

except in the Ocala district where the list was obtained through the cooperation of the County Agent and Chamber of Commerce. These dairy centers are located as follows: the district adjacent to Jacksonville, Duval County, in the northeastern part of the state; the districts adjacent to Orlando, Orange County, and to Ocala, Marion County, in north central Florida; the districts marketing milk at Tampa, Hillsborough County, and at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, on Florida West Coast; and the district adjacent to Miami, Dade County, in southeast Florida.

In each of these districts strictly dairy farmers were selected except around Ocala, where more general farming was practiced and small herds were kept to supplement the other sources of farm income. In this district the farms are not altogether comparable with those in the other districts where dairying is practically the only enterprise.

METHOD OF COLLECTING THE DATA

Each farmer was visited and a detailed record of the farm and dairy business for the year ending December 1, 1927, was obtained. What information was available from books was secured, and other questions were answered by the farm operators according to their best judgment.

The only selection made was that farms with fewer than six cows were not used, but all other dairy farms, regardless of the size of the herd, were included where the information could be secured. The number of usable farms in the Jacksonville district was 64, in the Miami district 36, in the Tampa district 58, in the St. Petersburg district 24, in the Orlando district 38, and in the Ocala district 29, making a total of 249 farms (Fig. 1).

HISTORY AND EDUCATION OF OPERATORS

About 74 percent of the operators were owners. Over 9 percent of these had been tenants on the farms they now own and the same percentage had been tenants on other farms (Table I).

About 17 percent of the owners and 12 percent of the tenants had been hired men at home and 12 percent of the owners and 17 percent of the tenants had been hired men away from home.

Less than one-third of the operators had always been farmers. In the Ocala district 48 percent, in the Tampa district 17 percent, and in the other districts from 33 to 38 percent had always farmed.

Nine percent of the operators had finished or attended college;