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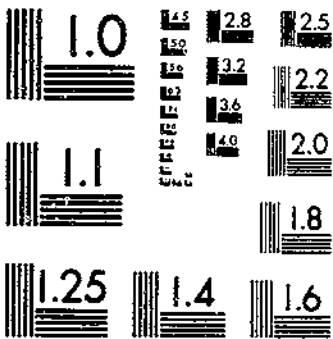
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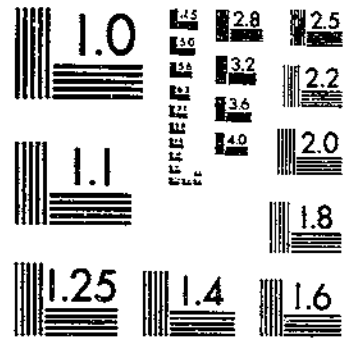
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STATE-OWNED RURAL LAND, 1962: Acreage, Distribution, Use
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The Economic Research Service periodically inventories the major uses of all land in the United States. Information on the acreage and use of the State-owned portion is needed as an integral part of these comprehensive inventories. To obtain this information for 1962, a mail survey of State land-administering agencies was undertaken. This report summarizes the information obtained in the survey; it also contains some data from reports and records of Federal agencies.

It is believed that the statistics presented herein are largely complete within the scope of the survey. All known State agencies which might be expected to administer significant acreages of land, and many institutions and other agencies likely to administer small acreages, were accounted for. It could not be determined with finality, however, whether all agencies responsible for administering significant acreages of State land were contacted, or whether respondents fully reported all acreages under their administration.

Certain State-owned areas were excluded from this report. In this category are highway and road rights-of-way, lakes, streambeds, tidelands, and land in urban places. Also excluded were special-use areas managed but not owned by the States, and, of particular importance in Alaska, land due the States from Federal grants or other sources but not yet in effective State ownership. It was not always possible to separate data on these areas, however, and limited acreages, particularly of water and leased special-use areas, may have been included.

The uses to which the States put their land have been classified in the report into a system which recognizes the following primary uses: (1) parks and related recreational areas, (2) forestry, (3) wildlife areas, (4) institutional sites, (5) miscellaneous special uses, (6) farming, and (7) grazing. An additional category is provided for idle land, wasteland, and land on which no use was reported. Primary use designations do not necessarily preclude multiple use of these areas. It was evident from information supplied by administering agencies that multiple use is practiced on much State land, particularly on land held for recreation, wildlife, and forestry purposes. In some cases, where multiple use was the stated objective, administering agencies regarded their primary use classification as somewhat administrative in nature rather than as an actual use classification.

ORGANIZATION OF TABLES

The data are presented in four tables by States and farm production regions. Tables 1-3 are arranged to indicate the importance of two broad purposes of State land ownership, as well as the distribution and use of the land itself. One purpose-of-ownership category includes land in specifically designated public uses. The other category includes land without specific use designation held primarily for revenue purposes. Uses may, of course, be specified for land in the latter category in accordance with good management practices.

The distinction between major purposes of ownership is emphasized because of the close relationship existing between purposes of ownership and the amount and actual use of State-owned land. The separation also reflects to some extent the different means by which the States have acquired their land. Much of the land in special uses was acquired through tax-reversion and purchase, while most but not all of the acreage held without use designation was acquired through grants from the Federal government.

Table 4 summarizes the agricultural and forestry uses of State-owned land without regard to purpose of ownership.

Table 1.--Distribution of State-owned rural land, 1962 1/

State and region	:Special- purpose uses 2/	:Without use des- ignation 3/	: Total	:Percentage of total State- owned land in U. S.	:Percentage of total land area of State or region
	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Percent	: Percent
Maine	: 260,984	1,131	262,115	.3	1.3
New Hampshire	: 83,792	---	83,792	.1	1.5
Vermont	: 146,662	---	146,662	.2	2.5
Massachusetts	: 264,873	---	264,873	.3	5.3
Rhode Island	: 37,714	---	37,714	.4/	5.6
Connecticut	: 162,138	---	162,138	.2	5.2
New York	: 3,226,595	---	3,226,595	3.8	10.5
New Jersey	: 288,859	---	288,859	.3	6.0
Pennsylvania	: 3,041,994	---	3,041,994	3.6	10.6
Delaware	: 22,456	---	22,456	.4/	1.7
Maryland	: 202,858	---	202,858	.2	3.2
District of Columbia	: ---	---	---	---	---
Northeast	: 7,738,925	1,131	7,740,056	9.1	6.9
Michigan	: 4,237,237	69,491	4,306,728	5.1	11.8
Wisconsin	: 673,664	157,135	830,799	1.0	2.4
Minnesota	: 3,361,564	1,759,753	5,121,317	6.0	10.0
Lake States	: 8,272,465	1,986,379	10,258,844	12.1	8.4
Ohio	: 331,796	---	331,796	.4	1.3
Indiana	: 211,327	---	211,327	.2	.9
Illinois	: 112,057	---	112,057	.1	.3
Iowa	: 154,992	---	154,992	.2	.4
Missouri	: 332,737	9,459	342,196	.4	.8
Corn Belt	: 1,142,909	9,459	1,152,368	1.4	.7
North Dakota	: 46,820	912,796	959,616	1.1	2.2
South Dakota	: 150,235	1,531,242	1,681,477	2.0	3.4
Nebraska	: 54,437	1,632,281	1,686,718	2.0	3.4
Kansas	: 63,576	---	63,576	.1	.1
Northern Plains	: 315,068	4,076,319	4,391,387	5.2	2.2
Virginia	: 211,914	---	211,914	.2	.8
West Virginia	: 223,329	---	223,329	.3	1.4
North Carolina	: 258,251	---	258,251	.3	.8
Kentucky	: 161,579	---	161,579	.2	.6
Tennessee	: 391,867	---	391,867	.5	1.5
Appalachian	: 1,246,940	---	1,246,940	1.5	1.0
South Carolina	: 217,264	---	217,264	.3	1.1
Georgia	: 154,546	---	154,546	.2	.4
Florida	: 564,389	---	564,389	.7	1.6
Alabama	: 177,105	108,834	285,939	.3	.9
Southeast	: 1,113,304	108,834	1,222,138	1.4	1.0

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Table 1.--Distribution of State-owned rural land, 1962 1/--Continued

State and region	Special- purpose uses 2/	Without use des- ignation 3/	Total	Percentage of total State- owned land in U. S.	Percentage of total land area of State or region
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Percent
Mississippi	107,067	---	107,067	.1	.4
Arkansas	233,287	---	233,287	.3	.7
Louisiana	301,990	17,735	319,725	.4	1.1
Delta States	642,344	17,735	660,079	.8	.7
Oklahoma	226,028	799,261	1,025,289	1.2	2.3
Texas	344,355	3,006,798	3,351,153	4.0	2.0
Southern Plains	570,383	3,806,059	4,376,442	5.2	2.1
Montana	625,427	4,684,800	5,310,227	6.3	5.7
Idaho	109,156	2,649,588	2,758,744	3.3	5.2
Wyoming	212,537	3,651,404	3,863,941	4.6	6.2
Colorado	242,599	3,021,314	3,263,913	3.8	4.9
New Mexico	98,203	10,847,215	10,945,418	12.9	14.1
Arizona	35,018	9,176,891	9,211,909	10.9	12.7
Utah	183,345	3,194,999	3,378,344	4.0	6.4
Nevada	51,142	2,778	53,920	.1	.1
Mountain	1,557,427	37,228,989	38,786,416	45.7	7.1
Washington	929,178	2,446,730	3,375,908	4.0	7.9
Oregon	930,389	691,216	1,621,605	1.9	2.6
California	969,892	678,074	1,647,966	1.9	1.6
Pacific	2,829,459	3,816,020	6,645,479	7.8	3.2
48 Contiguous States	25,429,224	51,050,925	76,480,149	90.2	4.0
Alaska	4,426	6,804,812	6,809,238	8.0	1.9
Hawaii	1,119,369	405,353	1,524,722	1.8	37.1
United States	26,553,019	58,261,090	84,814,109	100.0	3.7

1/ Excludes road rights-of-way and water areas.

2/ Area in parks and related recreational areas, organized forests, wildlife reserves, institutional sites, and miscellaneous special uses.

3/ State grant and other land held primarily for revenue. Grazing, forestry, and farming are the chief actual uses of this land.

4/ Less than one-tenth percent.

Table 2.--State-owned rural land in special-purpose uses, 1962 1/

State and region	Parks 2/	Forests 3/	Wildlife reserves 4/	Institu- tional sites 5/	Miscella- neous other uses 6/	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Maine	212,423	26,065	17,407	5,089	---	260,984
New Hampshire	1,336	63,964	2,788	3,371	12,333	83,792
Vermont	9,707	84,728	46,625	5,602	---	146,662
Massachusetts	34,343	175,188	37,398	17,944	---	264,873
Rhode Island	8,500	15,540	7,885	5,789	---	37,714
Connecticut	22,831	123,594	10,500	5,213	---	162,138
New York	218,032	2,936,921	54,646	16,180	816	3,226,595
New Jersey	21,370	160,388	83,904	15,181	8,016	288,859
Pennsylvania	139,891	1,885,914	990,586	25,603	---	3,041,994
Delaware	3,495	5,350	11,911	1,700	---	22,456
Maryland	26,688	122,164	47,726	6,280	---	202,858
District of Columbia	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northeast	698,616	5,599,816	1,311,376	107,952	21,165	7,738,925
Michigan	181,289	3,767,058	241,407	40,951	6,532	4,237,237
Wisconsin	19,901	366,409	278,867	8,487	---	673,664
Minnesota	105,426	2,864,769	381,741	9,628	---	3,361,564
Lake States	306,616	6,998,236	902,015	59,066	6,532	8,272,465
Ohio	64,715	157,961	63,278	28,822	17,020	331,796
Indiana	45,120	117,468	39,924	8,815	---	211,327
Illinois	41,475	11,019	26,686	32,297	580	112,057
Iowa	31,041	14,801	66,772	19,448	22,930	154,992
Missouri	75,381	132,100	83,862	31,213	10,181	332,737
Corn Belt	257,732	433,349	280,522	120,595	50,711	1,142,909
North Dakota	4,426	---	24,951	17,443	---	46,820
South Dakota	63,821	1,466	83,305	1,643	---	150,235
Nebraska	2,895	500	21,514	20,478	9,050	54,437
Kansas	9,592	3,410	37,352	13,222	---	63,576
Northern Plains	80,734	5,376	167,122	52,786	9,050	315,068
Virginia	24,649	48,961	105,363	32,941	---	211,914
West Virginia	44,613	77,771	76,437	24,508	---	223,329
North Carolina	20,758	36,510	177,258	23,725	---	258,251
Kentucky	60,285	46,800	24,291	30,203	---	161,579
Tennessee	136,425	84,226	130,907	40,309	---	391,867
Appalachian	286,730	294,268	514,256	151,686	---	1,246,940
South Carolina	48,735	123,494	14,850	30,185	---	217,264
Georgia	46,119	35,879	21,660	50,888	---	154,546
Florida	120,463	305,900	119,000	19,026	---	564,389
Alabama	42,412	17,608	33,293	83,528	264	177,105
Southeast	257,729	482,881	188,803	183,627	264	1,113,304

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Table 2.--State-owned rural land in special-purpose uses, 1962 1/--Continued

State and region	Parks 2/	Forests 3/	Wildlife reserves 4/	Institu- tional sites 5/	Miscella- neous other uses 6/	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Mississippi	13,664	1,700	16,716	74,987	---	107,067
Arkansas	20,120	18,454	162,578	32,135	---	233,287
Louisiana	12,240	8,000	264,000	17,750	---	301,990
Delta States	46,024	28,154	443,294	124,872	---	642,344
Oklahoma	66,355	---	130,102	29,571	---	226,028
Texas	66,606	6,802	146,288	124,659	---	344,355
Southern Plains	132,961	6,802	276,390	154,230	---	570,383
Montana	10,526	488,354	88,175	38,372	---	625,427
Idaho	25,648	---	65,916	17,592	---	109,156
Wyoming	161,664	---	44,747	6,126	---	212,537
Colorado	14,535	71,000	126,922	30,142	---	242,599
New Mexico	2,422	---	94,571	1,110	100	98,203
Arizona	168	---	23,661	11,189	---	35,018
Utah	1,320	---	171,833	10,192	---	183,345
Nevada	9,329	---	34,426	4,161	3,226	51,142
Mountain	225,612	559,354	650,251	118,884	3,326	1,557,427
Washington	79,959	620,074	218,177	10,968	---	929,178
Oregon	64,689	778,272	58,592	27,983	853	930,389
California	661,039	71,903	134,927	55,547	46,476	969,892
Pacific	805,687	1,470,249	411,696	94,498	47,329	2,829,459
48 Contiguous States	3,098,441	15,878,485	5,145,725	1,168,196	138,377	25,429,224
Alaska	2,075	---	101	2,250	---	4,426
Hawaii	6,420	833,580	250,463	11,712	17,194	1,119,369
United States	3,106,936	16,712,065	5,396,289	1,182,158	155,571	26,553,019

1/ Excludes road rights-of-way and water areas.

2/ Excludes State park and recreational developments on leased land.

3/ Area in organized forests. Excludes the forested portions of parks, wildlife reserves, and miscellaneous special-use areas. Also excluded are grant and tax-foreclosed land not specifically transferred to forestry management.

4/ Excludes wildlife areas managed by State agencies on federally and privately-owned land.

5/ Land held by penal, correctional, educational, health, and welfare institutions and agencies. Data for some States are incomplete.

6/ Includes National Guard camps and rifle ranges, radio stations, airports, gravel pits, water storage areas, water transportation areas, etc. These data are incomplete for most States.

Table 3.--Use of State-owned rural land held without use designation, 1962 1/

State and region	Farming 2/	Grazing 3/	Forestry 4/	Other 5/	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Maine	---	---	---	1,131	1,131
New Hampshire	---	---	---	---	---
Vermont	---	---	---	---	---
Massachusetts	---	---	---	---	---
Rhode Island	---	---	---	---	---
Connecticut	---	---	---	---	---
New York	---	---	---	---	---
New Jersey	---	---	---	---	---
Pennsylvania	---	---	---	---	---
Delaware	---	---	---	---	---
Maryland	---	---	---	---	---
District of Columbia	---	---	---	---	---
Northeast	---	---	---	1,131	1,131
Michigan	---	---	69,491	---	69,491
Wisconsin	---	---	157,135	---	157,135
Minnesota	25,000	---	1,734,753	---	1,759,753
Lake States	25,000	---	1,961,379	---	1,986,379
Ohio	---	---	---	---	---
Indiana	---	---	---	---	---
Illinois	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	---	---	---	---	---
Missouri	---	---	9,459	---	9,459
Corn Belt	---	---	9,459	---	9,459
North Dakota	79,142	833,654	---	---	912,796
South Dakota	226	1,525,483	---	5,533	1,531,242
Nebraska	303,354	1,323,620	---	5,307	1,632,281
Kansas	---	1,323,620	---	---	---
Northern Plains	382,722	3,682,757	---	10,840	4,076,319
Virginia	---	---	---	---	---
West Virginia	---	---	---	---	---
North Carolina	---	---	---	---	---
Kentucky	---	---	---	---	---
Tennessee	---	---	---	---	---
Appalachian	---	---	---	---	---
South Carolina	---	---	---	---	---
Georgia	---	---	---	---	---
Florida	---	---	---	---	---
Alabama	---	---	---	108,834	108,834
Southeast	---	---	---	108,834	108,834

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Table 3.--Use of State-owned rural land held without use designation, 1962 1/--Continued

State and region	Farming 2/	Grazing 3/	Forestry 4/	Other 5/	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Mississippi	---	---	---	---	---
Arkansas	---	---	---	---	---
Louisiana	---	---	---	17,735	17,735
Delta States	---	---	---	17,735	17,735
Oklahoma	551,110	248,151	---	---	799,261
Texas	3,564	533,488	---	2,469,746	3,006,798
Southern Plains	554,674	781,639	---	2,469,746	3,806,059
Montana	475,816	4,196,651	---	12,333	4,684,800
Idaho	82,416	2,149,067	414,243	3,862	2,649,588
Wyoming	200,000	3,441,017	---	10,387	3,651,404
Colorado	127,894	2,750,085	---	143,335	3,021,314
New Mexico	116,020	10,731,195	---	---	10,847,215
Arizona	208,655	8,677,611	---	290,625	9,176,891
Utah	---	2,450,947	---	744,052	3,194,999
Nevada	---	---	---	2,778	2,778
Mountain	1,210,801	34,396,573	414,243	1,207,372	37,228,989
Washington	142,300	1,261,200	1,043,230	---	2,446,730
Oregon	---	641,216	---	50,000	691,216
California	---	68,758	19,306	590,010	678,074
Pacific	142,300	1,971,174	1,062,536	640,010	3,816,020
48 Contiguous States	2,315,497	40,832,143	3,447,617	4,455,668	51,050,925
Alaska	---	---	---	6,804,812	6,804,812
Hawaii	67,195	338,158	---	---	405,353
United States	2,382,692	41,170,301	3,447,617	11,260,480	58,261,090

1/ Consists largely of State grant land. Also included are approximately 2 million acres acquired through tax and mortgage foreclosure.

2/ Land leased out for farming.

3/ Land leased out for grazing. A large part of the 2.5 million acres classified as other land in Texas may also be used for this purpose.

4/ Excludes grant and tax-forfeited land in organized forests and forest land used for grazing.

5/ Idle land, waste land, and land on which no use was reported. Included in the latter category are the 2.5 million acres in Texas, much of which may be used for grazing.

Table 4.--State-owned land used for agriculture and forestry, 1962

State and region	Farming <u>1/</u>	Grazing <u>1/</u>	Forestry <u>2/</u>	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Maine	921	400	29,609	30,930
New Hampshire	155	---	64,239	64,394
Vermont	1,941	1,212	86,140	89,293
Massachusetts	3,176	1,451	183,265	187,892
Rhode Island	1,244	115	16,673	18,032
Connecticut	374	691	124,148	125,213
New York	---	---	2,936,921	2,936,921
New Jersey	---	---	160,388	160,388
Pennsylvania	7,000	2,222	1,897,876	1,907,098
Delaware	463	100	5,693	6,256
Maryland	2,635	945	122,878	126,458
District of Columbia	---	---	---	---
Northeast	17,909	7,136	5,627,830	5,652,875
Michigan	---	---	3,836,549	3,836,549
Wisconsin	4,225	178	525,765	530,168
Minnesota	31,490	323	4,600,588	4,632,401
Lake States	35,715	501	8,962,902	8,999,118
Ohio	16,681	---	157,961	174,642
Indiana	---	---	117,468	117,468
Illinois	15,348	1,635	11,573	28,556
Iowa	10,612	4,853	15,388	30,853
Missouri	10,966	4,495	155,573	171,034
Corn Belt	53,607	10,983	457,963	522,553
North Dakota	79,142	833,654	---	912,796
South Dakota	226	1,525,483	1,466	1,527,175
Nebraska	306,284	1,324,640	500	1,631,424
Kansas	---	---	3,410	3,410
Northern Plains	385,652	3,683,777	5,376	4,074,805
Virginia	6,046	4,432	60,323	70,801
West Virginia	1,358	6,575	82,444	90,377
North Carolina	5,492	4,582	43,913	53,987
Kentucky	4,834	7,565	62,102	74,501
Tennessee	226	179	84,238	84,643
Appalachian	17,956	23,333	333,020	374,309
South Carolina	3,630	2,934	144,889	151,453
Georgia	9,816	10,650	62,422	82,888
Florida	3,643	5,291	312,452	321,386
Alabama	13,616	10,112	59,112	82,840
Southeast	30,705	28,987	578,875	638,567

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Table 4.--State-owned land used for agriculture and forestry, 1962--Continued

State and region	Farming <u>1/</u>	Grazing <u>1/</u>	Forestry <u>2/</u>	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Mississippi	17,386	10,663	46,167	74,216
Arkansas	11,491	4,817	18,934	35,242
Louisiana	3,478	5,272	10,714	19,464
Delta States	32,355	20,752	75,815	128,922
Oklahoma	555,370	268,725	17	824,112
Texas	40,790	573,830	6,854	621,474
Southern Plains	596,160	842,555	6,871	1,445,586
Montana	476,242	4,198,802	488,354	5,163,398
Idaho	83,083	2,149,067	414,243	2,646,393
Wyoming	205,454	3,441,238	---	3,646,692
Colorado	129,694	2,750,085	71,000	2,950,779
New Mexico	116,020	10,731,195	---	10,847,215
Arizona	212,093	8,683,861	---	8,895,954
Utah	915	2,456,050	120	2,457,085
Nevada	---	---	---	---
Mountain	1,223,501	34,410,298	973,717	36,607,516
Washington	146,110	1,261,200	1,663,304	3,070,614
Oregon	5,647	646,656	793,541	1,445,844
California	14,235	85,389	102,047	201,671
Pacific	165,992	1,993,245	2,558,892	4,718,129
48 Contiguous States	2,559,552	41,021,567	19,581,261	63,162,380
Alaska	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	67,195	338,158	833,580	1,238,933
United States	2,626,747	41,359,725	20,414,841	64,401,313

1/ Includes land leased out and land used by institutions for the purpose indicated.

2/ Excludes forest and woodland used primarily for grazing or for parks, wildlife reserves, and miscellaneous special uses.

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