

Federal Census – Non Population Census Schedules.

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Two archivists from the National Archives Pacific Region gave a presentation on the **Agriculture portion** of the “Non Population Census Schedules” at their weekly staff meeting. The Federal Government took these schedules from 1850 to 1910 and included Agriculture, mortality (death for the year preceding the census); industry/manufacturers, defective, dependent and delinquent, and social statistics (includes names). The Agriculture schedule was an important addendum to the population census since the United States economy was predominately rural during this time period.

A question had been raised from a California resident about the 1900 Agriculture Schedule for California. He had seen a code for it listed in the last column of the 1900 Federal Census and wanted to know if the Archives had the microfilm.

Research showed that the Bureau of Census distributed the original non-population schedules to non-federal depositories in 1918 and 1919. The National Archives has acquired microfilm or published copies of many of these schedules, *but holds no non-population schedules for some states and does not hold complete non-population schedules for others.* The records for some states are found in their state archives or in university collections. To verify the availability at NARA’s regional archives, check the online microfilm locator at www.nara.gov.

The instructions to the enumerator included:

- a) ...first proceed to the county seat and obtain from the tax rolls a list of farm owners.
- b) ...obtain information about herds and flocks from reliable sources
- c) ...on the way to the county seat visit every ranch where you have reason to believe you will find herds or flocks.
- d) ... you should be on the lookout constantly for all large heads and flocks not on your list
- e) If your authority is disputed, display your commission.call their attention to the penalty in section 22 of the census act.
- f) You are expected to devote at least ten hours every day (except Sundays) to your work.

The only Non-Population schedules that have survived are the ones from 1850 through 1880. The 1890 records were destroyed and the 1900 records have not survived either.

You can find the Non-Population schedules for 1850-1880 in Ancestry:

The screenshot shows the Ancestry Card Catalog search interface. On the left, the 'Search Titles' section has a 'Keyword(s)' field containing 'non-population schedules' and a 'Search' button. A red arrow points from this field to a yellow callout box that says 'Type "non-population schedules" in the keyword box'. On the right, the search results are displayed under a 'RESULTS' header. The results show 'Matches 1-2 of 2' and a 'Sort By' dropdown set to 'Popularity'. Two results are listed:

Title	Collection
Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880	Census & Voter Lists
U.S. Census Non-Population Schedules, New York, 1850-1880	Census & Voter Lists

A green arrow points from the yellow callout box to the first result. At the bottom right of the results area, it says '1-2 of 2'.

Ancestry in cooperation with NARA has digitized the agriculture schedules for 13 states and one territory.

California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington Territory.

To see the headings of each of the Agriculture Schedules from 1850 to 1880, see the [Corona Genealogical Web site](#) and download the cheat sheet.

A partial picture of an Agriculture Schedule which has 100 categories.

SCHEDULE 2.—Productions of Agriculture in Dodge Twp. in the County of Boone, State of Iowa
 enumerated by me on the 19th day of June, 1880. *Chas W Crim*
Enumerator.

OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.		VEGETABLES	ACRES OF LAND				FARM VALUES			FENCES	LABOR	GRAIN LANDS												
THE NAME	Years for which made return.		IMPROVED	UNIMPROVED	Other unimproved, including wood-land and forest.	Of bare, unimproved, and idle land, and buildings.	Of building implements and machinery.	Of Live Stock.	Of cost of buildings and equipment in 1879.			Of cost of buildings and equipment in 1878.	Of cost of buildings and equipment in 1877.	Estimated value of all farm production (including stock, poultry, and other products) on hand for 1879.	Now.	Not Now.	Hay.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.	Clay Soil.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<i>Shurts William</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>500</i>					<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>20</i>							<i>4</i>
<i>Coon James</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>400</i>							<i>275</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>12</i>							<i>3</i>
<i>Boomer Patrick</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>650</i>		<i>300</i>							<i>275</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>10</i>							<i>3</i>
<i>Rodgers Patrick</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>3000</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>400</i>							<i>800</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>15</i>							<i>3</i>
<i>Byron Patrick</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>45</i>	<i>3600</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1200</i>							<i>1100</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>40</i>							<i>6</i>
<i>Johnson John</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>40</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>750</i>							<i>600</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>12</i>							<i>5</i>
<i>Deery Thomas</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>350</i>							<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>8</i>							<i>2</i>
<i>Hibbard Patrick</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>120</i>		<i>88</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>20</i>						<i>900</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>10</i>							<i>10</i>
<i>John James</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>850</i>	<i>15</i>				<i>50</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>10</i>							<i>8</i>
<i>Murray Patrick</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>80</i>		<i>40</i>	<i>3000</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>1200</i>					<i>50</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>20</i>							<i>7</i>

NEAT CATTLE AND THEIR PRODUCTS.

ON HAND JAN 1, 1880.		MOVEMENT, 1879.					ON HAND JAN 1, 1880.			MOVEMENT, 1879.					CLIP, SKINS, HORN, AND TO BE SHORN.		SWINE.			
Working steers.	Wet cows.	Other.	Cows dropped.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Flies.	Wool.	Other.	Other.	Other.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>				<i>400</i>												<i>30</i>	<i>60</i>

SHEEP.

ON HAND JAN 1, 1880.		MOVEMENT, 1879.					ON HAND JAN 1, 1880.			MOVEMENT, 1879.					CLIP, SKINS, HORN, AND TO BE SHORN.	
Wethers.	Other.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Produced.	Sold living.	Stragglers.	Other.	Flies.	Wool.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	

The Census Bureau regularly releases published books of tables within a few years of the enumeration of each census. These books usually contain regular data series tabulated for the entire country and usually all states, counties, and major cities. The link below lead to scans of all available published census volumes in PDF format.

<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tPublished.shtml>