop .....	2,857	N.A.
Primarily livestock .....	309	N.A.
Crop and livestock .....	1,892	N.A.
Miscellaneous and unclassified farms ....	24,146	21,099
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>54,442</b>	<b>42,556</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated, based on sample. N. A.—Not available.

## POPULATION

## Population by Age Group

Age group	1950	1960
Under 5 years .....	163,915	185,403
5- 9 years .....	131,596	189,333
10-19 years .....	204,878	302,083
20-29 years .....	222,776	192,409
30-39 years .....	234,161	226,151
40-49 years .....	198,803	230,292
50-59 years .....	163,961	188,919
60-69 years .....	122,685	139,915
Over 70 .....	78,566	114,170
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,521,341</b>	<b>1,768,675</b>
Under 18 .....	30.4%	35.7%
18-64 .....	60.9%	54.1%
65 and over .....	8.7%	10.2%

The 1960 federal Census of Population lists the total population for the state of Oregon at 1,768,675 with 668,565 classified as rural and 1,100,110 as urban.

As the total population increased 16.3% between 1950 and 1960, the urban population increased nearly 35% and the rural population actually decreased 5%. The percentage of urban population now stands at 62% as compared with 54% in 1950.

The rate of increase 1950 to 1960 was somewhat less than the national average of 18.5% and considerably less than Oregon's 39.6% during the 1940-50 decade.

**1958 RETAIL SALES BY TRADE CLASSIFICATION\***

Trade classification	Number of establishments	Retail sales in thousands of dollars
Food stores .....	3,056	\$537,303
Eating, drinking places .....	3,712	150,258
General merchandise .....	708	227,332
Apparel accessories stores .....	900	91,222
Furniture, home furnishing, appliance dealers .....	944	92,743
Automotive groups .....	1,185	390,565
Gasoline service stations .....	2,579	167,743
Lumber, building materials, hardware, farm equipment dealers .....	1,263	152,507
Drug stores, proprietary stores .....	552	65,601
Other retail stores .....	2,439	210,038
Non-store retailers .....	718	51,772

\* Source: 1958 Census of Business

**A NEW FARM DEFINITION****1959 Farm Definition**

For the 1959 Census of Agriculture, places of less than 10 acres were counted as farms if estimated sales of agricultural commodities for the year amounted for at least \$250. Places of 10 or more acres were counted as farms if the estimated sales of agricultural commodities for the year amounted to at least \$50. Places having less than \$50 or \$250 minimum estimated sales were also counted if they could

normally be expected to produce agricultural commodities in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of the definition. The term "place" was defined to include all land on which agricultural operations were conducted at any time in 1959 under the control of supervision of one person or partnership.

The change in definition accounted for 5,326 farms of total decline 1954 to 1959 (pages 19 and 43).

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