# CHAPTER V.-WORK OFF FARM, AGE, AND YEARS ON FARM

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Introduction.—This chapter presents the number of farm operators classified (1) according to the number of days they worked off their farms for pay or income in 1939, (2) according to their age, and (3) according to the number of years each had operated the farm he occupied on the census date. For effective presentation the data are further classified by color and tenure of the operator.

In using these data the reader should keep in mind that the number of farm operators corresponds to the number of farms and does not include the total farm population, or even total agricultural workers. He should also keep in mind that for many of these operators farming is secondary to some other occupation. The total number of days farm operators worked off their farms, with separate totals for work on other farms and work at nonfarm jobs, are also presented. Supplemental information is presented for the acreage and value of farms of operators who worked 100 or more days off their farms in 1939.

Comparative data available for earlier census years are included in some of the tables. In the tables in which are presented only United States totals, all available comparative data are included, while in the tables presenting figures by States and by geographic divisions, or groups of contiguous States, the historical data are more limited in the color and tenure classifications and, for the most part, include figures only for the more recent censuses. Statistics relating to work off the farm are available for only two former censuses, namely, 1935 and 1930, those relating to the age of the operator are available for each decennial census beginning with 1890, and those relating to the years of occupancy of the farm operated on the census date are available for each census beginning with that of 1910.

Some of the items are also presented in the form of charts and maps. The dot maps were prepared on a county basis. Not all counties having reports have dots. For example, for the dot maps showing farm operators working off their farms, where 1 dot equals 250 operators, any county having as many as 125 but not more than 374 operators working off their farms have 1 dot. Counties having less than 125 such operators will show no dots.

Some of the statistics presented in this chapter by divisions and States are presented by counties in volume I and also in the Second Series State Bulletins of the 1940 Census of Agriculture. Other statistics classified by color and tenure of farm operators may be found in chapter III, "Color, Tenure, and Race of Farm Operator"; chapter IV, "Farm Mortgages and Farm Taxes"; and in chapter VI, "Cooperation, Labor, Expenditures, Machinery, Facilities, and Residence." These chapters, also, are a part of this volume, and are likewise published as separates.

A rather comprehensive presentation of statistics relative to work off the farm is given for 1934 and 1929 in a special report for the 1935 Census entitled "Part-Time Farming in the United States." Included in that report are several special tabulations of 1934 data, for selected areas, for farms of operators working various numbers of days off their farms.

Definitions.—Following is a brief definition of a farm operator and of the color and tenure groups into which farm operators were classified. For a more complete discussion of these terms see chapter III.

A farm operator, according to the Census definition, is a person who operates a farm, either performing the labor himself or directly supervising it. The number of farm operators, for all practical purposes, is identical with the number of farms. The number of farm operators refers only to actual operators and does not include total farm population, or even total agricultural workers. On the other hand it does include many persons whose farming activities are secondary to some other occupation.

Farm operators reporting.—The numbers of farm operators for which specified items were reported are given in the tables under the term "Farm operators reporting," or merely, "Operators reporting." Thus in 1939, out of a total of 6,096,799 farm operators, 1,747,193 reported days worked off their farms in 1939 for pay or income. If,

for this item, enumerators secured reports for all farm operators who worked off their farms in 1939, then the number of farm operators reporting this item would be identical with the number working off their farms. Enumerators, however, failed to secure, for every item, reports for all operators, particularly those relating to the farm operator where the information for the farm had to be secured from some other source, as where the operator lived off the farm and in another enumeration district. For example, reports of the age of farm operators were not secured for the operators of approximately 4 percent of all farms.

"White" farm operators include Mexicans.

"Nonwhite" farm operators include Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite classes.

Owners are farm operators who own either all or a part of the land they operate. Full owners own all the land they operate while part owners own a part and rent from others the rest of the land they operate.

Managers operate farms for others and receive wages or salaries for their services.

Tenants operate hired or rented land only. Cash tenants pay a cash rental; share-cash tenants pay a part of their rental in cash and a part as a share of the crops or livestock production; share renters pay a share only of either crops or livestock production or both; croppers are share tenants to whom the landlord furnishes all of the work animals, or tractor power in lieu of work animals; and other tenants include those whose rental agreement was unspecified and those who did not fall definitely into one of the other subclasses.

Work off the farm.—Many operators of farms obtain additional income from personal services performed off their farms. In some cases, the operator supplements his farm income with odd or spare time jobs; in many other cases his farming activities are only secondary, his off-farm work being his principal source of income. The inquiries carried on the 1940 Farm and Ranch Schedule ascertained the number of days the operator worked off his farm for pay or income, and of these days, the number spent (1) on other farms as an employee of other farm operators, and (2) at jobs or businesses not connected with any farm. The schedule inquiries were as follows:

| VII.—WORK OFF FARM AND YEARS ON THIS FARM   |      |
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| 29. How many days in 1939 did you work for pay or income off the farm you operated?  Days  (If no days, writs "Non- | e'') |
| OF THESE, HOW MANY WERE SPENT—  |      |
| (a) At farm work, not connected with your farm? Days  |      |
| (b) At nonfarm jobs (including road work<br>and relief or "made" work), busi-<br>nesses, or professions?            | •••  |
| Nors.—Total of (e) and (b) must equal total days worked off the farm.   | _    |
| For (b), specify principal nonfarm occupation and industry:  Nonfarm  |      |
| occupation.  (Miner, spinner, proprietor, teacher, foreman, section hand, etc.)  N.P.A., C.C., N.Y.A., etc.)        | CB,  |
| 30. Year when you began to operate THIS farm  |      |
| (Year)  |      |

Instructions were given to the enumerators that these questions were intended to secure a record of all the time spent by farm operators off their farms in 1939 for pay, income, or profit. Work of the operator in connection with a filling station, garage, tourist camp, or other nonfarm jobs conducted at the farm, was considered as work off the farm and should have been so reported. An operator, who on the census date was on a different farm than the one operated in 1939, was not supposed to report as work on other farms the time spent on his 1939 farm, the inquiry referring only to work off the farm operated. Similarly, a farm operator, on April 1, 1940, who did not operate a farm in 1939 presumably would be excluded also. If an operator did not work off the farm, an answer of "None" was to be supplied by the enumerator. However, the enumerator did not always obtain an answer to this question. Reports were not secured from 7.8 percent of all farm operators.

TABLE 1.—WORK OFF FARM—FARM OPERATORS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED FOR PAY OR INCOME AT WORK OFF THEIR FARMS; AND KIND OF WORK OFF FARM; WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTIONS; BY COLOR AND TENURE OF OPERATOR; FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1939 AND 1934

(Available data for 1929 in table 3. "White" includes Mexicans. "Nonwhite" includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite races. Figures for divisions and States in tables 8 and 9)

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| YEAR, COLOR, AND TEMURE  | Tot<br>Number  | Per-<br>cent<br>of<br>all<br>oper-<br>ators   | Under<br>25<br>days   | 25 to<br>49<br>days   | 50 to<br>74<br>days  | 75 to<br>99<br>days   | 100 to<br>149<br>days   | 150 to<br>199<br>days   | 200 to<br>249<br>days   | 250<br>days<br>and<br>over  | Farm<br>operat<br>report<br>"None   | ors<br>ing   | Number  | Average much per oper ator re-  | er ;  | Work<br>on<br>other<br>farms <sup>1</sup>  | Work at<br>nonfarm<br>jobs <sup>2</sup>  | Both work on other farms and at non- farm jobs   |
| 1939   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   | Ţ. ,  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| All farm operators Pull owners Part owners Managers All tenants Cash Share-cash Share4 Croppers (South only) Other   | 1,747,193<br>933,226<br>170,056<br>5,016<br>640,891<br>191,871<br>66,986<br>193,799<br>123,472<br>64,761                       | 28.7<br>30.3<br>27.6<br>8.3<br>27.1<br>37.3<br>24.0<br>23.8<br>22.8<br>30.7   | 115,354<br>49,648<br>370<br>158,385<br>24,772<br>31,309<br>59,917   | 84,440<br>29,171<br>254<br>106,092<br>18,517<br>13,338<br>39,081<br>27,785  | 70,068<br>18,423<br>228<br>70,308<br>15,183<br>6,593<br>24,866<br>17,682   | 41,534<br>10,931<br>3,269<br>13,949<br>9,175  | 100,472<br>15,909<br>281<br>67,016<br>22,764  | 117,510<br>14,815<br>367<br>62,523<br>26,720<br>3,296<br>14,692<br>8,990  | 101,221<br>9,311<br>265<br>46,788<br>22,959<br>1,997<br>8,718<br>6,172  | 295,50<br>22,28<br>1,06<br>88,24<br>50,02<br>3,29<br>13,99  | (3)<br>(3)<br>(4)<br>(5)<br>(5)<br>(5)<br>(4)<br>(5)<br>(7)<br>(7)<br>(7)<br>(7)<br>(7)<br>(8)  | 15   | 9,604,69<br>4,837,48<br>6,546,93<br>522,01<br>7,698,29<br>9,911,88<br>3,852,40<br>5,261,89<br>9,485,93<br>9,186,18                                    | 11 16<br>66 9<br>10 17<br>15 10<br>14 15<br>10 5<br>12 7  | 66 16<br>17 5<br>15 16 27<br>16 4<br>18 3<br>19 8         | 01,229<br>69,815<br>67,812<br>1,188<br>72,414<br>47,190<br>65,945<br>65,945<br>65,979<br>61,780<br>19,520  | 1,317,76<br>793,410<br>122,67<br>1,95<br>399,710<br>152,960<br>36,480<br>117,180<br>45,280<br>47,790 | 30,005<br>1 10,425<br>9 131<br>8 31,241<br>8 288<br>9 5,446<br>4 11,364<br>2 3,590   |
| White farm operators————————————————————————————————————   | 1,590, 118 890,146 890,146 160,298 2,955 556,711 175,646 65,865 177,277 62,576 43,080 9,766 104,174 16,222 1,111 16,522 60,900 | 29.6<br>30.5<br>27.6<br>8.3<br>29.1<br>39.5<br>24.3<br>25.8<br>25.8<br>21.8<br>25.7<br>20.1<br>25.1<br>16.1<br>20.4<br>19.7 | 109,646<br>47,395<br>364<br>126,158<br>21,069<br>50,879<br>54,511<br>12,779<br>6,920<br>40,194<br>5,708<br>6<br>32,227<br>3,703<br>430<br>5,406<br>20,255 | 27,355<br>249<br>82,629<br>15,940<br>13,121<br>35,190<br>12,566<br>5,812<br>30,604<br>5,320<br>1,816<br>23,463<br>2,577<br>217<br>3,911<br>15,217 | 65,333<br>17,126<br>56,676<br>13,270<br>6,457<br>22,529<br>9,555<br>4,667<br>19,670<br>4,735<br>1,293<br>13,631<br>1,913<br>2,337<br>8,127 | \$ 45,672<br>9,805<br>1,866<br>8 34,637<br>9,827<br>7,3,185<br>12,776<br>15,294<br>3,555<br>10,570<br>10,570<br>1,104<br>84<br>7,1,103<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>84<br>7,1,104<br>85<br>86<br>86<br>86<br>86<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87<br>87 | 94,494<br>14,696<br>277<br>57,301<br>21,008<br>3,823<br>17,080<br>8,205<br>7,185<br>16,910<br>5,978<br>1,213<br>4<br>9,715<br>1,756<br>69<br>1,499<br>5,470 | 55,944<br>25,129<br>3,224<br>13,767<br>5,821<br>8,003<br>13,241<br>5,744<br>906<br>12<br>6,579<br>1,591<br>72<br>925<br>3,169 | 96,669<br>8,689<br>258<br>41,662<br>21,539<br>1,949<br>8,124<br>5,837<br>6,213<br>10,307<br>4,552<br>622<br>7<br>5,126<br>1,420<br>48<br>594<br>2,335 | 287, 44( 21, 52; 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| 1934   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| All farm operators————————————————————————————————————   |  |   | 202,922<br>84,113<br>762<br>307,675   | 133,437<br>46,101<br>565<br>180,525   | 98,426<br>27,078<br>498<br>109,273   | 13,131  | 95,413<br>17,501<br>507<br>75,394   | 90,172<br>13,883<br>572<br>54,709   | 69,752<br>7,589<br>464<br>37,882  | 18,97<br>1,97<br>68,19  | 2,170,<br>0 447,<br>36,<br>3 1,900,   | 077 11<br>319 1<br>377 6   | 2,228,24<br>9,211,76<br>6,597,07<br>929,21<br>65,490,18<br>1,223,80   | 55 12<br>76 7<br>1 16<br>95 7   | 5 6<br>73 2<br>15 16                                      | 78,622<br>31,032<br>29,359<br>1,426<br>56,805<br>34,881  | 1,483,715<br>737,524<br>173,044<br>3,384<br>569,766<br>77,315  | (3)<br>4 (5)<br>4 (5)<br>7 (5)   |
| White farm operators Full owners Part owners Managers Tenants Croppers (South only) Nomwhite farm operators Full owners Part owners Managers Tenants Croppers (South only) | 103,732<br>212,989<br>53,557<br>13,733<br>119  | 29.8<br>24.9<br>30.9<br>36.1<br>10.0<br>22.6  | 190,952<br>79,737<br>751<br>248,472<br>32,884<br>75,560<br>11,970<br>4,376<br>11<br>59,203  | 124,231<br>43,233<br>558<br>147,529<br>24,813<br>45,077<br>9,206<br>2,868   | 90,458<br>25,067<br>488<br>91,810<br>15,002<br>27,460<br>7,970<br>2,011<br>16  | 2 284<br>45,917<br>7,215<br>13,234<br>4,707<br>941<br>4<br>7,582  | 88,647<br>16,079<br>494<br>64,650<br>9,436<br>18,945<br>6,766<br>1,422<br>13  | 85,502<br>12,977<br>555<br>47,729<br>5,964<br>12,573<br>4,670<br>906<br>17<br>6,980   | 66,051<br>7,031<br>454<br>32,461<br>3,898<br>9,670<br>3,681<br>558<br>10  | 203,22<br>18,31<br>1,93<br>63,00<br>4,52<br>10,47<br>4,58<br>65<br>4<br>5,19                                  | 2,056,<br>424,<br>35,<br>1,423,<br>233,<br>615,<br>113,<br>23,<br>11477,  | 179 11<br>058 1<br>408<br>473 5<br>151<br>532 1<br>898<br>261<br>969 | 8,005,48<br>4,291,12<br>5,654,24<br>908,26<br>7,149,84<br>6,783,79<br>4,224,76<br>4,920,63<br>942,82<br>20,94<br>8,340,35<br>4,440,01                 | 28 12<br>18 7<br>18 16<br>18 16<br>18 16<br>18 16<br>18 16<br>18 17<br>18 18<br>18 17<br>18 18 18 | 77 23<br>55 25<br>57 10<br>55 2<br>57 6<br>57 6           | 18,545<br>73,815<br>26,768<br>1,384<br>16,578<br>28,788<br>60,077<br>7,217<br>2,591<br>42<br>50,227<br>56,095  | 1,393,600<br>708,789<br>165,623<br>3,335<br>515,886<br>55,589<br>90,11<br>28,733<br>7,422<br>53      | (5)<br>(6)<br>(7)<br>(8)<br>(8)<br>(1)<br>(8)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(2)<br>(3)<br>(4)<br>(5)<br>(5)<br>(6)<br>(7)<br>(7)<br>(8)<br>(8)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9)<br>(9  |
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|  | All or   | erators   | reportin  | days w  | orked of   | f their   | Carms   | -   | Opera   | tors ch   | assified  | oy nun   | ber of d  | ays wor   | ked   | Opera  | tors repo  | orting—  |
| YEAR, COLOR, AND TENURE  | Total  | Under<br>25<br>days   | 25 50<br>to to<br>49 74<br>days days  | 75<br>to<br>99<br>days  | to   149   1   | L50 200<br>to to<br>L99 249<br>days days  | 250<br>days<br>and<br>over  | Oper-<br>ators<br>re-<br>port-<br>ing   | Under<br>25<br>days   | 25<br>to<br>49<br>days  | 50 75<br>to to<br>74 99<br>days day   | 100<br>to<br>149<br>day  | to<br>199   | to<br>249   | 250<br>days<br>and<br>over                                | Work<br>on<br>other<br>farms <sup>1</sup>  | Work<br>at<br>non-<br>farm<br>jobs <sup>2</sup>  | .Both<br>work on<br>other<br>farms<br>and at<br>nonfarm<br>jobs  |
| 1939   |  |   | ,   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |  | _  |
| All farm operators————————————————————————————————————   | 100.0<br>53.4<br>9.7<br>36.7   | 35.6  | 00.0 100.0<br>58.4 44.3<br>13.3 11.6<br>18.2 44.2   | 10.4  | 54.7 6<br>8.7  | 00.0 100.0<br>64.2<br>7.6 5.9<br>52.0 29.1  | 72.6  | 100.0<br>(3)<br>(5)<br>(3)  | 12.4  |   | 9.1 S.<br>7.5 S.<br>10.8 6.<br>11.0 6.  | 2 10.  | 8 12.6<br>4 8.7   | 10.8  | 23.3<br>31.7<br>13.1<br>13.8                              | 28.7<br>18.2<br>34.0<br>42.5   | 85.0   | 4.1<br>3.2<br>6.1<br>4.9   |
| White farm operators  Full owners  Part owners  Tenants  Nonwhite farm operators  Pull owners  Part owners  Tenants  | 56.0<br>10.1<br>53.8   | 38.7<br>16.7<br>44.5<br>100.0<br>14.2<br>5.6  | 00.0 100.0<br>1.8 46.9<br>14.4 12.3<br>13.6 40.7<br>100.0 100.0<br>17.4 24.1<br>5.9 6.6   | 50.6<br>10.9<br>7 38.4<br>100.0<br>28.2<br>6.5  | 56.7<br>8.8<br>34.4<br>300.0<br>35.4<br>7.2  | 6.8 44.3  | 73.4<br>5.4<br>20.9<br>100.0<br>61.7<br>6.2   | 100.0<br>(5)<br>(5)<br>(5)<br>100.0<br>(3)<br>(3)<br>(5)  | 23.5<br>25.6<br>13.2<br>23.1  | 15.4<br>19.5<br>12.3  | 8.8 5.<br>7.5 5.<br>10.7 6.<br>10.6 6.<br>12.5 6.<br>11.0 6.<br>13.3 7.   | 1 · 10.<br>9 · 9 · 10.<br>7 · 10 · 13 · 12 · 12 ·                    | 6 12.6<br>2 8.7<br>7 10.4<br>8 6.4<br>9 13.3<br>4 9.3   | 10.9<br>5.4<br>7.8<br>6.6<br>10.6<br>6.4  | 24.6<br>32.3<br>13.3<br>15.2<br>9.9<br>18.7<br>9.9<br>6.3 | 26.0<br>17.5<br>33.6<br>37.8<br>56.0<br>33.0<br>41.0<br>66.9   | 85.7<br>72.7<br>67.6<br>46.6<br>69.9<br>62.9   | 4.5<br>5.2<br>6.3<br>5.4<br>2.6<br>2.9<br>3.8<br>2.4   |

<sup>1</sup>Data for 1934 represent the number of operators who gave agricultural pursuits as their principal occupation when employed off their farms.

2Data for 1934 represent the number of operators who gave nonagricultural pursuits as their principal occupation when employed off their farms.

3Not available.

4Includes croppers for the northern and western States.

TABLE 1.—WORK OFF FARM.—FARM OPERATORS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED FOR PAY OR INCOME AT WORK OFF THEIR FARMS; AND KIND OF WORK OFF FARM; WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTIONS; BY COLOR AND TENURE OF OPERATOR; FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1939 AND 1934—Continued

(Available data for 1929 in table 3. "White" includes Mexicans. "Nonwhite" includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite races. Figures for divisions and States in tables 8 and 9)

|  | PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY COLOR AND TENURE     |  |  |                        |                        |                          |                                      |                          |                            |   |  | PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN EACH COLOR AND TENURE CLASS      |                        |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
|  | All  | operator                                     | s repo                                       | rting                  | days w                 | rorked                   | off th                               | neir fa                  | rms                        |   | Opera  | ators o  | classii                | ied by                                 | numbe  | rofo   | lays wo  | orked  | Operat  | ors re   | corting—   |
| YEAR, COLOR, AND TENURE  | Total  | Under<br>25<br>days                          | 25<br>to<br>49<br>days                       | 50<br>to<br>74<br>days | 75<br>to<br>99<br>days | 100<br>to<br>149<br>days | 150<br>to<br>199<br>days             | 200<br>to<br>249<br>days | 250<br>days<br>and<br>over | Oper-<br>ators<br>re-<br>port-<br>ing<br>"None"               | Under<br>25<br>days  | 25<br>to<br>49<br>days                                       | 50<br>to<br>74<br>days | 75<br>to<br>99<br>days                 | 100<br>to<br>149<br>days                               | 150<br>to<br>199<br>days                             | 200<br>to<br>249<br>days                             | 250<br>days<br>and<br>over                             | Work<br>on<br>other<br>farms <sup>1</sup>           | Work<br>at<br>ncn-<br>farm<br>jobs <sup>2</sup>              | Both<br>work on<br>other<br>farms<br>and at<br>nonfarm<br>jobs |
| 1934   |  |  |  |                        |                        |                          |                                      |                          |                            |   |  |  |                        |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| All farm operators   |  | 100.0  |  |                        |                        |                          |                                      |                          |                            | 100.0<br>47.6   | 28.7   |  |                        | 6.0<br>6.1                             | 9.1  | 7.7<br>9.4   | 5.6<br>7.3   | 14.3   | 13.4<br>8.5   | 71.4   | (3)  |
| Part owners  |  | 14.1<br>51.7                                 |  | 11.5<br>46.4           |                        | 9.3<br>39.9              |                                      | 6.6                      |                            | 9.8<br>41.7   | 36.8<br>34.7   | 20.2   |                        | 5.7<br>6.0                             | 7.7<br>8.5   | 6.1<br>6.2   | 3.3<br>4.3   | 8.3<br>7.7   | 12.9<br>18.8  | 75.8<br>64.2   | (3)  |
| White farm operators— Full owners— Part owners— Tenants— Nonwhite farm operators— Full owners— Part owners— Tenants— | 48.4<br>11.5<br>39.8<br>100.0<br>25.1<br>6.4 | 36.7<br>15.3<br>47.8<br>100.0<br>15.8<br>5.8 | 39.4<br>13.7<br>46.8<br>100.0<br>20.4<br>6.4 | 43.5<br>12.1<br>44.2   | 47.9<br>10.9<br>41.0   | 52.2<br>9.5<br>38.1      | 58.3<br>8.8<br>32.5<br>100.0<br>37.1 | 62.3<br>6.6<br>30.6      | 70.9<br>6.4<br>22.0        | 100.0<br>52.2<br>10.8<br>36.1<br>100.0<br>18.5<br>3.8<br>77.6 | 27.9<br>21.2<br>37.2<br>33.5<br>35.5<br>22.4<br>31.9<br>40.7 | 16.9<br>13.8<br>20.1<br>19.9<br>21.2<br>17.2<br>20.9<br>22.7 |                        | 6.0<br>5.9<br>5.7<br>6.2<br>8.8<br>6.9 | 9.1<br>9.8<br>7.5<br>8.7<br>8.9<br>12.6<br>10.4<br>7.4 | 7.9<br>9.5<br>6.0<br>6.4<br>5.9<br>8.7<br>6.6<br>4.8 | 5.7<br>7.3<br>3.3<br>4.4<br>4.5<br>6.9<br>4.1<br>3.7 | 15.4<br>22.5<br>8.5<br>8.5<br>4.9<br>8.6<br>4.7<br>3.6 | 11.7<br>8.2<br>12.5<br>15.7<br>28.2<br>13.5<br>18.9 | 74.7<br>78.5<br>77.2<br>69.6<br>42.3<br>53.7<br>54.0<br>37.0 | (5)<br>(3)<br>(3)<br>(3)<br>(3)<br>(3)<br>(5)                  |

<sup>1</sup>Data for 1934 représent the number of operators who gave agricultural pursuits as their principal occupation when employed off their farms.

\*Zhata for 1934 represent the number of operators who gave nonagricultural pursuits as their principal occupation when employed off their farms.

\*Shot available.

Two out of 7 farm operators in the United States on April 1, 1940 worked off their farms for pay or income in 1939. These operators spent an average of 137 days at such work. Of these more than one-half, or better than 1 out of 7 farm operators, worked 100 or more days off their farms. These figures indicate that many farmers depend on other than the operation of their farms for a very considerable portion of their income. They do not indicate, however, the extent to which the entire family income may have been supplemented. In many instances members of the farm family, other than the operator, work off the farm. Also a part of the family income may be from other sources, such as investments, legacies, pensions, or the like.

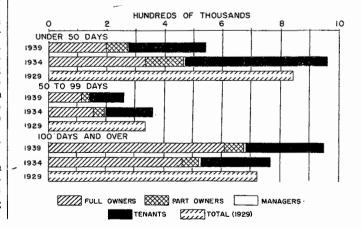
About 1 day out of 8 spent by farm operators at work off their farms was as employees of other farm operators. Therefore, the entire time farm operators spent at work off their farms does not represent supplemental income to farmers as a group. Thus a portion of the \$781,791,558 paid out in cash wages for farm labor in 1939 went to other farm operators. No doubt a very high percentage of the remainder went to persons residing on farms, but not in the capacity of farm operators. Three out of 14 farm operators, or three-fourths of those working off their farms, worked at nonfarm jobs. These averaged 159 days of such work as compared . with an average of 61 days for those reporting work on other farms. Since most of the work farm operators do off their farms is nonagricultural, operators reporting such work are, in general, near urban centers, or in industrial and mining areas. In New England, 42.1 percent of all farm operators worked off their farms in 1939. This was the highest percentage reported for any geographic division. New Hampshire showed the highest percentage of any State with 46.9 percent. In contrast, the highly agricultural West North Central States had the lowest percentage of operators working off their farms with 24.6 percent. Iowa showed the lowest State average with 17.9 percent. As a rule, the more industrialized the State the smaller the percentage of off-farm work on other farms. In the States comprising New England, the Middle Atlantic, and the East North Central groups only 7.9 percent of the total days of off-farm work was on other farms. In the balance of the United States 14.7 percent was on other farms.

No data are presented relative to the kinds of nonfarm work of farm operators working off their farms. Some information regarding the nature of the nonfarm work of farm operators working off their farms may be found in the part-time farming monograph prepared in connection with the 1935 Census.

Since the work off the farm may represent any number of days from one to a full year, farm operators have been classified into 8 groups according to the number of days spent at such work. In presenting comparative data by divisions and States these 8 groups have been consolidated into 3, namely, "Under 50 days," 50 to 99 days," and "100 days and over". Similarly, in presenting work off farms by counties in volume I and, also in the Second Series Bulletins of the 1940 Census of Agriculture, the classification of farms by number of days of work off the farm is also restricted to 3 groups.

Some farm operators working off their farms merely supplement their farming activities with work at other jobs in their spare time; others are primarily nonfarmers as to their principal occupation. The classification of farm operators working off their farms, by the number of days of such work, provides a rough means of determining which farm operators are primarily nonfarmers. If it is assumed that those operators who reported 100 or more days of work off their farms are nonfarmers as to principal occupation, then 15.5 percent of all farm operators are only farmers secondarily.

#### WORK OFF FARM FOR PAY OR INCOME-NUMBER OF FARM OPERATORS REPORTING, WITH NUMBER OF DAYS, BY TENURE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1939, 1934, AND 1929



<sup>4</sup>Includes croppers for the northern and western States.

TABLE 2.—WORK OFF FARM—FARM OPERATORS REPORTING AND NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED FOR PAY OR INCOME, BY COLOR AND TENURE OF OPERATOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES: CENSUS OF 1940

("White" includes Mexicans. "Nonwhite" includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite races. Figures for divisions and States in tables 9 and 10)

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
|   | WORK OFF   | FARM F   | OR PAY OR I  | NCOME  |  |  | KIND  | OF WORK O  | FF FARM R  | EPORTED  | FOR OF   | ERATORS REP  |   | 100 OR MORE D   | AYS OF   | WORK   |
|   | Operator<br>porti  |  | Days wor   | ked  | Farm<br>oper-  | Farm<br>oper~  | On oth  | er farms   | At nonf  | arm work   | Farm   | Land in f  |   | Value of lar  |  |  |
| COLOR AND TENURE  | Total  | Per-<br>cent<br>of<br>all<br>farm<br>oper-<br>ators  | Total  | Aver-<br>age<br>per<br>oper-<br>ator<br>report-<br>ing   | ators<br>report-<br>ing<br>"None"                                  | ators<br>not<br>re-<br>port-<br>ing                                | Farm<br>oper-<br>ators<br>re-<br>port-<br>ing   | Days   | Farm<br>oper-<br>ators<br>report-<br>ing   | Days   | oper-<br>ators<br>re-<br>port-<br>ing  | Total  | Aver-<br>age<br>per<br>farm   | Amount  | Aver-<br>age<br>per<br>farm  | Aver-<br>age<br>per<br>acre  |
| All farm operators  Full owners  Part owners  Managers  Tenants  Gash  Share-cash  Share 2  Croppers (South only)  Other  | 933,228<br>170,058<br>3,016<br>640,891<br>191,871<br>66,988<br>193,799<br>123,472<br>64,761  | 30.3<br>27.6<br>8.3<br>27.1<br>37.3<br>24.0<br>23.8<br>22.8<br>30.7  | 9,186,187  | 137<br>166<br>97<br>173<br>106<br>156<br>58<br>79<br>77<br>142   | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)        | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                                    | 169,815<br>57,812<br>1,188<br>272,414<br>47,190<br>35,945<br>87,979<br>81,780<br>19,520   | 12,119,433<br>2,133,665<br>145,167<br>16,003,169<br>3,708,071<br>1,088,612<br>4,121,137<br>5,345,886<br>1,739,463  | 795,418<br>122,671<br>1,959<br>399,718<br>152,969<br>36,489<br>117,184<br>45,282<br>47,794                               | 209,203,258<br>142,718,018<br>14,413,271<br>376,843<br>51,695,126<br>26,203,813<br>2,763,768<br>11,140,755<br>4,140,046<br>7,446,724<br>200,403,512                    | 614,712<br>62,323<br>1,975<br>264,571<br>122,468<br>12,479<br>55,986<br>35,798<br>37,840                           | 41,000,469<br>19,894,006<br>1,445,871<br>21,315,809<br>8,613,790<br>2,326,665<br>6,673,443<br>1,168,547<br>2,533,364   | 66.7<br>319.2<br>732.1<br>80.6<br>70.3<br>186.4<br>119.2<br>52.6<br>66.9  | 3,422,519,888<br>2,230,821,586<br>428,914,131<br>49,953,889<br>71,2830,262<br>313,645,105<br>73,133,247<br>199,719,609<br>41,294,961<br>85,037,340<br>3,362,233,619   | 25,295<br>2,694<br>2,561<br>5,861  | 40.91<br>54.41<br>21.56<br>34.55<br>33.44<br>36.41<br>31.43<br>29.93<br>35.34<br>33.57   |
| White farm operators Full owners Part owners Managers Tenants Cash Share-cash Share 2 Croppers (South only) Other Nonwhite farm operators Full owners Part owners Tenants Cash Stare-cash Stare-cash Stare-cash Stare 2 Croppers (South only) Other | 890,146<br>160,298<br>2,955<br>536,717<br>175,648<br>65,869<br>177,277<br>62,572<br>55,351<br>157,075<br>43,080<br>9,760<br>61<br>104,174<br>16,223<br>1,119<br>16,522<br>60,900 | 30.5<br>27.6<br>8.3<br>29.1<br>39.5<br>24.3<br>25.4<br>25.4<br>25.7<br>29.1<br>8.5<br>20.1<br>18.1<br>16.0<br>18.0 | 59,935,444 28,159,915 3,776,398 14,176,233 5,585,023 8,237,875 44,503,518 5,604,438 926,845 9,584 7,762,851 1,751,969 76,002 1,085,659 3,900,909 | 167<br>97<br>173<br>112<br>160<br>57<br>80<br>89<br>149<br>92<br>135<br>95<br>154<br>75<br>108<br>68<br>66 | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1) | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1) | 155,594<br>53,815<br>1,158<br>202,751<br>40,617<br>35,277<br>78,534<br>33,217<br>15,106<br>87,911<br>14,221<br>3,997<br>30<br>69,663<br>6,573<br>668<br>9,445 | 10,683,804<br>1,921,263<br>142,240<br>11,750,355<br>5,212,619<br>1,058,247<br>5,658,383<br>2,468,483<br>1,352,623<br>5,703,772<br>1,235,629<br>2,12,402<br>2,927<br>4,252,814<br>4,957,452<br>30,365<br>462,754<br>2,877,403 | 763,299 116,534 1,927 362,736 142,833 36,005 109,641 31,712 42,545 73,270 30,119 6,137 32 36,982 10,136 484 7,543 15,570 | 136,149,209 13,698,828 370,386 48,185,089 48,185,089 2,718,151 10,517,850 3,116,540 6,885,252 8,799,746 4,568,809 714,443 3,510,037 1,256,517 45,637 622,905 1,023,506 | 590,577 58,615 1,937 236,615 115,542 12,227 52,271 22,378 54,197 56,037 24,335 3,708 27,956 6,926 252 3,715 13,420 | \$9,628,028<br>19,656,266<br>1,441,312<br>20,547,981<br>8,405,617<br>2,314,474<br>6,518,385<br>900,803<br>2,408,702<br>2,382,568<br>1,372,441<br>237,740<br>4,559<br>767,828<br>208,173<br>12,191<br>155,058 | 67.1<br>335.3<br>744.1<br>86.8<br>72.7<br>189.3<br>124.7<br>40.3<br>70.4<br>42.5<br>56.4<br>120.0<br>27.5<br>30.1<br>48.4<br>41.7<br>20.0 | 2,201,380,500<br>423,655,231<br>49,417,959<br>687,581,929<br>506,599,642<br>72,707,569<br>195,640,582<br>30,678,099<br>81,970,037<br>60,286,249<br>29,441,086<br>5,080,900<br>25,248,333<br>7,054,263<br>425,878<br>4,079,027<br>10,622,862 | 3,729<br>7,231<br>25,513<br>2,906<br>2,654<br>5,946<br>3,743<br>1,371<br>2,397<br>1,076<br>1,210<br>1,365<br>14,103<br>903<br>1,019<br>1,690 | 55.55<br>21.56<br>34.29<br>33.46<br>36.47<br>31.41<br>30.01<br>34.03<br>25.30<br>21.44<br>21.25<br>117.55<br>32.86<br>33.86<br>34.93<br>26.33<br>39.67 |

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

TABLE 3.—OPERATORS REPORTING AND DAYS OF OTHER OCCUPATION REPORTED BY FARM OPERATORS, WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, BY COLOR AND TENURE OF OPERATOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES, 1929

("White" includes Mexicans. "Nonwhite" includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese and all other nonwhite races. Figures for divisions and States in table 8)

|  |   | DAYS WOR   | KED   |  | DISTRIBU-<br>ON   |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ITEM .   | Farm<br>operators<br>reporting  | Total  | Average<br>per<br>oper-<br>ator                             | Oper-<br>ators<br>report-<br>ing                                   | Number<br>of days   |
| CLASSIFICATION BY NUMBER OF<br>DAYS WORKED OFF THEIR FARMS   |   |  |   |  |   |
| Total Under 25 days 25 to 49 days 50 to 74 days 75 to 99 days 100 to 149 days 180 to 199 days 200 to 249 days 250 days and over                                | 1,902,898<br>516,102<br>328,068<br>217,032<br>118,427<br>183,080<br>143,485<br>129,400<br>267,304 | 26,727,362   | 100<br>12<br>32<br>57<br>84<br>109<br>162<br>207<br>302     | 27.1<br>17.2<br>11.4<br>6.2<br>9.6<br>7.5                          |   |
| CLASSIFICATION BY COLOR AND<br>TENURE  |   |  |   |  |   |
| All operators reporting————————————————————————————————————  | (1)<br>(1)  | 189,868,388<br>110,395,766<br>14,366,908<br>1,383,034<br>63,722,680<br>19,387,021<br>44,335,659  | 100<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                      | 100.0<br>58.1<br>7.6<br>0.7<br>33.6<br>10.2<br>23.4   |
| White operators reporting Full owners Part owners Managers Tenants Cash Other Normhite operators reporting Full owners Part owners Managers Tenants Cash Other | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                                | 169,742,179 105,069,954 12,952,610 1,334,768 50,384,827 16,706,166 35,878,661 20,126,209 5,325,812 1,414,298 13,337,953 2,680,855 10,656,998 | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1) | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1) | 100.0<br>61.9<br>7.6<br>0.8<br>29.7<br>9.8<br>100.0<br>26.5<br>7.0<br>0.2<br>66.3<br>13.3<br>53.0 |

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

Where farming is supplemental to some other occupation the farming activities are frequently very limited or are of a specialized nature. Sometimes the farms of such operators serve primarily as a place of residence, the farming operations being very restricted. The production of agricultural products on such places may be primarily for use of the operators' families. Sometimes the extent of the farming operations may just be sufficient for the establishment to be classed as a farm under the Census definition. If, on the other hand, the farming activities are considerable, the value of the land and buildings may have no relation to possible farm earnings, as the farm operator is not dependent on the farm for his livelihood. For these reasons the acreage and value of farms whose operators spent 100 days or more at work off their farms have been tabulated so that such farms may be contrasted with other farms in the same area. In general, farms of operators working 100 or more days at work off their farms average smaller in size than other farms in the same area but have a higher value per acre. For further information regarding farms of operators working off their farms 100 days or more, including the kind and extent of their farming operations, refer to the 1935 Census monograph on part-time farming in which special tabulations are shown for selected areas.

The tabulations of work off the farm by tenure of the operator do not show any material difference in the proportions of owner operators and tenant operators reporting work off their farms. Full owners, however, generally averaged more days of work off their farms than did tenant operators. The United States average for the former was 166 days in 1939 as compared with 106 days for the latter. Generally the proportion of "white" operators reporting work off their farms was greater than for "nonwhite" operators. White operators also averaged more days of work off their farms and a much larger proportion reported nonfarm work.

Although a somewhat smaller proportion of farm operators reported work off their farms in 1939 than in 1934 or 1929, the only other years for which such data are available, more days were reported for 1939 than were reported for either of the other years. The total number of days farm operators

<sup>2</sup> Includes croppers for northern and western States.

worked off their farms in 1939 was 18.5 percent greater than the total number of days of such work reported for 1934 and 26.2 percent greater than reported for 1929. The average number of days worked off the farm was 137 days in 1939 as compared with 97 days in 1934 and 100 days in 1929. Also the proportion of all operators reporting 100 days or more of such work in 1939 represented a much higher ratio than was reported for either of the other 2 Censuses.

The wording of the inquiry regarding the number of days of work of farm operators off their farms has varied somewhat for the different censuses. This may have affected, to some slight extent, the comparability of the data for the different years. At the 1930 census only "work for pay" was specified and the word "income" did not appear in the question. This possibly tended to exclude work performed off the farm by operators who were self-employed. At the 1935 census the inquiry specified "Work for pay or income" as did the inquiry for the 1940 census. In the 1935 census the inquiry specified work "not connected with farm you operate." This possibly resulted in a few reports of work spent as operator on a different farm in 1934 than the one being operated on January 1, 1935. Both the 1940 and the 1930 schedules specified "the farm you operated," thus tending to exclude work on some other farm operated. In both 1930 and 1935 a parenthetical instruction directed that "labor exchanged" was to be omitted. In 1940 no reference was made either on the schedule or in the instructions to the enumerator in regard to exchanged labor. In all three censuses, if no days were worked off the farm "None" was to be inserted in reply to the inquiry for the number of days worked off the farm. These replies were tabulated for the Censuses of 1940 and 1935 but were not tabulated for the Census of 1930.

The inquiry carried on the 1935 schedule regarding the kind of work off the farm merely asked for the principal occupation on the days worked off the farm. On the basis of this inquiry farm operators reporting work off their farms were classified as to whether such work was principally "agricultural" or "nonagricultural." However, for 15.2 percent of the reports the occupation either was not specified or was not sufficient for classification. The 1935 inquiry did not call for the industry. The 1935 classification is presented for comparison with the 1940 break-down as to kind of work but obviously the figures are not strictly comparable. Lack of comparability is due in part to the relatively large number of operators who could not be classified and in part to the fact that the work of each operator had to be classed either as "agricultural" or "nonagricultural." Probably, however, comparatively few farm operators worked at both agricultural and nonagricultural jobs since only 4.1 percent of all farm operators reporting work off their farms in 1939 reported both nonfarm work and work on other farms. The 1930 Census schedule carried no inquiry as to the kind of work off the farm.

Age of farm operator.—The numbers of farm operators classified into six groups according to their age on April 1, 1940 are presented by divisions and States in table 11. The average age of the farm operator is also shown in this table. These data were tabulated by color and tenure of the operator. However, for the northern and western States, figures are shown only for all operators and for nonwhite operators in each tenure class. The age distributions for white operators in these States would be practically the same as for all operators since relatively few nonwhite operators are represented in the totals. If separate data are desired for white operators in these States, they may be obtained by subtraction.

Comparable figures, where available, are shown for earlier censuses in the tables presenting United States totals. In table 11, in which age distributions for each color and each tenure class are presented by divisions and States, comparable data are shown for 1930 only. In table 13 age distributions for owners and tenants only are presented by divisions and States for each decennial census from 1890. Strictly comparable figures on age of farm operators are available only for the decennial censuses beginning with 1910. However, statistics collected as a part of the censuses of population for 1890 and 1900 include a classification of occupants of farm homes by age groups. While these data are on a slightly different basis, the relative age distribution in each tenure class is approximately comparable with the age distribution of

farm operators presented for the 1910 and subsequent decennial censuses. Therefore, the figures for these years are included in the tables but the reader is cautioned that the figures are not strictly comparable.

An average age of farm operators was obtained for the first time at the 1940 Census. This average represents the sum of the individual ages divided by the number of farm operators who reported their age. In the 1920 and 1930 reports figures on the average age of operators for 1920 and 1910 are given in the text discussion, but these represent computations based on the age distributions rather than true averages.

Additional statistics on the age of farm operators are presented in chapter IV (Farm Mortgages and Farm Taxes) of this volume. In that chapter, the ages of owner operators are shown by mortgage status. County figures relating to the age of farm operators are presented in volume I and, also, in the Second Series State Bulletins of the 1940 Census of Agriculture Reports. These county figures are limited to the average age of farm operators classified by color and by tenure; and are also given for owner operators classified by mortgage status.

The average age of farm operators on April 1, 1940 was 48.0 years. Only 1 farm operator in 5 was under 35 years of age and about 1 in 25 was under 25 years. More farmers fall in the 45- to 54-year group than in any other 10-year age interval. This indicates that up to this age more persons begin operating farms on their own account than quit farming and that after this age the number ceasing to farm exceeds those who are beginning. Each census for which the age of farm operators is available has shown that on an average the age of farm operators is greater than that recorded at the preceding census. The proportion of farm operators 45 years old and over in 1910 was 46.3 percent, in 1920 it was 48.1 percent, in 1930 it was 52.7 percent, and in 1940 it was up to 58.3 percent.

## AGE OF FARM OPERATORS - NUMBER OF OPERATORS REPORTING, BY TENURE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - 1940

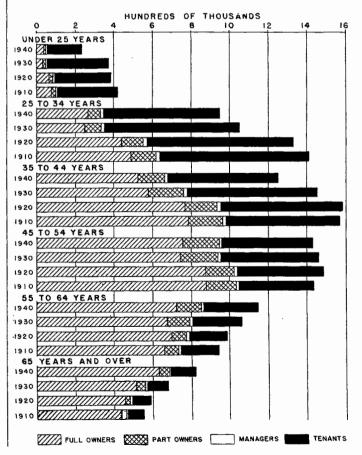


TABLE 4.—FARM OPERATORS IN EACH COLOR AND TENURE CLASS BY AGE, WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATORS (Data for 1940 and 1930 relate to Apr. 1; for 1920 to Jan. 1; for 1910 to Apr. 15; and for earliar years to June 1. "White" includes Mexicans.

|   |  |  | REPORTING AGE  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| COLOR, TENURE, AND YEAR                       |  | Total oper-<br>ators   | Total  | linder<br>25<br>years                                  | 25 to 34<br>years  | 35 to 44<br>years  | 45 to 54<br>years  | 55 to 64<br>years  | 65 years   | Average<br>age                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ll farm operators                             | 1930<br>1920<br>1910                   | 6,096,799<br>6,288,648<br>6,448,343<br>6,361,502                       | 5,835,950<br>6,073,523<br>6,364,163<br>6,339,476                       | 233,355<br>371,679<br>383,680<br>419,330               | 949,350<br>1,049,052<br>1,333,020<br>1,413,876               | 1,250,893<br>1,452,425<br>1,587,519<br>1,571,469               | 1,427,561<br>1,459,959<br>1,462,494<br>1,432,707               | 1,146,540<br>1,064,034<br>993,771<br>947,524                   | 828,251<br>676,374<br>583,679<br>554,570                     | 48.0<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | <sup>2</sup> 1900                      | 35,649,008<br>4,767,179  | 5,635,747<br>(4)   | 275,098<br>218,531                                     | 1,194,482  | 1,409,829  | 1,296,147  | 1,249  | 180  | (1)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owners  | 1940                                   | 3,699,177  | 3,552,109  | 47,518   | 332,806  | 668,120  | 950,866  | 859,733  | 693,066  | 52.1   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 1930<br>1920<br>1910                   | 3,568,394<br>3,925,090<br>3,948,722<br>3,638,403                       | 3,447,119<br>3,873,034<br>3,934,968<br>3,631,036                       | 47,256<br>87,400<br>97,690<br>76,419                   | 334,789<br>561,442<br>620,961<br>541,064                     | 766,025<br>938,174<br>969,859<br>908,250                       | 942,629<br>1,021,445<br>1,036,495<br>916,375                   | 793,861<br>780,579<br>741,614<br>683,475                       | 562,559<br>483,994<br>468,351<br>505,453                     | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full owners                                   | 1890<br>1940                           | 3,142,746  | (4)  | 71,140   | 539,470  | 756,555  | 748,609  | 1,026  |  | (1)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part owners                                   | 1930<br>1920<br>1910<br>1940           | 3,084,138<br>2,911,644<br>3,366,510<br>3,354,897<br>615,039<br>656,750 | 2,957,775<br>2,808,122<br>3,320,649<br>3,342,361<br>594,334<br>638,997 | 39,870<br>37,395<br>68,081<br>78,130<br>7,648<br>9,861 | 267,708<br>250,764<br>443,272<br>490,008<br>65,098<br>84,025 | 526,140<br>576,845<br>771,482<br>788,815<br>141,980<br>189,180 | 759,354<br>747,751<br>876,813<br>880,140<br>191,512<br>194,878 | 728,164<br>678,233<br>704,526<br>663,107<br>131,569<br>115,628 | 636,539<br>517,134<br>456,475<br>442,161<br>56,527<br>45,425 | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>48.8<br>(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 1920<br>1910                           | 558,580<br>593,825   | 552,385<br>592,607   | 19,319<br>19,560                                       | 118,170<br>130,953   | 166,692<br>181,044   | 144,632<br>156,353   | 76,053<br>78,507   | 27,519<br>26,190   | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers                                      | 1940<br>1930<br>1920<br>1910           | 36,351<br>55,889<br>68,449<br>58,104                                   | 31,984<br>50,957<br>66,636<br>56,846                                   | 1,399<br>2,782<br>5,484<br>4,820                       | 7,654<br>11,183<br>17,983<br>15,700                          | 8,491<br>14,601<br>18,757<br>16,212                            | 7,792<br>12,340<br>14,063<br>11,724                            | 4,817<br>7,044<br>7,226<br>5,840                               | 1,831<br>3,007<br>3,125<br>2,550                             | 43.5<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants                                       | 1940<br>1930<br>1920<br>1910<br>5 1900 | 2,361,271<br>2,664,365<br>2,454,804<br>2,354,676<br>2,010,605          | 2,251,857<br>2,575,447<br>2,424,493<br>2,347,662<br>2,004,711          | 184,438<br>321,641<br>290,796<br>316,820<br>198,679    | 608,890<br>703,080<br>753,595<br>777,215<br>653,418          | 574,282<br>671,799<br>630,588<br>585,398<br>501,579            | 468,903<br>504,990<br>446,986<br>384,490<br>379,772            | 281,990<br>263,129<br>205,966<br>200,070<br>181,294            | 133,354<br>110,808<br>96,562<br>83,669<br>89,969             | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash 6-                                       | <sup>8</sup> 1890                      | 1,624,433  | (4)  | 147,391  | 543,150  | 425,501  | 286,183  | 222,   |  | (1)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share 67 Croppers (South only)                | 2070                                   | 514,438<br>489,210<br>278,605<br>815,799<br>541,291                    | 494,307<br>473,702<br>271,172<br>783,178<br>506,657                    | 25,278<br>30,650<br>12,781<br>63,670<br>68,159         | 115,563<br>118,567<br>73,864<br>220,649<br>151,444           | 130,879<br>137,658<br>76,923<br>201,397<br>119,006             | 114,531<br>104,179<br>63,017<br>162,570<br>88,289              | 70,392<br>56,165<br>33,961<br>96,605<br>52,930                 | 37,664<br>26,483<br>10,626<br>38,287<br>26,829               | 43.7<br>(1)<br>41.9<br>41.2<br>39.2            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White farm operators                          | 1940<br>1930<br>1920                   | 776,278<br>5,377,728<br>5,372,578<br>5,498,454                         | 747,984<br>5,156,433<br>5,188,259<br>5,425,659                         | 153,340<br>181,768<br>271,466<br>293,796               | 208,670<br>813,305<br>875,914<br>1,142,232                   | 163,106<br>1,104,155<br>1,259,651<br>1,363,044                 | 131,566<br>1,278,129<br>1,247,069<br>1,246,559                 | 65,151<br>1,036,022<br>930,178<br>872,861                      | 26,151<br>743,054<br>603,961<br>507,167                      | (1)<br>48.4<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owners  | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920           | 5,440,619<br>3,498,079<br>3,365,674<br>3,691,868                       | 5,423,927<br>3,359,015<br>3,250,897<br>3,642,529                       | 330,574<br>43,028<br>43,331<br>80,961                  | 1,187,452<br>313,653<br>317,478<br>534,868                   | 1,344,237<br>634,177<br>728,995<br>888,497                     | 1,243,727<br>902,385<br>885,292<br>953,784                     | 832,312<br>815,769<br>746,872<br>734,795                       | 485,625<br>650,003<br>528,929<br>449,624                     | (1)<br>52.1<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full owners                                   | 1910<br>1940<br>1930                   | 3,707,501<br>2,916,562<br>2,752,787<br>3,174,109                       | 3,696,434<br>2,796,788<br>2,654,676<br>3,130,498                       | 91,010<br>35,918<br>34,233<br>63,309                   | 585,562<br>251,517<br>257,485<br>422,907                     | 914,979<br>498,853<br>549,577<br>732,080                       | 972,941<br>720,688<br>704,982<br>821,555                       | 695,855<br>691,845<br>640,653<br>665,154                       | 436,087<br>597,967<br>487,746<br>425,493                     | (1)<br>52.0<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part owners                                   | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920           | 3,159,088<br>581,517<br>612,887<br>517,759                             | 3,149,104<br>562,227<br>596,221<br>512,031                             | 72,751<br>7,110<br>9,098<br>17,652                     | 461,956<br>62,136<br>79,993<br>111,961                       | 746,053<br>135,324<br>179,418<br>156,417                       | 829,595<br>181,697<br>180,310<br>132,229                       | 625,275<br>128,924<br>106,219<br>69,641                        | 413,474<br>52,036<br>41,183<br>24,131                        | (1)<br>48.1<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenânts                                       | 1940<br>1930<br>1920<br>1910           | 548,413<br>1,844,015<br>1,954,137<br>1,740,363<br>1,676,558            | 547,330<br>1,766,091<br>1,889,350<br>1,718,664<br>1,672,171            | 18,259<br>137,365<br>225,405<br>207,535<br>234,866     | 123,606<br>492,080<br>547,683<br>589,841<br>586,575          | 168,926<br>461,659<br>516,875<br>456,382<br>413,472            | 143,346<br>368,147<br>350,645<br>279,275<br>259,392            | 70,580<br>215,575<br>176,646<br>131,096                        | 22,613<br>91,265<br>72,096<br>54,535                         | (1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CashShare-cash                                | 1940                                   | 444,205  | 427,308  | 21,824   | 103,447  | 116,187  | 98,296   | 130,793<br>58,279  | 47,073<br>29,275   | 43.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share 7                                       | 1940                                   | 271,597<br>722,726   | 264,461<br>694,907   | 12,508<br>58,216                                       | 72,730<br>202,843  | 75,396<br>180,707  | 61,200<br>141,538  | 32,665<br>82,103   | 9,962<br>29,500  | 41.7   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Croppers (South only) Nonwhite farm operators |  | 242,173<br>719,071<br>916,070<br>949,889                               | 227,903<br>679,517<br>885,284<br>938,504                               | 33,131<br>51,587<br>100,213<br>89,884                  | 74,258<br>136,045<br>173,138<br>190,788                      | 53,088<br>146,738<br>192,774<br>224,475                        | 37,157<br>149,432<br>212,890<br>235,935                        | 21,812<br>110,518<br>133,856<br>120,910                        | 8,457<br>85,197<br>72,413<br>76,512                          | 38.0<br>45.3<br>(1)<br>(1)                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owners  | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920           | 920,883<br>201,098<br>202,720<br>233,222                               | 915,549<br>193,094<br>196,222<br>230,505                               | 88,756<br>4,490<br>3,925<br>6,439                      | 226,424<br>19,153<br>17,311<br>26,574                        | 227,252<br>33,943<br>37,030<br>49,677                          | 188,980<br>48,481<br>57,537<br>67,661                          | 115,212<br>43,964<br>46,989<br>45,784                          | 68,945<br>43,063<br>33,630<br>34,370                         | (1)<br>52.2<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full owners                                   | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920           | 241,221<br>167,576<br>158,857<br>192,401                               | 238,534<br>160,987<br>153,446<br>190,151                               | 6,680<br>3,952<br>5,162<br>4,772                       | 35,399<br>16,191<br>13,279<br>20,365                         | 54,880<br>27,287<br>27,268<br>39,402                           | 63,552<br>38,666<br>42,769<br>55,258                           | 45,759<br>36,319<br>37,580<br>39,372                           | 32,264<br>38,572<br>29,388<br>30,982                         | (1)<br>(1)                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part owners                                   | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920           | 195,809<br>33,522<br>43,863<br>40,821                                  | 193,257<br>32,107<br>42,776<br>40,354                                  | 5,379<br>538<br>763<br>1,667                           | 28,052<br>2,962<br>4,032<br>6,209                            | 42,762<br>6,656<br>9,762<br>10,275                             | 50,545<br>9,815<br>14,568<br>12,403                            | 37,852<br>7,645<br>9,409<br>6,412                              | 28,687<br>4,491<br>4,242<br>3,388                            | (1)<br>50.1<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants                                       | 1910<br>1940<br>1930<br>1920<br>1910   | 45,412<br>517,256<br>710,228<br>714,441<br>678,118                     | 45,277<br>485,766<br>686,097<br>705,829<br>675,491                     | 1,301<br>47,073<br>96,236<br>85,261<br>81,954          | 7,347<br>116,810<br>155,397<br>163,754<br>190,640            | 12,118<br>112,623<br>154,924<br>174,206                        | 13,007<br>100,756<br>154,345<br>167,711                        | 7,927<br>66,415<br>86,483<br>74,870                            | 3,577<br>42,089<br>38,712<br>42,027                          | (1)<br>42.1<br>(1)<br>(1)<br>(1)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CashShare-cash                                | 1940                                   | 70,233   | 66,999   | 81,954<br>3,454  | 12,116   | 171,926<br>14,692  | 125,098<br>16,235  | 69,277   | 36,596<br>8,389  | 46.4   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share 7                                       | 2940                                   | 7,008<br>93,073<br>299,118   | 6,711<br>88,271<br>278,754   | 273<br>5,454<br>35,028                                 | 1,134<br>17,806<br>77,186                                    | 1,527<br>20,690<br>65,918                                      | 1,817<br>21,032<br>51,132                                      | 1,296<br>14,502<br>31,118                                      | 8,787<br>18,372  | 46.5<br>44.9<br>40.2                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> Not available.
2 In 1900 the number of occupants of farm homes was 88,364 less than the number of farm operators, while in 1890 the number of occupants of farm homes exceeded the number of farm operators by 202,538.

3 Excludes 40,872 occupants of farm homes with form of tenure not reported.
4 Not shown in the reports of the Census of 1890, as the number not reporting age was distributed among the several age groups.

IN EACH TENURE CLASS, BY AGE, AND IN EACH AGE GROUP, BY TENURE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1890 TO 1940

"Nonwhite" includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and all other nonwhite races. Figures for divisions and States in tables 11, 12, and 13)

|   |                    | No.                       | PERCI                |                      |                      | of oper              |                      | EACH                       | PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF ALL OPERATORS IN EACH AGE GROUP<br>BY TENURE |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                            |  |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| COLOR, TENURE, AND YEAR                 |                    | Not re-<br>porting<br>age | Under<br>25<br>years | 25 to<br>34<br>years | 35 to<br>44<br>years | 45 to<br>54<br>years | 55 to<br>64<br>years | 65<br>years<br>and<br>over | Oper-<br>ators<br>report-<br>ing age                                 | Under<br>25<br>years | 25 to<br>34<br>years | 35 to<br>44<br>years | 45 to<br>54<br>years | 55 to<br>64<br>years | 65<br>years<br>and<br>over |  |
| ll farm operators                       | 1940               | 260,849                   | 4.0                  | 16.3                 | 21.4                 | 24.5                 | 19.6                 | 14.2                       | 100.0  | 100.0                | 200.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | 1930               | 215,125                   | 6.1                  | 17,3                 | 23.9                 | 24.0                 | 17.5<br>15.6         | 11.1<br>9.2                | 100.0<br>100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | 1920<br>1910       | 84,180<br>22,026          | 6.0<br>6.6           | 20.9                 | 24.9<br>24.8         | 22.6                 | 14.9                 | 8.7                        | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | ² 1900             | 13,261                    | 4.9                  | 21.2                 | 25.0                 | 23.0                 | 15.3                 | 10.6                       | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | ² 1890             | (4)                       | 4.6                  | 22.7                 | 24.8                 | 21.7                 | 25                   | 3.2                        | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100                  |                            |  |
| Owners                                  | 1940<br>1930       | 147,068<br>121,275        | 1.3                  | 9.4<br>9.7           | 18.8                 | 26.8                 | 24.2                 | 19.5                       | 60.9<br>56.8   | 20.4                 | 35.1<br>31.9         | 53.4<br>52.7         | 66.6                 | 75.0<br>74.6         | 83.7                       |  |
| 1                                       | 1920               | 52,056                    | 2.3                  | 14.5                 | 24.2                 | 26.4                 | 20.2                 | 12.5                       | 60.9   | 22.8                 | 42.1                 | 59.1                 | 68.9                 | 78.5                 | 82.9                       |  |
|   | 1910<br>1900       | 13,754<br>7,367           | 2.5                  | 15.8<br>14.9         | 24.6<br>25.0         | 26.3<br>25.2         | 18.8                 | 11.9                       | 62.1<br>64.4   | 23.3<br>27.8         | 43.9<br>45.3         | 61.7<br>64.4         | 72.3                 | 78.3                 | 84.5                       |  |
|   | 1890               | ( <sup>4</sup> )          | 2.3                  | 17.2                 | 24.1                 | 23.8                 | 32                   | 2.7                        | (4)  | 32.6                 | 49.8                 | 64.0                 | 72.3                 | 82                   | 2.2                        |  |
| Full owners                             | 1940               | 126,363                   | 1.3                  | 9.1                  | 17.8                 | 25.7                 | 24.6                 | 21.5                       | 50.7   | 17.1                 | 28.2                 | 42.1                 | 53.2                 | 63.5                 | 76.9                       |  |
|   | -1930<br>1920      | 103,522<br>45,861         | 1.3<br>2.1           | 8.9<br>13.3          | 20.5                 | 26.6<br>26.4         | 24.2                 | 18.4                       | 46.2<br>52.2   | 10.1                 | 23.9<br>33.3         | 39.7<br>48.6         | 51.2                 | 63.7                 | 76.5                       |  |
|   | 1910               | 12,536                    | 2.3                  | 14.7                 | 23.6                 | 26.3                 | 19.8                 | 13.2                       | 52.7   | 18.6                 | 34.7                 | 50.2                 | 61.4                 | 70.0                 | 79.7                       |  |
| Part owners                             | 1940<br>1930       | 20,705<br>17,753          | 1.3                  | 11.0<br>13.1         | 23.9                 | 32.2                 | 22.1<br>18.1         | 9.5                        | 10.2   | 3.3                  | 6.9<br>8.0           | 11.4                 | 13.4                 | 10.9                 | 6.8                        |  |
|   | 1920               | 6,195                     | 3.5                  | 21.4                 | 30.2                 | 26.2                 | 13.8                 | 5.0                        | 8.7  | 5.0                  | 8.9                  | 10.5                 | 9.8                  | 7.7<br>8.3           | 4.7                        |  |
| Management                              | 1910<br>1940       | 1,218                     | 3.3<br>4.4           | 22.1                 | 30.6<br>26.5         | 26.4                 | 13.2                 | 4.4<br>5.7                 | 9.3  | 0.6                  | 9.3                  | 0.7                  | 10.9                 | 0.4                  | 0.2                        |  |
| Vanagers                                | 1930               | 4,932                     | 5.5                  | 21.9                 | 28.7                 | 24.2                 | 13.8                 | 5.9                        | 0.8  | 0.7                  | 1.1                  | 1.0                  | 0.8                  | 0.7                  | 0.4                        |  |
|   | 1920—<br>1910—     | 1,813                     | 8.2<br>8.5           | 27.0<br>27.6         | 28.1                 | 21.1                 | 10.8                 | 4.7                        | 1.0<br>0.9   | 1.1                  | 1.3                  | 1.2                  | 0.9                  | 0.7                  | 0.5                        |  |
| Tenants                                 | 1940               | 109,414                   | 8.2                  | 27.0                 | 25.5                 | 20.8                 | 12.5                 | 5.9                        | 38.6   | 79.0                 | 64.1                 | 45.9                 | 32.8                 | 24.6                 | 16.1                       |  |
| A GIMITOS                               | 1930               | 88,918                    | 12.5                 | 27.3                 | 26.1                 | 19.6                 | 10.2                 | 4.3                        | 42.4   | 86.5                 | 67.0                 | 46.3                 | 34.6                 | 24.7                 | 16.4<br>16.5               |  |
|   | 1920<br>1910       | 30,311<br>7,014           | 12.0                 | 31.1<br>33.1         | 26.0<br>24.9         | 18.4                 | 8.5<br>8.5           | 3.6                        | 38.1<br>37.0   | 75.8<br>75.6         | 56.5<br>55.0         | 39.7                 | 30.2<br>26.8         | 20.7                 | 15.1                       |  |
|   | <sup>6</sup> 1900— | 5,894                     | 9.9                  | 32.6                 | 25.0                 | 18.9                 | 9.0                  | 4.5                        | 35.6   | 72.2                 | 54.7                 | 35.6                 | 29.3                 | 21.0                 | 15.1                       |  |
|   | <sup>5</sup> 1890— | (4)                       | 9.1                  | 33.4                 | 26.2                 | 17.6                 | ·                    | .7                         | (4)  | 67.4                 | 50.2                 | 36.0                 | 27.7                 | ·                    | .8                         |  |
| Cash e                                  | 1940<br>1930       | 20,131<br>15,508          | 5.1<br>6.5           | 23.4<br>25.0         | 26.5<br>29.1         | 23.2                 | 14.2                 | 7.6                        | 8.5<br>7.8   | 10.8                 | 12.2                 | 10.5<br>9.5          | 8.0<br>7.1           | 6.1<br>5.3           | 4.5                        |  |
| Share-cash 6                            | 1940               | 7,433                     | 4.7                  | 27.2                 | 28.4                 | 23.2                 | 12.5                 | 3.9                        | 4.6  | 5,5                  | 7.8                  | 6.1                  | 4.4                  | 3.0                  | 1.3                        |  |
| Share 6 7Croppers 6 (South only)        | 1940<br>1940       | 32,62 <u>)</u><br>34,634  | 8.1                  | 28.2                 | 25.7                 | 20.8                 | 12.3                 | 4.9<br>5.3                 | 13.4<br>8.7  | 27.3<br>29.2         | 23.2                 | 16.1<br>9.5          | 11.4                 | 8.4<br>4.6           | 3.2                        |  |
| (2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2, | 1930               | 28,294                    | 20.5                 | 27.9                 | 21.8                 | 17.6                 | 8.7                  | 3.5                        | 12.3   | 41.3                 | 19.9                 | 15.5                 | 9.0                  | 6.1                  | 3.9                        |  |
| White farm operators                    | 19401940           | 221,295<br>184,339        | 3.5<br>5.2           | 15.8<br>16.9         | 21.4                 | 24.8<br>24.0         | 20.1<br>17.9         | 14.4                       | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | 1920               | 72,795                    | 5.4                  | 21.1                 | 25.1                 | 23.0                 | 16.1                 | 9.3                        | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
| Owners                                  | 1910<br>1940       | 16,692<br>139,064         | 6.1                  | 9.3                  | 24.8<br>18.9         | 22.9                 | 15.3<br>24.3         | 9.0                        | 100.0<br>65.1  | 100.0                | 100.0<br>38.6        | 100.0<br>57.4        | 70.6                 | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
| V                                       | 1930-              | 114,777                   | 1.3                  | 9.8                  | 22.4                 | 27.2                 | 23.0                 | 16.3                       | 62.7<br>67.1   | 16.0<br>27.6         | 36.2<br>46.8         | 57.9<br>65.2         | 71.0                 | 80.3                 | 87.6<br>88.7               |  |
|   | 1920               | 49,339<br>11,067          | 2.2                  | 14.7                 | 24.4<br>24.8         | 26.2<br>26.3         | 20.2                 | 12.3                       | 68.2   | 27.5                 | 49.3                 | 68.1                 | 78.2                 | 83.6                 | 89.8                       |  |
| Full owners                             | 1940<br>1930       | 119,774<br>98,111         | 1.3                  | 9.0                  | 17.8<br>20.7         | 25.8<br>26.6         | 24.7                 | 21.4                       | 54.2<br>51.2   | 19.8                 | 30.9                 | 45.2<br>43.6         | 56.4<br>56.5         | 66.8                 | 80.5                       |  |
|   | 1920               | 43,611                    | 2.0                  | 13.5                 | 23.4                 | 26.2                 | 21.2                 | 13.6                       | 57.7   | 21.5                 | 37.0                 | 53.7                 | 65.9                 | 76.2                 | 83.9                       |  |
| Part owners                             | 1910<br>1940       | 9,984<br>19,290           | 2.3                  | 14.7                 | 23.7                 | 26.3<br>32.3         | 19.9                 | 13.1                       | 58.1<br>10.9   | 22.0<br>3.9          | 38.9                 | 55.5<br>12.3         | 66.7                 | 75.1                 | 85.1                       |  |
|   | 1930               | 16,666                    | 1.5                  | 13.4                 | 30.1                 | 30.2                 | 17.8<br>13.6         | 6.9                        | 11.5<br>9.4  | 3.4<br>6.0           | 9.1                  | 14.2                 | 14.5                 | 11.4                 | 6.8                        |  |
| -                                       | 1920<br>1910       | 5,728<br>1,083            | 3.4                  | 21.9                 | 30.5<br>30.9         | 25.8<br>26.2         | 12.9                 | 4.7                        | 10.1   | 5.5                  | 10.4                 | 12.6                 | 11.5                 | 8.5                  | 4.7                        |  |
| Tenants                                 | 1940<br>1930       | 77,924<br>64,787          | 7.8<br>11.9          | 27.9                 | 26.1                 | 20.8                 | 12.2<br>9.3          | 5.2<br>3.8                 | 34.3<br>36.4   | 75.6<br>83.0         | 60.5                 | 41.8                 | 28.8                 | 20.8                 | 12.3                       |  |
|   | 1920               | 21,699                    | 12.1                 | 34.3                 | 26.6                 | 16.2                 | 7.6                  | 3.2                        | 31.7   | 70.6                 | 51.6                 | 33.5                 | 22.4                 | 15.0                 | 10.8                       |  |
| Cash                                    | 1910—<br>1940—     | 4,387<br>16,897           | 14.0<br>5.1          | 35.1<br>24.2         | 24.7                 | 15.5<br>23.0         | 7.8<br>13.6          | 2.8<br>6.9                 | 30.8<br>8.3  | 71.0                 | 49.4<br>12.7         | 30.8                 | 20.9                 | 15.7<br>5.6          | 9.7                        |  |
| Share-cash                              | 1940<br>1940       | 7,136                     | 4.7                  | 27.5                 | 28.5                 | 23.1                 | 12.4                 | 3.8                        | 5.1  | 6.9                  | 8.9                  | 6.8                  | 4.8                  | 3.2                  | 1.3                        |  |
| Share 7                                 |                    | 27,819<br>14,270          | 8.4<br>14.5          | 29.2<br>32.6         | 26.0<br>23.5         | 20.4<br>16.5         | 9.6                  | 3.7                        | 13.5   | 32.0                 | 24.9<br>9.1          | 16.4                 | 11.1                 | 7.9                  | 1.1                        |  |
| Nonwhite farm operators                 | 1940               | 39,554                    | 7.6                  | 20.0                 | 21.6                 | 22.0                 | 16.3                 | 12.5                       | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | 1930—<br>1920—     | 30,786<br>11,385          | 9.6                  | 19.6                 | 21.8                 | 24.0<br>25.1         | 15.1                 | 8.2                        | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
|   | 1910               | 5,334                     | 9.7                  | 24.7                 | 24.8                 | 20.6                 | 12.6                 | 7.5                        | 100.0  | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                | 100.0                      |  |
| Owners                                  | 1940<br>1930       | 8,004<br>6,498            | 2.3                  | 9,9                  | 17.6                 | 25.1                 | 22.8                 | 22.3<br>17.1               | 28.4   | 8.7                  | 14.1                 | 23.1                 | 32.4<br>26.9         | 39.8<br>35.1         | 50.5<br>46.4               |  |
|   | 1920-              | 2,717                     | 2.8                  | 11.5                 | 21.6                 | 29.4<br>26.6         | 19.9                 | 14.9                       | 24.6   | 7.2                  | 13.9                 | 22.1                 | 28.7                 | 37.9                 | 44.9                       |  |
| Full owners                             | 1910<br>1940       | 2,687<br>6,589            | 2.8                  | 14.8                 | 23.0                 | 24.0                 | 19.2<br>22.6         | 13.5<br>24.0               | 26.1<br>25.7   | 7.5                  | 15.6                 | 24.2<br>18.6         | 33.6<br>25.9         | 39.7<br>32.9         | 46.8                       |  |
|   | 1930<br>1920       | 5,411<br>2,250            | 2.1                  | 8.7                  | 17.8                 | 27.9<br>29.1         | 24.5                 | 19.2<br>16.3               | 17.3   | 3.2<br>5.3           | 7.7                  | 14.1                 | 20.1                 | 28.1<br>32.6         | 40.6                       |  |
|   | 1910               | 2,552                     | 2.8                  | 14.5                 | 22.1                 | 26.2                 | 19.6                 | 14.8                       | 21.1   | 6.1                  | 12.4                 | 18.8                 | 26.7                 | 32.8                 | 41.6                       |  |
| Part owners                             | 1940<br>1930       | 1,415                     | 1.7                  | 9.2                  | 20.7                 | 30.6<br>34.1         | 23.8                 | 9.9                        | 4.7  | 1.0                  | 2.2                  | 4.5<br>5.1           | 6.6                  | 6.9<br>7.0           | 5.3                        |  |
|   | 1920—              | 467                       | 4.1                  | 15.4                 | 25.5                 | 30.7                 | 15.9                 | 8.4                        | 4.3  | 1.9                  | 3.3                  | 4.6                  | 5.3                  | 5,3                  | 4.4                        |  |
| Tenants                                 | 1910~-<br>1940~-   | 135<br>31,490             | 2.9<br>9.7           | 16.2<br>24.0         | 26.8                 | 28.7                 | 17.5                 | 7.9                        | 71.5   | 1.5<br>91.2          | 3.2<br>85.9          | 5.3<br>76.8          | 6.9                  | 60.1                 | 5.2<br>49.4                |  |
|   | 1950               | 24,131                    | 14.0                 | 22.6                 | 22,6                 | 22.5                 | 12.6                 | 5,6                        | 77.5   | 96.0                 | 89.8                 | 80.4                 | 72.5                 | 64.6                 | 53.5                       |  |
| •                                       | 1920—<br>1910—     | 8,612<br>2,627            | 12.1                 | 23.2                 | 24.7                 | 23.8                 | 10.6                 | 6.0<br>5.4                 | 75.2<br>73.8   | 92.6<br>92.3         | 85.8<br>84.2         | 77.6                 | 71.1                 | 60.1                 | 54.9<br>53.1               |  |
| CashShare-cash                          | 1940               | 3,234                     | 5.2                  | 18.1                 | 21.9                 | 24.2                 | 18.1                 | 12.5                       | 9.9  | 6.7                  | 8.9                  | 10.0                 | 10.9                 | 11.0                 | 9.8                        |  |
| Share 7                                 | 1940               | 297<br>4,802              | 4.1<br>6.2           | 16.9                 | 22.8                 | 27.1                 | 19.3<br>16.4         | 9.9                        | 13.0   | 10.6                 | 15.1                 | 1.0                  | 1.2                  | 1.2                  | 10.3                       |  |
| Croppers (South only)                   | 1940               | 20,364                    | 12.6                 | 27.7                 | 23,6                 | 18.5                 | 11.2                 | 6.6                        | 41.0   | 67.9                 | 56.7                 | 44.9                 | 34.2                 | 28.2                 | 21.6                       |  |

<sup>6</sup> Includes managers.
6 For 1920 and 1910, data are not shown since they are not fully comparable. For those years standing renters (renters paying a fixed quantity of products) and tenants with kind of rent not specified were included with cash tenants while share-cash, share, and cropper tenants were combined.
7 Includes croppers for the northern and western States.

The average age varies considerably from State to State but, in general, was highest for States reporting the lowest percentages of tenancy. Farmers in the Southern and Mountain States average somewhat younger than do those in other parts of the country. Mississippi farmers, as a group, are the Nation's youngest, averaging 43.6 years; and New Hampshire's are the oldest, averaging 53.8 years.

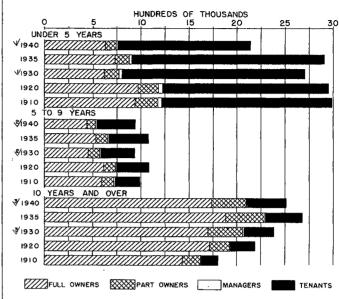
Ownership of farms is definitely associated with operators in the higher age groups. While no figures are available for the number of operators who acquired ownership after first renting a farm, it is significant that in the last census, as an average, tenants were 10.6 years younger than owner operators. The average age for tenants was 41.5 years as compared with 52.8 years for full owners and 48.8 years for part owners. More tenants fell into the 25- to 34-year group than any other age group. In this age group there were, approximately, 2 tenants to each owner operator. The proportion of tenants to owners decreases with the age of the operator. Fewer tenants than owners were represented in the 35- to 44-year age group. In the 45- to 54-year age group, the ratio was, approximately, 1 tenant to 2 owners and in the 65-years-and-over group the ratio was 1 tenant to 5 owners. In general, both owners and tenants were younger in the Southern and in the Mountain States. The greatest variation in ages of owners and tenants was in the Great Plains States, the difference in the average ages of owners and tenants in Kansas was 13 years. The highest average ages reported by States was 56.9 for full owners in Kansas. and the highest for part owners and tenants was 52.1 and 46.6, respectively, .for Rhode Island. The lowest average age reported for full owners was 47.0 for Arizona; and the lowest for part owners and tenants was 45.1 and 38.7 years, respectively, for Utah.

Nonwhite operators generally averaged younger than white operators; the United States average was 45.3 and 48.4 years, respectively. However, both nonwhite owners and nonwhite tenants averaged slightly older than did white owners and white tenants. This apparent anomaly was due to the high proportion of tenancy among nonwhite operators as compared with white operators. In general, a much smaller proportion of nonwhite owner operators were under 45 years of age than of white owner operators, although the difference in average age of nonwhite owners and tenants was slightly less than for white owners and tenants. This was due to the higher average age of the non-white tenants.

Years on farm.—By the term "Years on farm" is meant the number of years the farm operator had occupied, as operator, the farm on which he was located on the census date. The statistics presented for years on farm reflect, in part, the stability or instability of operators on a particular farm. A farm operator may or may not have had previous farm experience. Thus, for a farm operator who moved from another farm, the years on farm represent only a part of his experience as a farm operator, while for an operator who had no previous experience the years on farm represent his total experience as a farm operator. It should be noted that the years on farm do not necessarily refer to the total years of farm experience, even on the farm being operated on the census date, since the operator may have been on that particular farm a number of years prior to the time he began to operate the farm on his own account.

The schedule inquiry called for the "Year when you began to operate THIS farm." When the returns are presented in terms of the replies to this question they are referred to as "year of occupancy." When the returns are presented in terms of the length of time the operator has occupied the farm the term "years on farm" is used. In tables 5 and 14 a somewhat more explicit heading is used, namely, "Number of years of occupancy of farm operated on census date." In tabulating the returns, farm operators were grouped into 9 classes as to year of occupancy. Also an average year of occupancy was obtained by making a summation of all the years of occupancy reported and dividing the total by the number of operators reporting year of occupancy. The resulting quotient was shown as a whole number, for example: When the average came to something in excess of 1928 but not as much as 1929 the average year of occupancy is shown in the tables as 1928. The 1940 Census was the first for which such an average was calculated.

## YEARS ON FARM - NUMBER OF OPERATORS REPORTING, BY TENURE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - 1940



- V UNDER 4 YEARS 3 MONTHS.
- 2 4 YEARS 3 MONTHS TO 9 YEARS 3 MONTHS.
- 3 9 YEARS 3 MONTHS AND OVER.

The period of occupancy of farm operators is closely related to their tenure. For this reason the statistics are presented by tenure of the operator, with separate tabulations for white and nonwhite operators. United States totals are shown for all census years for which such figures were obtained. Only comparative data for 1935 and 1930 are shown by divisions and States. County data, published in volume I and in the Second Series State Bulletins for the 1940 Census of Agriculture, are limited to the average year of occupancy by color and by tenure of the farm operator.

In the tables in which figures are shown for other census years, the statistics for 1940 have been presented as years on farm rather than as year of occupancy in order that they may be more readily compared with those for the other years. When presenting the data as years on farm, it was not possible to translate the year of occupancy into an exact number of years on the farm since the census date was as of April 1 and the reports were in terms of calendar years. In translating to years on farm, the number of calendar years from the census date were used, 1940 being considered as less than one year, 1939 as one year, 1938 as two years, etc. Thus, under the less-than-one-year group are recorded those operators who reported that they had moved onto their farms in 1940, a 3-month period only. However, for the United States as a whole, approximately 7 out of 10 (ratio based on 1930 figures) farm operators, who move to a different farm, move in these 3 months. But this is not true for all States. Not only is the comparability of the figures for the under-one-year group seriously affected in the translation of year of occupancy to years on farm, but each of the other groups is also affected, the effect being less, the greater the length of time from the census

For the 1930 Census there was also some difficulty in translating the data into years-on-farm groups that were comparable with the groupings for previous censuses. The inquiry however asked for the month as well as the year of occupancy and the month was taken into account in determining the less-than-one-year and the one-year groups. Therefore, each of these groups represents a full 12-month period. For the other groups the classification was based on the year of occupancy in the same manner as in 1940. With the 1935 and 1925 censuses, each being taken as of January 1, the year of occupancy could be translated into years on farm without difficulty. However, for these years, the less-than-one-year group

may have been distorted to some extent because of the inclusion of operators who had moved onto their farms on January 1, or later, of the census year. January 1 may have been an important moving date in some areas. At the 1920 and 1910 censuses the schedule inquiry, instead of asking for the year of occupancy of the farm operated on the census date, asked for the number of years and months that the operator had operated that particular farm.

Because of differences in the wording of the questions and differences in the classifications used at the various censuses, the reader is cautioned that, when comparing the figures for the various census years, he must consider both the respective length of the periods represented and the elapsed time from the census date. In order that these differences may be taken into account in using the data, they are indicated in table 7. This table is set up with the columns representing the number of calendar years from the census date. Thus, for 1940 with the census taken as of April 1 the first column represents a spread of only 3 months, while for 1935 with the census taken as of January 1 the first column represents a spread of an entire 12-month period. For each census year there are shown: (1) The year of occupancy represented by each column; (2) The exact periods included in the classifications expressed as years and months from the census date, also, as brackets to indicate just how these periods tie in with the calendar years; and (3) the United States totals for each classification. The particular column, in which each of these totals is entered indicates the years-on-farm group in which this particular classification is shown in the other tables.

In comparing the distributions between various census years, the date of enumeration coupled with the prevailing moving time of farmers should be taken into account as well as the elapsed time from the census date. Where the classification is based on calendar years, each years-on-farm group represents considerable overlapping as to crop years. That is, some of the operators moved in the spring and produced a crop on that farm that year, while others moved in the fall after harvesting a crop that same year from some other farm. In some of the classifications, particularly the first two periods for the 1930 Census and for all periods for the 1910 Census, each group represents a rather distinct separation of crop years.

For all the censuses for which statistics were collected for years on farm there is some evidence that a few operators may have reported the entire time they had lived on that farm rather than the time they had occupied it as a farm operator. In a number of instances the period of occupancy reported practically coincided with the age of the operator and such reports had to be classified as "not reported."

In making comparisons between the years-on-farm distributions for the various tenures, it is well to consider the age distributions of the operators in the identical tenure classes. Also, in comparing the statistics for the various census years it is desirable to compare each group, insofar as possible, with the group for each preceding census year in which the same farm operators must have been included, as well as to make direct comparisons of groups representing similar periods of time from the census dates. Such comparisons will give considerable information as to the extent that farm operators of different periods have succeeded in climbing from tenancy to ownership.

On April 1, 1940 farm operators had been on the farms they were operating on that date an average of 12 years. Of these 1 in 13 had begun operating his farm within 3 months of the census date. Although some of these farm operators undoubtedly were farming on their own account for the first time, most of them had probably moved from other farms. Farm operators in the North Central, Middle Atlantic, and New England States had occupied their farms longer, on the average, than those in the South and West. This was true for both owners and tenants. New England farmers had been on their farms the longest with an average of 17 years, or 5 years longer than for the entire Nation. Farm operators in the South averaged the fewest years

on the same farm. The average for the East South Central and West South Central divisions was 10 years. The average for the State of Mississippi was only 8 years.

The 1940 census returns indicated fewer farm operators moving from farm to farm than for any other census. The proportion of farm operators who had been on their farms less than 3 months was 7.9 percent in 1940 as compared with 11.7 percent in 1930. That farm operators were remaining on their farms for longer periods is also indicated by the proportions on their farms 5 years or longer. This proportion was 61.7 percent for 1940 as compared with 55.2 percent for 1930. This longer average period of occupancy was accompanied by an increase in the average age of farm operators. The tendency for fewer farm operators to move each year and the resultant longer time on the farm operated was noticeable in all parts of the Nation. Although the average number of years on the farm operated on the census date was greater in 1940 for both owners and tenants than a decade earlier, the increase for tenants was proportionately greater than for owners. Much of the increase in the average length of occupancy for all farm operators in the South may be attributed to a decrease in the number of tenant operators, particularly croppers.

Tenant operators showed much less stability than owner operators in the number of years they have operated the same farm. Approximately, I tenant in 6 had moved within 3 months preceding the census enumeration to the farm occupied on the census date, as compared with I full owner in 38. Tenants averaged 6 years on their farms as compared with 17 years for full owners. For croppers the average was only 4 years.

The average year of occupancy reported was 1923 for full owners, 1924 for part owners, 1934 for all tenants, and 1936 for croppers. The average year of occupancy for full owners varied by States from 1919 for North Dakota to 1927 for Oregon. For part owners the range was from 1920 for North Dakota to 1928 for Arkansas, Florida, and Mississippi. For tenants the range was from 1931 for Connecticut and Rhode Island to 1936 for Arizona, Arkansas, Nevada, and New Mexico. In general, owner operators in several of the western Corn Belt and the northern Great Plains States had been on their farms the longest. Tenants in New England, the Middle Atlantic, and North Central States had occupied their farms somewhat longer, on an average, than had tenants in most of the other States.

For many farm operators tenancy is but a step toward farm ownership. Such operators, having obtained ownership, are no longer in the distributions for tenants. Therefore, if for any period tenants are more successful than usual in obtaining farm ownership, there would be relatively fewer tenant operators in the groups representing relatively long periods of occupancy. In this connection, it may be significant that the proportion of tenants who had been on their farms for a period of years increased from 1930 to 1940. Of the tenant operators, 37 percent had been on their farms 5 years or longer in 1940 as compared with 26 percent in 1930. The proportion of tenants who had occupied the same farm for 15 years or longer increased from 6 to 9 percent. This would seem to indicate that fewer tenants were attaining farm ownership.

The net decrease in number of farms between 1930 and 1940 may also have accounted for a part of the increases, noticeable for all tenures, in the proportion of operators who had been on their farms for a considerable number of years. It may have been that a large proportion of those who were no longer farming were ones who had rather limited farm experience or were ones who had moved every year or so to a different farm. Also, there probably were fewer new operators.

White farm operators show more stability as to length of occupancy than do nonwhite operators. For all tenures the average year of occupancy was 1927 for white operators as compared with 1931 for nonwhite operators. This difference, however, was due to the higher proportion of tenant operators represented in the nonwhite group. When comparisons are made between corresponding tenure classes it will be noted that for many States the nonwhite operators had been on their farms for a longer period than had the white operators. This was particularly true for tenant operators.