

FARM TENURE

More than three-fourths of Dinuba farmers own all the land they operate, while only 35 percent of the Arvin farmers are full owners. The proportion of full owners, part owners, and tenants is shown in table 11. In Dinuba, tenancy is not directly associated with size, but in Arvin the smaller farms are rarely tenant-operated while the larger categories are tenant-operated slightly over half the time. The relationship between size of operating units and tenure is shown in table 12.

TABLE 11.—Tenure of farm operators: Arvin and Dinuba, 1940

	Arvin		Dinuba	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Full owners.....	43	35.0	562	77.8
Part owners.....	28	22.7	59	8.2
Tenants.....	52	42.3	101	14.0
Total.....	123	100.0	722	100.0

Source: Agricultural Adjustment Agency data for communities as delineated.

TABLE 12.—Variation in tenancy by size of farms: Arvin and Dinuba, 1940

Size, class	Arvin			Dinuba		
	Owners and part owners	Tenants		Owners and part owners	Tenants	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
0 to 80.....	36	14	28	540	84	13
80.1 to 160.....	7	10	59	44	11	20
160.1 to 640.....	18	16	47	33	5	13
Over 640.....	10	12	55	4	1	20
Total.....	71	52	42	621	101	14

Source: Agricultural Adjustment Agency for communities as delineated.

The place of residence of landowners in the two areas presents the same contrast (table 13). Less than a third of the owners give Arvin as their residence, and only two-thirds live in Kern County. Seventy percent of Dinuba owners reside in the community, and 84 percent live in Tulare County. Arvin landowners are often distant from the town, with 31 percent residing outside the San Joaquin Valley as compared with only 5 percent of the Dinuba owners.

Arvin and Dinuba are in fairly strong contrast with respect to tenure characteristics. Arvin has a high proportion of tenancy, especially among the larger units, and the owners frequently live not only away from Arvin but at a considerable distance. Dinuba has a very high proportion of owner-operated farms and most of the landowners live in the community or in the San Joaquin Valley.