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### PREFATORY NOTE

The "Distribution of Income by States in 1919" is a by-product of the volumes on "Income in the United States" which have already been published by the Bureau. It is one of a series of studies which the Bureau is undertaking in connection with its main topics of research and which may later be collected in a formal volume. It is issued at this time in order to meet the special needs of many investigators concerned with the comparative capacity of the various states to bear increased taxes, to buy goods of various sorts, to absorb securities, etc. It also indicates the relative importance of agriculture in the different sections of the country.

The present study undertakes to distribute the aggregate income of the American people among the States on the basis of such official data and other indices as are available. This distribution is based on data for 1919. and no single year is "typical." The small incomes received by farmers in Montana after the bad weather of 1919 certainly do not represent average conditions and probably less striking anomalies exist among the figures for other States. However, the distribution must rest upon the State data gathered by the Census and those data are to be had only for 1919.

The reader who is looking for results, and is not interested in the method. will find these results presented in tabular form on pages 25 to 30.

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### THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME BY STATES

### in 1919

### I. INTRODUCTION

In a previous publication of this Bureau, the income of the United States in 1919 was estimated at 66.7 billion dollars. This estimate was based on the incomes received by gainfully employed persons, and was divided into the following categories—

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Income of persons receiving over \$2,000 per year (excluding farmers and farm		
laborers)\$1	ι8.90	
laborers)	20.05	
laborers)	$\frac{52.55}{90.00}$	
Income of Farm Laborers		
Corporate Surplus.		
Corporate burplus	2.00	
Total \$6	6 70	2

Many of the items on which these estimates for the country rest are available also by States. The Bureau of the Census has published in its advance bulletins the number of gainfully employed persons on January 1, 1920 and most of the details concerning farmers. The Bureau of Internal Revenue has published by States the amount of income reported under the income-tax law. Where direct data of this kind are lacking, it is possible to construct index numbers which can be used to distribute parts of the total National Income among the 48 States. Such State estimates, of course, cannot have the same accuracy as the larger estimate of the National Income, if for no other reason than that a small error is more important in a small total than it is in a large one.

For many purposes, it is quite as important to know the proportions of income received by States as it is to know the total for the country. Cer-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Income in the United States, Volume II, chap. 26. Harcourt, Brace & Company. <sup>2</sup> The amount distributed in the summary table below is 66.2 billion dollars; the difference of one-half billion dollars being the amount paid to soldiers which it was impossible to distribute among states in 1919.

tain details of this State distribution are particularly interesting: for example, the variations of per-capita income, the varying proportions of farmers' income to the total income, and the distribution of farmers' income.

#### II. THE METHOD

A. The Income of Persons Receiving Over \$2,000 per Year. (Excluding Farmers)

The income of persons receiving over \$2,000 per year (excluding farmers) has been treated in the following manner: The amount shown for each State in the official Statistics of Income, 1919, has been listed. This amount requires adjustment for the present purpose in three ways; first, it includes a part, but only a part, of the incomes in the ranges between \$1,000 and \$2,000; second, it includes income due to agriculture; and third, it does not include income which should have been, but was not, reported. In order to make these adjustments, (1) the amounts reported in the income-range \$1,000-\$2,000 have been subtracted from the total of each state; (2) the amount reported as due to agriculture, \$1,211 million, has been apportioned according to the percentage of farmers' incomes in each state and the ratio which the average farmers' incomes of each state are to the average farmers' incomes of the whole country; and (3) the resulting income in each state as left by these two adjustments has been raised to bring the sum for all the States to the estimated national total of \$17.500 million. (See Income in the United States, volume II, Chapter 22.) The last adjustment appears to be the least satisfactory; it involves the tacit assumption that the evasion of income taxes by failure to report and under-reporting is uniform in all states—an assumption which may or may not be valid.<sup>1</sup>

Next the non-taxable income must be apportioned. The income from homes owned by the individuals occupying them, amounting to 700 million dollars, has been distributed among the States according to the percentage of the total income-tax payers resident in each State. The remaining tax-exempt income, mostly interest on exempted bonds, amounted to 710 million dollars in 1919. This sum has been apportioned according to the total income of persons having \$25,000 or more per year in the several States. The reason for this is that the exempt income appears to be highly concentrated in the higher range of incomes.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;I am enclosing my approval of the publication of the section on the Distribution of Income by States. I want to place myself on record, however, as believing that the facts are not in accordance with the presumption that there is an equal amount of failure to report and of under-reporting in every state. In my opinion there is evidence in the income tax statistics themselves that there are very large differences in the degree of accuracy of these figures in different states. Nevertheless, the question is so difficult, and is in particular so full of political dynamite that I do not see that the Bureau could possibly adopt any other course than the one it has followed."—Allyn A. Young.

DISTRIBUTION OF NON-AGRICULTURAL INCOMES OVER \$2,000 BY STATES 1919 TABLE 1

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State         Reported total cover framers         Estimated framers         Reported, less framers         Reported, less framers         Adjusted from home         Tax-exempt respecting from home         Total exempt respection         Total exempt reporting         Total meaner         Total meaner				(common or common )	(0.00)			
\$ 93,741         \$ 6,559         \$ 87,182         \$ 96,667         \$ 4,550         \$ 2,403         \$ 2,213	State	Reported total over \$2,000	Estimated farmers' income	Reported, less farmers' income	Adjusted for under- reporting	Tax-exempt income from homes	Other tax- exempt income	Total
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			V	ew England Divis	ion			
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Maine	\$ 93,741 62,889			\$ 96,667 68,864			\$ 103,620
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Vermont	38,801 947,364	2,762	36,039 945,818	39,960	35,210	1,300	43,010
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Rhode Island	120,132 269,666	$\begin{vmatrix} 150 \\ 150 \\ 1,193 \end{vmatrix}$	119,982	133,036 297,683	5,250 14,490	7,128	145,414 145,414 323,710
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			M	iddle Atlantic Divi	sion			
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	New York	3,099,690	32,781	3,066,909	3,400,589	89,670	236,998	3,727,257
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	New Jersey	708,259 $1,482,358$	$\begin{vmatrix} 5,188\\25,743\end{vmatrix}$	703,071 1,456,615	779,635 1,615,095	30,450 70,770	26,866 73,144	836,951 1,759,009
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			Eas	t North Central Di	vision			
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Ohio	899,500	49,216	850,284	942,795	40,460	34,477	1,017,732
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Illinois	1,468,262	97,055	1,371,207	1,520,394	55,440	53,803	1,629,637
West North Central Division           314,568         40,632         273,936         303,740         16,240         8,839           491,582         110,218         381,364         422,856         17,570         4,491           407,376         34,485         372,891         413,462         16,450         13,930           62,890         22,155         40,735         45,167         3,570         236           119,766         30,552         89,214         98,920         5,040         541           242,528         61,831         180,697         5003,377         11,480         3,102           235,772         55,966         179,806         199,369         10,010         3,337	Michigan	570,907 275,289	26,963 38,075	543,944 237,214	603,125 263,023	23,870	25,283 5,859	652,278
314,568         40,632         273,936         303,740         16,240         8,839           491,582         110,218         381,364         422,856         17,570         4,491           407,376         34,485         372,891         413,462         16,450         13,930           22,890         22,155         40,735         45,167         3,570         236           119,766         30,552         89,214         98,920         5,00         541           242,528         61,831         180,697         11,480         3,102           235,772         55,966         179,806         199,369         10,010         3,337			Wes	t North Central Di	vision			
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Minnesota	314,568	40,632	273,936	303,740	16,240	8,839	328,819
40,370         34,485         372,891         413,462         16,450         13,930           22,155         40,735         45,167         3,570         236           119,766         30,552         89,214         98,920         5,41           242,528         61,831         180,697         200,357         11,480         3,102           235,772         55,966         179,806         199,369         10,010         3,337	10wa	491,582	110,218	381,364	422,856	17,570	4,491	444,917
62,890     22,155     40,735     45,167     3,570     236       119,766     30,552     89,214     98,920     5,040     541       242,528     61,831     180,697     200,357     11,480     3,102       235,772     55,966     179,806     199,369     10,010     3,337	Missouri	407,376	34,485	372,891	413,462	16,450	13,930	443,842
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	North Dakota	62,890	22,155	40,735	45,167	3,570	236	48,973
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	South Dakota	119,766	30,552	89,214	98,920	5,040	541	104,501
	Nebraska	242,528	61,831	180,697	200,357	11,480	3,102	214,939
	Kansas	235,772	55,966	179,806	199,369	10,010	3,337	212,716

TABLE 1—Continued

State	Reported total over \$2,000	Estimated farmers' income	Reported, less farmers' income	Adjusted for under- reporting	Tax-exempt income from homes	Other tax- exempt income	Total
		Sc	South Atlantic Division	sion			
Delaware	\$ 52,758	8 1,863	8 50,895	\$ 56,432	\$ 2,170	\$ 4,001	\$ 62,603
Maryland	329,624	5,280	324,344	359,633	15,260	13,014	387,907
District of Columbia	122,725		122,725	136,077	7,700	4,637	148,414
Virginia	205,833	13,518	192,315	213,239	9,940	4,539	227,718
West Virginia	124,501	3,725	120,776	133,916	5,950	3,248	143,114
North Carolina	150,103	33,503	116,600	129,286	4,900	5,313	139,499
South Carolina	129,808	27,744	102,064	113,169	4,900	2,419	120,488
Georgia	195,700	32,245	163,455	181,237	7,770	4.910	193,917
Florida.	91,833	2,621	89,212	98,918	4,060	2,155	105,133
		East	South Central Divisi	on			
Kentucky	191 608	14 602	176 916		7 840	2 5/10	907 689
Tennessee	170,615	13,561	157,054	174 141	6,650	2,010	106,002
Alahama	113,702	13,374	100,001	111,243	2000	9,000	110,143
Mississippi	92,086	16,01	76,058	84,333	3,150	3,180	90,663
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Arkansas	113,768	18,206	95,562	105,959	4,480	1,790	112,229
Louisiana	173,160	8,975	164,185	182,048	6,930	7,952	196,930
Oklahoma	219,372	55,193	164,179	182,042	8,050	5,684	195,776
1 exas	553,243	104,142	101,664		23,170	16,159	543,945
			Mountain Division	u			
Montana	78,589	- 63	78,526	87,070	2,600	899	93,338
Idaho	54,699	11,724	42,975	47,651	2,800	300	50,751
Wyoming	41,375	2,034	39,341	43,621	2,380	591	46,592
Colorado	160,118	17,663	142,455	157,954	7,560	3,761	169,275
New Mexico	26,765	2,512	24,253	26,892	1,400	272	28,564
Arizona	49,651	5,674	43,977	48,762	2,660	781	52,203
Utan	50,778	87.7.6	45,550	50,506	2,800	483	53,789
Nevada	14,046	7,062	11,984	13,288	1,120	7.5	14,480
			Pacific Division				
Washington	244,633	23,817	220,816	244,841	14,980	4,669	264,490
Oregon	137,390	9,565	127,825	141,732	6,510	3,875	152,117
California	832,028	82,834	749,194	830,706	35,000	27,356	893,062
Total	\$16.989.869	\$1 211 677	\$15 778 109	\$17 494 925	8697 690	\$710,000	\$18 909 615
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### B. Income of Persons Receiving under \$2,000 per year. (Excluding Farmers)

In apportioning the total sum of wages received by persons having less than \$2,000 per year it is necessary to allow for: (1) differences in the general level of wages in different States, and (2) differences in the relative numbers of persons following high-paid and low-paid occupations. A sample table is appended to illustrate the method used.

The number of persons gainfully employed on January 1st in each of the eight main groups under which the Census classifies the occupation returns is reported by States in the Census of 1920. From these data and from the estimated number of persons having incomes over \$2,000, it is possible to approximate the number of persons in each occupation group in each State having incomes less than \$2,000. To this end, the number of persons in each occupation group as reported by the Census has been adjusted in the ratio applied to that occupation group in the estimate for the whole country. These reducing ratios are computed from Tables 23E, F, and G of *Income in the United States*, volume II, chapter 23. From this point forward, the general method of estimating the total wages in each State is the same as that used for the United States. This procedure consists in multiplying the number of persons in each occupation group by the average wages for the corresponding group, and adding together the products in order to find the total wages in each state.

While this computation gives the estimated total payments for personal services, it does not show the total income from all sources. In Chapter 23 of *Income in the United States*, it was estimated that in the case of persons receiving less than \$2,000 per year, income from other sources was about 9.5 per cent of the income from wages. This percentage was therefore added to wages in order to arrive at the total income in each State of persons receiving less than \$2,000. The results are shown in the summary table.

The following form was used for estimating the total income of wage and salary earners in each State. A complete transcription of the original data used in making the estimates would be extremely cumbersome and would serve no useful purpose. The original tables, however, are open to the inspection of anyone who is interested.

TABLE 2

TABLE ILLUSTRATING METHOD OF FINDING TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES IN EACH STATE RECEIVED BY ALL PERSONS HAVING INCOMES LESS THAN \$2,000 (EXCLUDING FARMERS AND FARM LABORERS)

## New York

	Number of persons in each occupa- tion group	Percentage in each group re- ceiving in- comes less than \$2,000 per year	Number of persons re- ceiving less than \$2,000 per year	United States average wages for each group	Ratio of wage rates in this State to wage rates in United States	Average wages in State for each group	Total wages in State
Mining. Manutacturing. Transportation Trade Public Service Professional Domestic.	7,644 1,755,927 404,723 592,145 100,394 229,211 470,715 565,944	84.3 96.4.3 84.3 84.3 947.9 93.2 66.7	6,444 1,692,714 357,775 382,526 84,632 139,969 438,706 377,484	1,300 1,160 1,250 1,145 893 1,200 1,200	933 1.055 1.030 1.040 1.039 1.033 1.055	\$1,224 1,224 1,288 1,191 928 1,247 1,247 1,247 1,266	\$ 7,816,572 2,071,881,936 460,814,200 455,588,466 78,538,496 174,541,343 407,996,580 477,894,744
Total	4,189,703		3,480,250			\$1,191	\$4,145,072,337

In Chapter 23, volume II of Income in the United States, it was found that the average ratio between wages and income for persons having incomes of less than \$2,000 was 1:1.095. Total income may therefore be found by multiplying \$4,145,072,337 x 1.095 which equals \$4,593,154,600. <sup>1</sup> The total wages must be converted into total income.

As said, to estimate the annual wages of persons in each occupation group, indices were found for each State, and applied to the average annual wages for each occupation group in the whole country. In this way, the different wage levels obtaining in different States, as well as the different occupations of the gainfully employed in different States were given their due weight.

The sources from which the varying income from wages imputed to different States were drawn are as follows:—

- (1) Mining. The Census of Mines and Quarries, 1919, gives the total wages paid and the number of miners paid in each State.
- (2) Manufacturing. The Census of 1919 gives the number employed in manufacturing, and also the total wages paid in each State.
- (3) Transportation. The reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission show the wages paid for similar work in three divisions of the country—Eastern, Southern, and Western. These, together with similar data furnished by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, have been used as a basis for adjusting wage rates by States. The number of persons employed is estimated from the Census of Occupations, 1920.
- (5) Public Service. This is a small group, for which no systematic wage data exist. The relative wages have been apportioned in general conformity with the other groups. The estimates of numbers employed are based on the Census of Occupations.
- (6) The relative wages and salaries of persons listed under Professional Service in different States have been apportioned according to an index constructed from relative rates of salaried employees in manufacturing and mining. Again, the Census of Occupations gives a basis for estimating the numbers of persons.
- (7) No systematic data exist in the field of Domestic and Personal Service. Owing to this lack, an index based on manufacturing wages was used to determine the relative rates in each State; and the number of persons employed was estimated from the Census of Occupations.
- (8) Clerical. The relative wages of clerks in manufacturing and transportation have been used as an index for computing the rate of wages in different States. The number of persons employed is estimated from the Census of Occupations.

These data make possible a reasonably accurate estimate of the differences in wage levels that exist among the 48 States.

### C. Income of Farm Laborers.

Farm laborers form a problem by themselves. Their wages, as shown in the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, vary widely from one State to another. The rates used here are average monthly wages without board, and thus furnish material only for an index of variations. The average wage of farm laborers in 1919 was estimated at \$518, and the total wages at \$2,302 million. This total for the entire country was apportioned among the States according to the index of variations made by taking the products of the number of farm laborers in each State times the average monthly wages. These results appear in the summary table.

### D. Income of Farmers.

The distribution of the total income of farmers in 1919 among the various states is the most difficult and complicated of the various subdivisions with which we have to deal. Without an actual census of farmers' incomes, the extraordinary diversity of production and costs presents problems which can only be solved in rough approximations. In addition the reports of the Department of Agriculture contain duplications which may be eliminated only in a broad way. These reports do not differentiate between the crops which are sold as crops and those which are sold or used to feed animals.

While such corrections may be made for the country as a whole with a tolerable degree of accuracy, errors are apt to loom large in the subdivisions by States. Since it has not been possible to divide all the items of product or of expenses among the States, the larger ones only have been chosen and used as an index of the proportions in which the total farmers' income of \$10,850 million was divided. As a matter of fact the total resulting from the use of this index came very near the national total, being \$10.978 million; but the closeness of these figures is largely a matter of chance, for among the products of each State no account has been taken of the direct income received by the farmers, such as milk, butter, vegetables, home rent, etc. In the expenses no account has been taken of seed. horses sold, feed purchased, etc. These items, however, are of relatively minor importance and do not affect the validity of the index to any marked degree. The items comprising the index are by all odds the largest affecting farmers' income. And they are also the items concerning whose distribution by States we have the most accurate information. Most of them are reported in the Census of 1920 and the others, for the most part, rest on Census data.

The method of attack has been to take as a basis for the farmers' income of each State the crops raised. These are definitely recorded for each State, and form, for the country as a whole, about nine-tenths of the value

product of farmers. To the value of these crops must be added the value produced by (1) animals slaughtered and (2) animal products over and above the value of those crops that are fed to animals.1

The value added by animals slaughtered has been based on a large number of reports of the costs of producing beef and hogs. These indicate that the ratio of feed costs to other costs is about four to one. On the assumption that total costs are roughly equal to total value, the indication is that about twenty per cent of the value of animals slaughtered is an addition to the value of the crops that have been fed to these animals.

While this rule seems to hold for most of the country, an exception must be made in the range states (Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada) in which the value added by animals above the crops they are fed is estimated at fifty per cent of their total value. This change in ratio is due to the fact that crops (range grass) on which these cattle are largely fed is not counted by the Census in its value of total crops. Of course, the same remark holds true concerning all animals which are out at pasture; but it is "more" true of the range States. That there is a distinct difference between these states and the rest of the country is indicated by the fact that in all other states there are 54.624.057 hogs and 50.822.210 cattle; whereas in the range states there are 4.722.352 hogs and 15.830.349 cattle. In the rest of the country, therefore, hogs and cattle are roughly equal. In the range states there are more than three times as many cattle as hogs. In addition. there is little fattening of cattle in the range States.

Having determined on the proportion of the value of animals slaughtered which may be considered a net addition to the value of crops which they are fed, it remains to determine the value of animals slaughtered. This

<sup>1</sup> Some hypothetical examples will explain this procedure.
(a) If all farmers in state A raised feed worth say, a million dollars; and sold it to farmers in state B, who raised no feed at all, but only fattened cattle, the record might stand

State A produces crops worth	\$1,000,000
State B produces cattle of gross value	
State B produces cattle of net value (20%)	250,000
Total value of agriculture in both states $(A + B)$	1.250,000

The million dollars worth of feed bought by the farmers of State B from those of State A is thus counted out.

(b) If one set of farmers in one state sell feed to another set of farmers of the same state, who raise only cattle, then the record stands

Value of crops raised	. \$1,000,000
Value of cattle slaughtered	. 1,250,000
Net value of cattle slaughtered	. 250,000
Income of Formers	1.950,000

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Value of crops raised\$1,000,0	
Value of animals slaughtered	00
Net value of animals slaughtered	00
Income of Farmers	00

figure is not included in the Census; but the Bureau of Animal Industry reports the total production of meat; and the average values of the different kinds of animals slaughtered are shown in the Department of Agriculture Year Book for 1920. From these data the total value of animals slaughtered in the United States may be estimated as follows:

TABLE 3
TOTAL VALUE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED IN 1919 1

	U. S. inspected	Other	Total number slaughtered	Average value	Total value (thousand dollars)
Cattle. Calves. Sheeps and Lambs. Goats. Swine.	10,089,984 3,969,019 12,691,117 87,380 41,811,830	3,545,100 5,072,000 3,573,700 160,100 24,868,500	13,635,084 9,041,019 16,264,817 247,480 66,680,330	\$44.22 25.00 11.63 10.00 22.00	\$ 602,943 226,025 189,160 2,475 1,466,967
Total					\$2,487,570 2

Twenty per cent of the value of animals slaughtered, \$2,487,570,000, is \$497,514,000, and when a correction is made for the fifty per cent which is attributed to the value of animals in the range States, this total becomes \$652,952,000. This sum therefore is counted a net addition to the value of the total crops produced. In order to divide this among the various States the total value of beef cattle, sheep, goats, and swine was taken for each State and the \$652,952,000, was divided in accordance with this index. The assumption underlying this division is that the value of animals slaughtered in the States varies in the same ratio as the value of the animals in those States; an assumption which appears to be in general accord with the facts.

The values of animal products are reported by States in the Census; but, as in dealing with meat, it is necessary to determine what proportion of this value may be considered a net addition to the crops that are used to produce it. On this point the evidence is less clear than in the case of meat production. A study of the cost reports of the Bureau of Farm Management indicates that about sixty per cent of the costs may be attributed to feed and about forty per cent to other items. This proportion is broadly corroborated by Mr. H. A. Wallace, Editor of Wallace's Magazine and by Mr. F. A. Peck, formerly of the Bureau of Crop Estimates and now with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Supplied through the courtesy of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The total value of animals sold and slaughtered on farms is given in an advance bulletin of the Census at \$3,511,201.21. This figure, however, contains considerable duplication, since many animals are sold twice; it is only in the range States that there is little re-selling and in these States the values reported by the Census agree fairly closely with those used.

the University of Minnesota. If we accept forty per cent as the net addition and apply it to the total value of animal products of \$2,667,072,273,¹ then the net addition is found to be \$1,067,000,000. Since the total value of animal products is reported by States, the amount to be added on this account can be computed directly.

A broad check upon the total value added by "Animals Slaughtered" and "Animal Products" may be had by comparing the results obtained by the preceding method on the one hand and the net value as found by subtracting the crops fed to animals from the total value product of those animals on the other hand. These crops are mainly hay, corn, barley and oats, and the percentage of each of these crops sold is reported in the Census. From the total amounts fed must further be subtracted for our present purposes the value of crops fed to horses and mules on the farms. The amounts fed to horses and mules are estimated at two thirds the Army ration—12 lbs. oats and 14 lbs. hay for horses, and 9 lbs. oats and 14 lbs. hay for mules.

This comparison works out as follows:

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Value added by animal staughtered\$ 652,952,000 Value added by animal products	
Total value added	\$1,719,780,909
(2) Total value of animals slaughtered and animal products	

The two methods of estimating the value product added by animals and animal products over and above the crops fed to animals differ by about 11 per cent—not a wide difference as such matters go—and indicate that the percentages used in estimating the net addition to animals slaughtered and animal products are tolerably reliable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Summary of the Census of Agriculture, 1919 and 1920. Table 26, page 15.

TABLE 4
DISTRIBUTION OF FARMERS' INCOME BY STATES
1919

		NEW	NEW ENGLAND DIVISION	Division	(Thousan	(Thousands of dollars)		MIDDLE ATLANTIC DIVISION	Division
Income	Mame	N. H.	Vt.	Mass.	R. I.	Conn.	N. Y.	N. J.	Pa.
(A) Value of erops	100,152 26,075	23,509 14,681	48,000 31,573	53,701 33,851	5,340 5,368	44,492 20,862	417,047	87,464 31,483	410,934 156,012
(b) Net vante actuer by animal proteuts (40% of above)	10,430	5,872	12,629	13,540	2,147	8,345	90,186	12,593	62,405
and goats 2.	21,405	12,544	30,636	22,693	3,354	15,996	218,248	21,103	150,391
	2,109 $112,691$	1,236 $30,617$	3,017 63,646	2,236 69,477	331 7,818	1,577 54,414	21,507 528,740	2,079 102,136	14,820 $488,159$
Expenses  Number of draft animals  Per cent of all draft animals in State	94,794	38,442	77,832	50,937	6,615	38,99 <del>4</del> 00155	543,494	78,326	561,047
Expenses of feed. Fertilizer	7,783	3,167	6,396	4,181 3,907	538 380	3,209 4,894	44,629 15,067	6,438	46,078 15,628
LaborInterest on mortgage	9,641 $1,134$	$\frac{4,521}{348}$	7,712 1,273	16,577 $1,334$	2,102 $87$	13,203 1,018	64,325 7,859	18,074 1,357	42,112 $4,650$
MaintenanceTotal Expenses	11,633 37,950	5,207 13,769	9,741 25,979	13,929 39,928	1,429 $4,536$	10,233 32,557	80,159 212,039	13,360 49,972	76,442 $184,910$
Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses	74,741	16,848	37,667	29,549	3,292	21,857	316,701	52,164	303,249
Final income $(\frac{10850}{10978}$ of above) $^3$	73,867	16,651	37,226	29,203	3,253	21,601	312,996	51,554	299,701
Number of farms	48,227		11 6-74	32,001 913	4,083	22,655 953	193,195	29,702	্ব
Average acreage per farm	, 112.5 5,609	5,782	7,661	9,389	81.2 8,238	83.8 10,019	,106.8 9,879	76.8 10,499	8,551

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41. <sup>3</sup> Explained in text.

TABLE 4-Continued

EAST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION

		(Th	(Thousands of dollars)	rs)	
Income	Ohio	Ind.	III.	Mıch.	Wis.
<ul> <li>(A) Valuc of crops.</li> <li>(B) Net value added by animal products (40% of above).</li> <li>(C) Value of beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats?</li> <li>(C) Value added by animals slaughtered.</li> <li>(D) Total Income (A + B + C).</li> </ul>	607,038	497,230	864,738	404,014	445,348
	155,588	99,350	142,351	111,076	213,022
	62,235	39,740	56,940	44,430	85,209
	186,111	165,291	280,456	135,039	243,941
	18,340	16,289	27,637	13,307	24,040
	687,613	553,259	949,315	461,751	554,597
Number of draft animals.  Per cent of all draft animals in State. Expenses of feed. Fertilizer Labor. Interest on mortgage. Maintenance.	842,318 .03343 .03343 .69,200 13,206 46,428 7,146 79,290 215,270	817,591 .03244 .03244 .67,151 8,735 32,867 6,105 57,848	1,465,126 .05814 .05814 120,350 2,390 80,390 10,847 97,032	611,393 .02426 50,218 4,873 32,168 8,646 59,989 155,894	687,648 .02729 .56,490 .780 48,137 18,792 .73,606
Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses	472,343	380,553	637,700	305,857	356,792
	466,817	376,101	630,239	302,278	352,618
Number of farms.  Average income per farm.  Average acreage per farm.  Average value per farm.	256,695	205,126	237,181	196,447	189,295
	1,819	1,834	2,657	1,539	1,863
	91.6	102.7	134.8	96.9	117.0
	12,060	14,831	28,108	8,976	14,143

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture p. 41

TABLE 4—Continued

			WEST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION (Thousands of dollars)	North Central Di (Thousands of dollars)	Division rs)		
Іпсоте	Minn.	lowa	Mo.	N. Dak.	S. Dak.	Nebr.	Kans.
(A) Value of animal products 1. (B) Verlue added by animal products 1. (ACC) of about	506,020	890,391	559,048	301,783	311,007	519,730	588,923
	113,237	130,250	105,601	30,980	35,739	54,612	80,323
	45,295	52,100	42,240	12,392	14,296	21,845	32,129
Value of beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats <sup>2</sup> .  (C) Value added by animals slaughtered. Total Income (A + B + C).	209,256	447,885	236,846	80,378	173,622	241,695	187,612
	20,621	44,140	23,340	7,922	17,110	23,820	18,489
	571,936	986,631	624,628	322,097	342,413	565,395	639,541
Expenses  Number of draft animals.  Per cent of all draft animals in State  Expenses of feed.	943,032	1,468,042	1,295,265	863,555	832,151	1,061,243	1,326,159
	.03742	.05826	.05139	.03427	.03302	.04211	.05263
	77,459	120,598	106,377	70,939	68,351	87,108	108,944
Labor. Interest on mortgage. Maintenance Total expenses.	49,811 13,996 73,193 214,892	26,940 26,940 123,192 342,024	2,341 40,155 13,204 60,704 224,381	37,064 7,255 32,339 147,717	32,599 5,303 35,387 141,674	63 46,366 9,638 53,499 196,736	97.9 67,873 6,595 50,915 235,306
Total recorded income minus total re- eorded expenses	357,044 353,705	644,607	400,247 395,564	174,380 172,340	200,739	368,659 364,346	404,235
Number of farms  Average income per farm.  Average acreage per farm.  Average value per farm.	178,478	213,439	263,004	77,690	74,655	124,421	165,286
	1,982	2,985	1,504	2,218	2,657	2,928	2,417
	169.3	156.8	132.2	466.1	464.1	339.4	274.8
	21,221	39,941	13,654	22,651	37,835	33,771	19,982

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41.

TABLE 4—Continued

SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION

(Thousands of dollars)	Va. W. Va. N. C. S. C. Ga. Fla.	292,842         96,537         503,229         437,122         540,614         80,257           46,311         26,333         35,860         20,354         36,401         7,622	18,524 10,533 14,344 8,142 14,560 3,049	66,187 42,884 45,661 31,101 56,330 20,965	6,522         4,226         4,500         3,065         5,552         2,066           317,888         111,296         522,073         448,329         560,726         85,372	184,129 428,005 297,681 506,854		1,709 48,797 52,547 46,196	5,816 12,036 15,336 19,017	19 187 97 230 21 19 18	35,505 125,220 115,605 140,011	210,899 75,791 396,853 333,724 420,715 50,001	74,904 392,210 329,819 415,793	186,242 87,289 269,763 192,673 310,732 54,005 1119	00 7 100 6 71 0 61 2 61 0
	Md. D. C.	109,811 307 25,522 119	10,209 48	25,802 189	2,542 19 122,562 374		<u>ෂ</u> ——	_	16,721   173		55,719 374	66,843	66,061	47,908	97 8
	Del.	23,059 5,779	2,312	4,036	398 25,769	37,191	.00148 3,064	1,222	2,808	153	7,501	18,268	18,054	11	93 1
	Інсоте	(A) Value of crops		sheep and goats?(C) Value odded by enimals		Expenses Number of draft animals	Per cent of all draft animals in State.  Expenses of feed	Fertilizer	Labor	Maintenance	Total expenses.	Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses.	Final income $(\frac{10850}{10978}$ of above)	Number of farms	Average acreage per farm.

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53.
<sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41.

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	East ;	South Cen	East South Central Division (The	WEST (Thousands of dollars)	West S of dollars)	OUTH CENT	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION (ollars)	Z
Інсоте	Ky.	Tenn.	Ala.	Miss.	Ark.	La.	Okla.	Tex.
(A) Value of crops	348,655 50,928 20,371	318,285 50,961 20,384	304,349 30,427 12,171	336,207 27,328 10,931	341,565 30,084 12,034	206,183 13,613 5,445	549,249 49,888 19,955	1,071,527 87,762 35,105
Value of beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats?	75,793	75,116	48,154	55,823	49,121	35,064	105,553	378,174
	7,469 376,495	7,402 346,071	4,745 321,265	5,501 352,639	4,840 358,439	$^{3,455}_{215,083}$	26,000 595,204 <sup>3</sup>	93,163
Expenses  Number of draft animals  Per cent of all draft animals in State	675,299 .02680	670,431 .02660	426,600	523,068 .02076	574,603 .02280	358,871 .01424	1,075,078	1,837,294
Expenses of feed. Fertilizer Labor	55,476 $3,597$ $18,152$	55,062 $3,525$ $11,227$	35,045 14,066 7,724	42,973 4,288 7,033	47,196 2,573 13,208	29,477 3,840 21,418	88,306 452 41,625	$150,924 \\ 1,831 \\ 88,093$
Interest on mortgage	4,027 30,276 111,528	3,090 27,066 99,970	2,183 16,226 75,244	1,953 18,794 75,041	3,066 18,877 84,920	1,475 12,314 68,524	4,847 27,304 162,534	10,521 52,825 304,194
Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses.  Final income (10978 of above)	264,967	246,101 243,222	246,021	277,598	273,519 270,319	146,559	432,670	895,601 885,122
Number of farms.  Average income per farm  Average aereuge per farm.	270,626 968 79.9 5,587	252,774 962 77.2 4,953	256,099 949 76.4 2,698	272,101 1,008 66.9 3,546	232,604 1,162 75.0 3,974	135,463 1,069 74.0	191,987 2,227 166.4 8,649	436,033 2,030 261.5 10,200

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41. <sup>3</sup> Value added by animals has been adjusted as explained in the text.

TABLE 4-Continued

			45	Mountain Division (Thousands of dollars)	Division of dollars)			
Income	Mont.	Idaho	Wyo.	Colo.	N. Mex.	Ariz.	Utah	Nev.
(A) Value of erops	69,975 24,809	126,492 22,225	30,271 14,004	181,065 26,921	40,620 8,448	42,481 6,295	58,067 13,736	13,980 4,695
	9,924	8,890	5,603	10,768	3,379	2,518	5,494	1,878
sheep and goats 2	102,615	69,214	75,447	122,252	81,069	44,327	43,114	26,528
Total income (A + B + C).	25,282 <sup>3</sup> 105,181	17,050 <sup>3</sup> 152,432	18,588 ³ 54,461	30,120 <sup>3</sup> 221,953	19,975 ³ 63,974	10,920 ³ 55,919	10,620 <sup>3</sup> 74,181	6,535 s 22,393
Expenses Number of draft animals	678,185	300,858	201,710	451,829	203,055	148,159	128,264	52,936
Expenses of feed	55,704	24,716	16,643	.01793 37,115	16,684	12,172	.00509	.00210 4,347
Fertilizer	126 21 344	18 303	8 0 977	294 98 903	113	41	109	10
Interest on mortgage.	5,924	5,100	1,178	4,258	815	1,174	0,490	5,808 437
Maintenance	14,086 97,184	10,806 59,031	3,558 30,664	15,210 $85,170$	3,522 27,572	2,459 24,288	4,627 $25,490$	1,052 11,654
Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses.	7 997	93 401	23 707	136 783	36 409	31 631	48 601	10.730
Final income ( $\frac{10850}{10978}$ of above)	7,901	92,280	23,511	135,142	35,965	31,251	48,107	10,610
Number of farms	57,677	42,106	15,748	59,934	29,844	9,975	25,662	3,163
Average acreage per farm	608.1	198.9			817.9	581.7	196.8	5,504
Average value per farm	17,095	17,008			10,896	23,418	12,130	31,546

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41. <sup>3</sup> Value added by animals slaughtered has been adjusted as explained in the text.

TABLE 4-Continued

		PACIFIC DIVISION (Thousands of dollars)	Division of dollars)	
Іпсоте	Wash.	Oregon	Calif.	Total United States
(A) Value of erops.  Value of animal products <sup>1</sup> .  (B) Net value added by animal products (40% of above).  Value of beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats <sup>2</sup> .  (C) Value added by animals slaughtered.  Total income (A + B + C).	227,212 44,066 17,626 49,437 4,872 249,710	131,885 35,147 14,059 77,492 7,636 153,580	587,601 103,932 41,573 161,569 15,922 645,096	14,755,356 1,066,826 5,053,519 652,952 16,475,134
Number of draft animals.  Per cent of all draft animals in State. Expenses of feed. Ferthizer. Labor. Interest on mortgage. Maintenance. Total expenses.	319,472 .01268 26,248 526 34,121 4,034 17,746 82,675	285,934 .01135 23,495 490 21,031 3,380 13,054 61,450	465,826 .01849 .8,274 8,183 126,096 14,788 42,683 230,024	2,070,021 326,396 1,363,492 239,872 1,497,331 5,497,112
Total recorded income minus total recorded expenses	167,035 165,031	92,130	415,072	10,978,022
Number of farms.  Average income per farm.  Average acreage per farm.  Average value per farm.	66,288 2,490 199.8 15,952	50,206 1,813 269.7 16,304	117,670 3,485 249.6 29,158	6,448,343 1,682 148.2 12,084

<sup>1</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 53. <sup>2</sup> Advance Bulletin of the 1920 Census of Agriculture, p. 41.

One other remark should be made concerning the variations among States in farming. Differences in crops and their values are taken account of in the Census figures; the same is true of variations in the amount spent on fertilizer, labor, interest on mortgage, and animal products. Crops sold by farmers to other farmers and used as feed by them, are taken account of first by using the entire crop values for each State; and second by adding to their value only that part of the value of animals slaughtered on the farm or sold for slaughter, and of animal products which is imputed to other expenses than the value of feed. There are, however, variations in the feed of animals, especially the proportion that is due to grazing, which are not taken account of in the Census figures. Such variations cause some error; corrected in a very rough manner for the range States alone. But the error cannot be large; for crops constitute about 90 per cent of the total value product according to this method of counting; so that the error must be in the remaining 10 per cent only.

The amounts shown, then, are not put forward as exact; they are, rather, working estimates, which appear to be substantiated fairly well by the cross checks which have been used.<sup>1</sup>

### E. Corporate Surplus.

The corporate surplus in 1919, which amounted to 2.0 billion (*Income in the United States*, volume II, chapter 25) is a difficult item to distribute among the States. Perhaps the best approximation is to credit it in the same ratio as the value added by manufactures in each State, an item which is reported in the Census of Manufactures for 1919.<sup>2</sup> A comparison with earlier Censuses shows that this percentage distribution remains fairly constant from one census period to the next, so that there can be no great error in applying these figures to the total corporate surplus.

<sup>2</sup> Various other ratios of distribution have been suggested—(1) the distribution of the non-agricultural income of each State; (2) the distribution of dividends received as reported by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in *Statistics of Income*. Both of these methods are logical, especially the latter. It is questioned, however, whether corporate surplus really goes to stockholders in the sense indicated. To some extent, it goes to the community. As a practical matter, the distribution resulting from the use of any one of

these ratios is about the same.

¹ The low average income per farm in Montana (\$137) may not be typical. Montana crops in 1919 were particularly bad; the composite number of all crop yields in 1919 as shown in the Department of Agriculture Year Book, 1920, p. 810, was 40, as compared to 83 in 1920, 66 in 1918, 55 in 1917, 86 in 1916, 107 in 1915, and 90 in 1914. The "hypothetical" value of all crops in Montana, as estimated by the Department of Agriculture (page 807), in 1919 is \$71,552,000 as against \$146,713,000 in 1918 and a five year average, 1914 to 1918, of \$95,158,000. If the value of crops raised had been what one would have expected in a "normal" year, then the average income per farmer would have been about \$1,200 to \$1,500 (instead of \$137) a figure that is not out of line with the averages of surrounding states.

### F. The Totals.

The preceding items need to be cast up to get the total income for each State. While the figures for persons having incomes over and under \$2,000 exclude the farmers, and are therefore rather artificial, they possess a certain independent interest. Of course this form of presentation is necessary because the Federal Income Tax data give arbitrary prominence to the \$2,000 line.

SUMMARY TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME BY STATES  $$1919\$ 

tural persons having over \$2,000	non-agricul- tural persons having under \$2,000	Farm laborers	Farmers	Corporate surplus	Total	Total excluding farmers and farm laborers
		New England Division	Division			
<b>⇔</b>	235,743 154,210	\$ 18,676 6,412	\$ 73,867 16,651	\$ 16,200 13,400	\$ 448,106 264,530	\$ 355,563 241,467
	91,473 1,708,763 257,035 578,679	8,970 16,983 2,686 9,798	37,226 29,203 3,253 21,601	5,800 140,000 26,600 56,600	186,479 3,034,020 434,988 990,388	2,987,834 429,049 958,989
		Middle Atlantic Division	Division			
4j⊢,≪	4,593,156 1,372,091 3,606,398	127,650 19,108 44,510	312,996 51,554 299,701	313,800 112,400 248,400	9,074,859 2,392,104 5,958,018	8,634,213 2,321,442 5,613,807
ĵ.		East North Central	Div.			in the second
2, 2, \( \alpha \)		53,768		175,000	3,967,713	3,447,128
4,2	2,472,084	76,424	630,239	154,000	4,962,384	4,255,721
1,4	451,663 697,952	51,888 75,541	302,278 352,618	123,800 57,660	2,581,907 1,466,513	2,227,741 1,038,354
	1	West North Central	al Division			
ary ar,	520,423	89,010	353,705	26,800	1,386,514	943,799
	877,070	62,752	395,564	43,200	1,822,428	1,364,112
	82,878	27,725	172,340	1,000	332,916	132,851
	092,260	34,003	198,390	1,600	436,254	203,861
	276,154	44,919	364,346	6,200	909,558	500,293
	399,341	40,977	399,505	12,800	1,065,339	624,857

TABLE 5-Continued

State	agricultural persons having over \$2,000	Income of non- agricultural persons having under \$2,000	Farm laborers	Farmers	Corporate surplus	Total	Total excluding farmers and farm laborers
			South Atlantic Division	Division			
Delaware	\$ 62,603	\$ 85,817	\$ 3,717	\$ 18,054	6,400	176,591	\$ 154.820
Maryland	387,907	498,123	21,638	66,061	25,800	999,529	911,830
District of Columbia.	148,414	235,515			3,000	386,929	386,929
Virginia	227,718	484,134	48,024	208.431	21,800	990,107	733,652
West Virginia	143,114	398,742	22,963	74,904	16,000	655,723	557,856
North Carolina	139,499	329,375	86,112	392,210	33,400	980,596	502,274
South Carolina	120,488	192,293	80,598	329,819	12,200	735,398	324.981
Georgia	193,917	405,275	106,968	415,793	20,000	1.141,953	619,192
Florida	105,133	213,348	28,980	49,416	009,6	406,477	328,081
		E	East South Centr	al Division			
Kentucky	207.552	412.537	52.054	261.867	12.600	046 610	632,680
Tennessee	186,149	351,526	55,970	243,222	12,000	853.867	554 675
Alabama	119,120	349,647	83,116	243 143	15,200	810,226	483 967
Mississippi	90,663	174,252	81,806	274,350	8,000	629,071	272,915
		11	rest South Centr	al Division			
Arkansas	112,229	199 762	73 832	270.319	7 600	663 749	310 501
Louisiana	196,930	349,946	60,294	144.844	19,400	771.414	566,276
Oklahoma	195,776	384,894	68,573	427,608	2,000	1.083,851	587,670
Texas	543,945	876,191	181,792	885,122	24,000	2,511,050	1,444,136
			Mountain D	ivision			
Montana	93,338	154,181	22,110	7,901	3,600	281,130	251,119
Idaho	50,751	87,630	27,004	92,280	3,000	260,665	141,381
Wyoming	46,592	72,074	7,920	23,511	3,200	153,297	121,866
Colorado	169,275	258,258	29,808	135,142	8,000	600,483	435,533
New Mexico	28,564	68,163	13,615	35,965	008	147,107	97,527
Arizona	52,203	116,280	19,854	31,251	2,200	221,788	170,683
Utah	53,789	111,393	15,235	48,107	3,800	232,324	168,982
Nevada	14,480	36,023	4,278	10,610	400	65,791	50,903
			Pacific Div	ision			
Washington	264,490	552,740	54,412	165,031	29,400	1,066,073	846,630
California	152,117 893,062	207,004	33,617	91,024	00,800	556,622	9 260 605
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10tal U. S	\$18,902,615	\$32,152,266	\$2,345,964	\$10,851,096	\$2,000,600	\$66,252,601	\$53,055,541

#### III. THE RESULTS

- 1. New York State with an income of about nine billion dollars, which is over one-eighth of the total National Income, has by far the largest income of any State. It is followed in succession by Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, California, Michigan, and Texas. At the other end of the list is Nevada, with an income of less than one hundred million dollars.
- 2. The Middle Atlantic States (New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania), taken as a group, have over one-fourth of the National Income; and with the East North Central group and the New England States, have more than one-half of the total.
- 3. New York again heads the list of per capita incomes, with \$874. Nevada, California, Delaware, Wyoming, Massachusetts, and Washington are next with around \$800. At the other end of the scale, with per capita incomes of less than \$400 each are Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.
- 4. Taken as a group, the Pacific States have the largest per capita income, with \$796; next are the Middle Atlantic States, with \$783. The per capita income of the East South Central States was less than half these amounts, or \$364.
- 5. The average income of the gainfully employed shows variations from the per capita income due to the wide differences in the character of the employment of the population in the various States. South Dakota and New York head the list with just over \$2,000; and close to this mark are Nebraska, Iowa, Delaware, Illinois, and Wyoming. At the other end of the list are Alabama and Mississippi, both just under \$900.
- 6. The Middle Atlantic States have the largest average income of gainfully employed with \$1,886 and the Pacific States have \$1,837. At the other end, the East South Central States have the smallest with \$979.
- 7. The per cent of non-agricultural Income in each State received by persons having incomes over \$2,000 per year is difficult to interpret. The percentage is high where there are large incomes; but it may also be high owing to a large number of moderate incomes. If we had sufficient data to plot a curve representing the distribution of incomes in each state, such variations might be brought out, but this is not feasible with the existing data. South Dakota shows the highest percentage, having over one-half of its non-agricultural income received by persons with incomes over \$2,000; next in order are Iowa, New York, Nebraska, Maryland, and Delaware. At the other end of the scale are North Carolina, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Alabama, which show about one-fourth of their non-agricultural incomes received by persons having over \$2,000 per annum.
  - 8. Texas has the largest farmers' income, with nearly 900 million dol-

lars. Iowa and Illinois come next, each just above 600 million dollars. Rhode Island farmers are last, with aggregate incomes of three million dollars.

- 9. The largest average income of farmers is found in California, with \$3,485; next in Nevada, with \$3,354. The only other States near the \$3,000 mark are Arizona, Iowa, and Nebraska. With the exception of Montana, which had an abnormally poor year in 1919, the States having the lowest averages (all less than \$1,000) were Kentucky Tennessee, Connecticut, Alabama, Florida, Massachusetts, West Virginia, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.
- 10. Taken as a group, the East North Central and the West North Central States have nearly one-half of the farmers' income of the country. The Middle Atlantic States have only 6 per cent, and New England less than two per cent.
- 11. Farmers' income constitutes over one-half the total State income in North Dakota. It is over 40 per cent in South Dakota, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas, Nebraska, and North Carolina. On the other hand, it is less than four per cent in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and less than one per cent in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- 12. Taken as a group, farmers' incomes constitute about one-third of the total income in the West South Central, the West North Central, and the East South Central States. On the other hand, they constitute about one-thirtieth of the total income in New England and the Middle Atlantic States.

TABLE 6
ANALYSIS OF INCOME BY STATES, 1919

Per cent of State income exclusive of farmer's and farm laborers in- come received by non-agricultural persons having over \$2,000 per	35.63	29.14	30.06	38.12	 83.88 24.88	43.17	36.05	31.33	29.52					34	45.25	32	36	51	54	
Average income per person gainfully employed	\$1,592	1,446	1,347	1,755	1,582	2.014	1,826	1,739	1,725	1,524	1,889	1,752	1,473	1.590	1.977	1,384	1,608	2,014	1,990	1,706
Number of persons ganfully employed Jan. 1, 1920	41,609,192	309,858 192,827	138,484	1,728,297	589,816	4.504.791	1,310,379	3,426,361	2,300,412	1,117,032	2,626,547	1,473,614	995,401	608 693	858,699	1,317,010	207,082	216,573	457,081	624,391
Per cent of total popu- lation in the State	100.00	.73 .42	.33	3.64	1.31	9.83	2.99	8.25	5.45	2.77	6.14	3.47	2.49	96 6	25.27	3.22	.61	99.	1.23	1.67
Per cent of total national income in the State	100.00	.68	.28	4.58	1.50	13.70	3.61	8.99	5.99	2.57	7.49	3.90	2.22	00 6	2.56	2.75	.50	99:	1.37	1.61
Per capita income	\$627	583 597	529	788	717	874	758	683	689	581	292	704	222	581	202	535	515	685	702	602
Population Jan. 1, 1920	105,710,620	768,014 443,083	352,428	3,852,356	604,397	10.385.227	3,155,900	8,720,017	5,759,394	2,930,390	6,485,280	3,668,412	2,632,067	9 387 195	2,404,021	3,404,055	646,872	636,547	1,296,372	1,769,257
Total income (thousands)	\$66,252,601	448,106	186,479	3,034,020	434,988 990.388	9 074 859	2,392,104	5,958,018	3,967,713	1,702,776	4,962,384	2,581,907	1,466,513	1 385 514	1.697.401	1,822,428	332,916	436,254	909,258	1,065,339
State	UNITED STATES	MaineNew Hampshire	Vermont	Massachusetts	Rhode Island	MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Ohio	Indiana	Illinois	Michigan	Wisconsin	WEST INORTH CENTRAL	Iowa	Missouri	North Dakota	South Dakota	Nebraska	Kansas

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	Total income (thousands)	Population Jan. 1, 1920	Per capita income	Per cent of total national income in the State	Per cent of total popu- lation in the State	Number of persons gainfully employed Jan. 1, 1920	Average income per person gainfully employed	rer cett of state income exclusive of farmer's and farm laborer's income received by non-agricultural persons having over \$2,000 per year
South Atlantic Delaware Maryland	\$ 176,591 999,529	223,003 1,449,661	\$792 689	1.51	.21	91,224 603,473	\$1,936 1,656	
District of Columbia Virginia	386,929 990,107 655,733	2,309,187	884 429	1.49	.41 2.18	236,027 833,177	1,639 1,188	38.36 31.04
North Carolina.	980,596	2,559,123	383 437	1.48	2.42	895,852 674.957	1,995 1,095 1,001	
Georgia. Florida.	1,141,953 406,477	2,895,832 968,476	394 420	1.72	2.74 .92	1,128,742 385,313	1,031 1,012 1,055	
KentuckyTennessee	946,610 853,867	2,416,630 2,337,885	392 365	1.43 1.29	2.29 2.21	851,122 829,875	1,112 1,029	32.80 33.56
Alabama Mississippi West South Central	810,226 629,071	2,348,174 1,790,618	345 351	1.22 .95	2.22 1.69	908,216 721,412	892	24.61 33.22
	663,742	1,752,204	379 429	1.00	1.66	634,564 681,237	1,046 1,132	35.12 34.78
OklahomaTexas	1,083,851 2,511,050	2,028,283 4,663,228	534 538	$\frac{1.64}{3.79}$	1.92	681,439 1,718,945	1,591 1,461	33.31 37.67
Montana Idaho	281,130 260,665	548,889 431,866	512 604	.42	.52	214,183 153,459	1,313 1,699	37.17 35.90
WyomingColorado	153,297 600,483 147,107	194,402 939,629	789 639	8.6.8		81,536 366,458	1,880 1,639	38.23 38.87 9.87
Arizona	221,788 221,788 232,324	334,162 449,396	408 664 517	, , , , , , ,		122,031 $130,579$ $149,201$	1,203 1,698 1,557	30.58 31.83
Nevada	65,791	77,407	850	.10	.07	37,548	1,752	28.45
Washington	1,066,073	1,356,621	786	1.61	1.28	578,470 322,137	1,843	31.24
California	2,808,992	3,426,861	820	4.24	3.24	1,511,320	1,859	39.35

TABLE 7

ANALYSIS OF INCOME OF FARMERS BY STATES, 1919

State	Number of farmers	Total income of farmers (thousands)	Average income per farmer	Per cent of total state income going to farmers	Per cent of total farmers' income in the State
UNITED STATES	6,448,366	\$10,851,096	\$1,682	16.38	100.00
Mainer None Hemselvine	48,227	73,867	1,532	16.48	89.
Vermont	29,075	37,226	1,280	19.96	. 3.5 15.
Massachusetts	32,001	29,203	913	96.	.27
Khode Island	4,083 22.655	3,253	797	2.18	.03
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	2226				<u>.</u>
New York	193,195	312,996	1,807	3.45	2.88
New Jersey	29,702	51,554	1,736	5.16	.47
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	202,202	101,007	701/1	0.00	07:3
Ohio	256,695	466,817	1,819	11.77	4.30
Indiana	205,126	376,101	1,834	22.09	3.47
Illinois	237,181	630,239	2,657	12.70	5.81
Michigan	196,447	302,278	1,539	11.71	2.79
Wisconsin	189,295	352,618	1,863	24.04	3.25
WEST INOICH CENTRAL	074 071	301 636	1 000	12 20	000
Iowa	213,430	637,065	2,985	37.53	0 10
Missouri	263,004	395,564	1,504	21.71	88
North Dakota	77,690	172,340	2,218	51.77	1.59
South Dakota	74,655	198,390	2,657	45.48	1.83
Nebraska	124,421	364,346	2,928	40.06	3.36
Kansas	165,286	399,505	2,417	37.50	3.68

TABLE 7—Continued

State	Number of farms	Total income of farmers (thousands)	Average income per farmer	Per cent of total state income go-	Per cent of total farmers' income in the State
South Atlantic Delaware. Maryland	10,140 47,908	\$ 18,054 66,061	\$1,780 1,379	10.22	.17
District of Columbia	204 $186,242$	208,431	1,119	21.05	1.92
West Virginia North Carolina	87,289 $269,763$	74,904 $392,210$	$858 \\ 1.454$	11.42 40.00	.69 3.61
South Carolina	192,693	329,819	1,712	44.85	3.04
GeorgiaFlorida	510,732 $54,005$	415,793	1,338	36.41 12.16	3.83 46
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	, ,	100 000			
Ternessee	270,626 259,774	261,867	896 6	27.66	2.41 3.41
Alabama	256,099	243,143	949	30.01	2.24
Mississippi.	272,101	274,350	1,008	43.61	2.53
MEST DOUTH CENTRAL Arkansas	232,604	270,319	1,162	40.73	2.49
Louisiana	135,463	144,844	1,069	18.78	1.33
Oklahoma	191,987	427,608	2,227	39.45	3.94
Mountain	100,000	771,000	7,000	99.79	0.10
Montana	57,677	7,901	137	2.81	20.
Idaho	42,106	92,280	2,192	35.40	<b>3</b> 2.8
Colorado	15,748 50,034	23,511	1,493	15.34	22.5
New Mexico.	29,844	35,965	1,205	24.51 24.45	1.53 33.53
Arizona	9,975	31,251	3,133	14.09	8.8
Utah	25,062	48,107	1,875	20.71	4
Nevada	3,163	10,610	3,354	16.13	.10
Vacific Wishington	66.288	165 031	2 400	15 48	1 59
Oregon.	50,206	91 024	1,23	16.35	28
California	117,670	410,091	3,485	14.60	3.78

TABLE 8

ANALYSIS OF INCOME BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS, 1919

Per cent of income in each division, exclusive of farmaive of farmal aborers, income received, by non-agreoultural persons having over \$2,000 per year	88888888888888888888888888888888888888
Average income per person ganfully employed	\$1,592 1,657 1,886 1,725 1,668 1,912 979 1,354 1,564 1,564 1,564
Number of persons gainfully employed	41,609,192 3,234,282 9,241,531 8,513,006 5,339,182 3,310,625 3,716,185 1,254,995 2,411,927
Per cent of total population	100.00 7.00 21.06 20.31 11.87 11.87 13.23 8.41 8.41 9.69 3.16
Per cent of total na- tional income	100.00 8.09 26.30 11.55 9.77 4 4.59 6.69
Per capita income	\$627 724 724 724 783 684 610 610 463 364 491 588 796
Population Jan. 1, 1920	105,710,620 7,400,999 22,261,144 21,475,543 12,544,249 13,990,278 8,893,274 10,242,224 3,336,101 5,566,871
Total income Population (thousands) Jan. 1, 1920	\$66.252,601 5,358,511 17,424,981 14,681,293 7,650,410 6,473,303 3,239,774 5,030,657 1,962,585 4,431,687
Georgraphical divisions	United States New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central West South Central Pacific

TABLE 9

ANALYSIS OF INCOME OF FARMERS BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS, 1919

Georgraphical divisions	Number of farmers	Total income of farmers (thousands)	Average income per farmer	Per cent of total division income going to farmers	Per cent of total farmers' income
Juited States	6,448,366	\$10,851,096	1.682	16.38	100.00
New England	156,564	181,801	1,161	3.39	1.68
Middle Atlantic	425,149	664,251	1,562	3.81	6.12
East North Central	1,084,744	2,128,053	1,962	14.49	19.61
North Central	1,096,973	2,520,915	2,298	32.95	23.23
Atlantic	1,158,976	1,554,688	1,341	24.02	14.33
East South Central	1,051,600	1,022,582	972	31.56	9.42
outh Central	280,966	1,727,893	1,735	34.35	15.92
Mountain	244,109	384,767	1,576	19.61	3.55
Pacific	234,164	666,146	2,845	15.03	6.14











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