

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE *PL-566* INVESTMENTS (X_3).—Construction expenditures by county from 1960 to 1970 for the Small Watershed Program were obtained from personnel in each of the four state offices of the Soil Conservation Service. Data were tabulated from 239-B forms which gave the actual dates of construction expenditures for each project. Investments were then allocated to each county based on project location as identified on maps prepared by the Soil Conservation Service. A total of 111 counties received these types of investments during the study period. Investments were measured in thousands of dollars.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE ACP INVESTMENTS (X_4).—Data on ACP investments were obtained from annual state ASCS reports during 1960 to 1970 for Alabama [48], Mississippi [49], and Florida [50]. Expenditure information included cash payments to farmers and allowances paid to vendors for conservation materials furnished farmers. Data for Georgia were taken directly from computer printouts obtained from the Data Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A total of 374 counties had participants in the ACP program during the study period. Investments were measured in thousands of dollars.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION INVESTMENTS (X_5).—Data for these investment loans in thousands of dollars were obtained from various state directors of the Farmers Home Administration. A total of 278 counties received financial assistance from FHA during the study period.

CROP ALLOTMENT (X_6).—Reductions in acreage allotments between 1959 and 1969 for all allotted crops were computed for all counties having acreages of these crops. Annual reports for 1959 and 1969 from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Alabama [48], Mississippi [49], Georgia [45], and Florida [50] provide data on allotted crop acreages. County reductions were weighted according to total value of sales of each crop as a proportion of total value of crop and livestock sales in the county in 1959 as derived from data available in the 1959 Census of Agriculture [39]. Declines in harvested acres in each county