

U. S. S. R. the number of farms possessing their own grain cleaning machines and triers amounted to 11.6 per cent of the total, those owning seeders to only 3.7 per cent, reapers 6.2 per cent, threshers 4.3 per cent.

The foregoing data indicate, in the first place, that the great mass of peasants were forced to limit themselves to the most primitive conditions of cultivation, without such elementary necessary means of production as seeders, reapers, grain cleaners, and threshers. On the other hand, a considerable number of peasant farms were compelled to resort to the hiring of means of production, without which they would be unable to avail themselves sufficiently of whatever equipment they had at their disposal. The extent to which this hiring of agricultural equipment was carried may be seen from the following table:

Farms Grouped According to Sown Area	Per Cent of Farms Working Land With Hired Working Livestock		
	1924	1925	1926
Up to 2 dessiatins.....	64.3	64.5	70.1
2- 4 " .....	34.4	34.4	37.0
4- 6 " .....	20.1	19.7	19.3
6- 9 " .....	12.0	12.0	11.1
9-15 " .....	5.4	5.7	5.3
15 and over " .....	1.5	2.0	2.0
Average .....	38.0	38.2	36.6

  

Farms Grouped According to Sown Area	Per Cent of Farms Working Land With Hired Implements		
	1924	1925	1926
Up to 2 dessiatins.....	66.0	65.7	70.7
2- 4 " .....	36.3	36.7	38.8
4- 6 " .....	22.3	21.6	22.4
6- 9 " .....	14.5	14.8	15.6
9-15 " .....	7.7	8.0	9.5
15 and over " .....	2.7	3.0	3.4
Average .....	40.0	39.7	38.8