

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 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 earlier years to June 1. "White" includes Mexicans.)

COLOR, TENURE, AND YEAR	Total operators	REPORTING AGE						Average age	
		Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years		65 years and over
All farm operators—1940	6,096,799	5,855,960	233,356	949,350	1,250,893	1,427,561	1,146,540	828,251	48.0
1930	6,288,648	6,073,523	371,679	1,049,052	1,452,425	1,459,959	1,064,034	676,374	(1)
1920	6,448,343	6,364,163	383,680	1,333,020	1,587,519	1,482,494	995,771	563,679	(2)
1910	6,361,502	6,339,476	419,330	1,413,876	1,571,469	1,432,707	947,524	554,570	(2)
² 1900	5,649,008	5,635,747	275,098	1,194,482	1,409,829	1,296,147	864,769	595,422	(2)
² 1890	4,767,179	(4)	218,531	1,082,620	1,182,056	1,034,792	1,249,180		(2)
Owners—1940	3,699,177	3,552,109	47,518	332,806	668,120	950,866	859,735	693,066	52.1
1930	3,568,394	3,447,119	47,258	334,789	766,025	942,629	793,861	562,559	(1)
1920	3,925,090	3,873,034	87,400	561,442	938,174	1,021,445	780,579	483,994	(1)
1910	3,948,722	3,934,968	97,690	620,961	969,859	1,036,495	741,614	468,351	(1)
1900	3,636,405	3,631,075	76,419	541,064	908,250	916,375	663,475	505,453	(1)
1890	3,142,746	(4)	71,140	539,470	756,555	748,609	1,026,972		(2)
Full owners—1940	3,084,138	2,957,775	39,870	267,708	526,140	759,354	728,164	636,539	52.8
1930	2,911,644	2,808,122	37,395	250,764	576,845	747,751	678,233	517,134	(1)
1920	3,366,510	3,320,649	68,081	443,272	771,482	876,813	704,526	456,475	(1)
1910	3,354,897	3,342,361	78,130	490,008	788,815	880,140	663,107	442,161	(1)
Part owners—1940	615,059	594,334	7,648	65,098	141,980	191,512	131,569	56,527	48.8
1930	656,750	638,997	9,861	84,025	189,180	194,878	115,628	45,425	(1)
1920	558,580	552,385	19,319	118,170	166,692	144,632	76,053	27,519	(1)
1910	593,825	592,607	19,560	130,953	181,044	156,353	79,507	26,190	(1)
Managers—1940	36,351	31,984	1,399	7,654	8,491	7,792	4,817	1,831	43.5
1930	55,889	50,957	2,782	11,183	14,501	12,340	7,044	3,007	(1)
1920	68,449	66,636	5,484	17,985	18,757	14,053	7,226	3,123	(1)
1910	58,104	56,846	4,820	15,700	16,212	11,724	5,840	2,550	(1)
Tenants—1940	2,361,271	2,251,857	184,438	608,890	574,282	468,903	281,990	133,354	41.5
1930	2,664,565	2,575,447	321,641	703,080	671,799	504,990	363,129	110,808	(1)
1920	2,454,804	2,424,493	290,796	753,595	630,588	446,986	265,968	96,562	(1)
1910	2,354,676	2,347,662	316,820	777,215	585,398	384,490	200,070	83,669	(1)
1900	2,010,605	2,004,711	198,679	653,418	501,579	379,772	181,294	89,969	(1)
1890	1,624,433	(4)	147,391	543,150	425,501	286,183	222,208		(1)
Cash ⁶ —1940	514,438	494,307	25,278	115,563	130,879	114,531	70,392	37,664	43.7
1930	489,210	473,702	30,650	118,567	137,658	104,179	56,165	26,483	(1)
1920	278,605	271,172	12,781	73,864	76,923	63,017	33,961	10,626	41.9
1910	815,799	783,178	63,670	220,649	201,397	162,570	96,605	38,287	41.2
Croppers ⁶ (South only)—1940	541,291	506,657	68,159	151,444	119,006	86,289	52,930	26,829	39.2
1930	776,278	747,984	153,340	208,670	163,106	131,566	65,151	26,151	(1)
White farm operators—1940	5,377,728	5,156,433	181,768	813,305	1,104,155	1,278,129	1,036,022	743,054	48.4
1930	5,372,578	5,188,289	271,466	875,814	1,259,651	1,247,069	950,176	603,961	(1)
1920	5,498,454	5,425,658	293,796	1,142,232	1,363,044	1,246,559	872,861	507,187	(1)
1910	5,440,619	5,423,927	330,574	1,187,452	1,344,237	1,243,727	832,312	485,625	(1)
Owners—1940	3,498,079	3,359,015	43,028	313,653	634,177	902,385	715,769	650,003	52.1
1930	3,365,874	3,250,897	43,331	317,478	728,995	825,292	646,872	528,929	(1)
1920	3,691,868	3,642,529	80,961	534,868	888,497	953,784	734,785	449,624	(1)
1910	3,707,501	3,696,434	91,010	585,562	914,979	972,941	695,855	436,087	(1)
Full owners—1940	2,916,562	2,796,788	35,918	251,517	498,853	720,688	691,845	597,967	52.8
1930	2,752,787	2,654,676	34,253	237,485	549,577	704,982	640,653	487,746	(1)
1920	3,174,109	3,130,498	63,309	422,907	732,080	821,555	665,154	425,493	(1)
1910	3,159,088	3,149,104	72,751	461,956	746,053	828,595	625,275	413,474	(1)
Part owners—1940	581,517	562,227	7,110	62,136	135,324	181,697	123,924	52,036	48.7
1930	612,887	596,221	9,098	79,993	179,418	180,310	106,219	41,183	(1)
1920	517,759	512,031	17,652	111,961	156,417	132,229	69,641	24,131	(1)
1910	548,413	547,330	18,259	123,606	168,926	143,346	70,580	22,613	(1)
Tenants—1940	1,844,015	1,766,091	137,365	492,080	461,659	368,147	215,575	91,265	41.3
1930	1,954,137	1,889,350	225,405	547,683	516,875	350,645	276,646	172,096	(1)
1920	1,740,363	1,718,664	207,535	589,841	456,382	279,275	131,096	54,535	(1)
1910	1,676,558	1,672,171	234,866	586,575	413,472	259,392	130,793	47,073	(1)
Cash ⁶ —1940	444,205	427,308	21,824	103,447	116,187	98,296	58,279	29,275	43.2
1930	271,597	264,461	12,508	72,750	75,396	61,200	32,665	9,962	41.7
1920	722,726	694,907	58,216	202,843	180,707	141,538	82,103	29,500	40.7
1910	242,173	227,903	33,131	74,258	53,088	37,157	21,812	8,457	38.0
Nonwhite farm operators—1940	719,071	679,517	51,587	136,045	146,738	149,432	110,518	85,197	45.3
1930	916,070	885,284	100,213	173,138	192,774	212,880	133,856	72,413	(1)
1920	949,889	938,504	89,884	190,788	224,475	255,935	120,910	76,512	(1)
1910	920,883	915,549	88,756	226,424	227,232	188,980	115,212	68,945	(1)
Owners—1940	201,096	193,094	4,490	19,153	33,943	48,481	43,964	43,063	52.2
1930	202,720	196,222	3,925	17,311	37,030	57,337	46,989	33,630	(1)
1920	235,222	230,505	6,439	26,574	49,677	67,681	45,794	34,370	(1)
1910	241,221	238,534	6,890	35,399	54,880	63,552	45,759	32,284	(1)
Full owners—1940	157,576	150,987	3,952	16,191	27,287	38,688	38,319	38,572	52.5
1930	158,857	153,446	3,162	13,279	27,268	42,769	37,580	29,368	(1)
1920	192,401	190,151	4,772	20,365	39,402	55,258	39,372	30,982	(1)
1910	195,808	193,257	5,379	28,052	42,782	50,545	37,852	28,687	(1)
Part owners—1940	33,522	32,107	538	2,862	6,656	9,815	7,645	4,491	50.3
1930	43,883	42,776	763	4,032	9,752	14,568	9,409	4,242	(1)
1920	40,821	40,354	1,667	6,209	10,275	12,403	6,412	3,368	(1)
1910	45,412	45,277	1,301	7,547	12,118	13,007	7,927	3,577	(1)
Tenants—1940	517,256	485,766	47,073	116,810	112,626	100,756	66,415	42,089	42.5
1930	710,228	686,087	96,236	155,397	154,924	154,845	86,463	58,712	(1)
1920	714,441	705,829	85,261	163,754	174,206	167,711	74,870	42,027	(1)
1910	678,118	675,491	81,954	190,540	171,925	125,098	69,277	36,596	(1)
Cash ⁶ —1940	70,233	66,999	3,454	12,134	14,692	16,235	12,113	6,389	46.4
1930	7,008	6,711	273	1,157	1,817	1,296	664	664	46.5
1920	93,073	88,271	5,454	17,806	20,690	21,032	14,502	9,787	44.9
1910	299,118	278,754	35,028	77,186	65,918	51,132	31,118	18,372	40.2

¹ 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.

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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)

COLOR, TENURE, AND YEAR	Not reporting age	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATORS IN EACH TENURE CLASS BY AGE						PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF ALL OPERATORS IN EACH AGE GROUP BY TENURE						
		Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Operators reporting age	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over
All farm operators	1940 260,849	4.0	16.3	21.4	24.5	19.6	14.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1930 215,125	6.1	17.3	23.9	24.0	17.5	11.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1920 84,180	6.0	20.9	24.9	23.3	15.6	9.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1910 22,026	6.6	22.3	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 (*)	4.6	22.7	24.8	21.7	26.2		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Owners	1940 147,068	1.3	9.4	18.8	26.8	24.2	19.5	60.9	20.4	35.1	53.4	66.6	75.0	83.7
	1930 121,275	1.4	9.7	22.2	27.3	23.0	16.3	56.8	12.7	31.9	52.7	64.6	74.6	85.2
	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 13,754	2.5	15.8	24.6	26.3	18.8	11.9	62.1	25.3	43.9	61.7	72.3	78.3	84.5
	1900 7,367	2.1	14.9	25.0	25.2	18.8	13.9	64.4	27.8	45.3	64.4	70.7	79.0	84.9
	1890 (*)	2.3	17.2	24.1	23.8	32.7		(*)	32.6	49.8	64.0	72.3	82.2	
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 103,522	1.3	8.9	20.5	26.6	24.2	18.4	46.2	10.1	23.9	39.7	51.2	63.7	76.5
	1920 45,861	2.1	13.3	23.2	26.4	21.2	13.7	52.2	17.7	33.3	48.6	59.1	70.9	78.2
	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 20,705	1.3	11.0	23.9	32.2	22.1	9.5	10.2	3.3	6.9	11.4	13.4	11.5	6.8
	1930 17,753	1.5	13.1	29.6	30.5	18.1	7.1	10.5	2.7	8.0	13.0	13.3	10.9	6.7
	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	4.7
	1910 1,218	3.3	22.1	30.6	26.4	13.2	4.4	9.3	4.7	9.3	11.5	9.9	8.3	4.7
Managers	1940 4,367	4.4	23.9	26.5	24.4	15.1	5.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
	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 1,813	8.2	27.0	28.1	21.1	10.8	4.7	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5
	1910 1,258	8.5	27.6	28.5	20.6	10.3	4.5	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	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
	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
	1920 30,311	12.0	31.1	26.0	18.4	8.5	4.0	38.1	75.8	56.5	39.7	30.2	20.7	15.5
	1910 7,014	13.5	33.1	24.9	16.4	8.5	3.6	37.0	75.6	55.0	37.3	26.6	21.1	15.1
	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
	³ 1890 (*)	9.1	33.4	26.2	17.6	13.7		(*)	67.4	50.2	36.0	27.7	17.8	
Cash ⁶	1940 20,131	5.1	23.4	26.5	23.2	14.2	7.6	8.5	10.8	12.2	10.5	8.0	6.1	4.5
	1930 15,508	6.5	25.0	29.1	22.0	11.9	5.6	7.8	8.2	11.3	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9
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 ^{6,7}	1940 32,621	8.1	28.2	25.7	20.8	12.3	5.9	13.4	27.3	23.2	16.1	11.4	8.4	4.6
Croppers ⁶ (South only)	1940 34,634	13.5	29.9	23.5	17.4	10.4	5.3	8.7	29.2	16.0	9.5	6.2	4.6	3.2
	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	1940 221,295	3.5	15.8	21.4	24.8	20.1	14.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1930 184,339	5.2	16.9	24.3	24.0	17.9	11.6	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
	1910 16,692	6.1	21.9	24.8	22.9	15.3	9.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Owners	1940 139,064	1.3	9.3	18.9	26.9	24.3	19.4	65.1	23.7	38.6	57.4	70.6	78.7	87.5
	1930 114,777	1.3	9.8	22.4	27.2	25.0	16.3	62.7	16.0	36.2	57.9	71.0	80.3	87.6
	1920 49,339	2.2	14.7	24.4	26.2	20.2	12.3	67.1	27.6	46.8	65.2	76.5	84.2	88.7
	1910 11,067	2.5	15.8	24.8	26.3	18.8	11.8	68.2	27.5	49.3	68.1	78.2	83.6	89.8
Full owners	1940 119,774	1.3	9.0	17.8	25.8	24.7	21.4	54.2	19.8	30.9	45.2	56.4	66.8	80.5
	1930 98,111	1.3	8.9	20.7	26.6	24.1	18.4	61.2	12.6	27.1	45.6	56.5	68.9	80.8
	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
	1910 9,984	2.3	14.7	23.7	26.3	19.9	13.1	58.1	22.0	38.9	55.5	66.7	75.1	85.1
Part owners	1940 19,280	1.3	11.1	24.1	32.3	22.0	9.3	10.9	3.9	7.6	12.3	14.2	12.0	7.0
	1930 16,666	1.5	13.4	30.1	30.2	17.8	6.9	11.5	3.4	9.1	14.2	14.5	11.4	6.8
	1920 5,728	3.4	21.9	30.5	25.8	13.6	4.7	9.4	6.0	9.8	11.5	10.6	8.0	4.8
	1910 1,083	3.3	22.6	30.9	26.2	12.9	4.1	10.1	5.5	10.4	12.6	11.5	8.5	4.7
Tenants	1940 77,924	7.8	27.9	26.1	20.8	12.2	5.2	34.3	75.6	60.5	41.8	28.8	20.8	12.3
	1930 64,787	11.9	29.0	27.4	18.6	9.3	3.8	36.4	83.0	62.5	41.0	28.1	19.0	11.9
	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
	1910 4,387	14.0	35.1	24.7	15.5	7.8	2.8	30.8	71.0	49.4	30.8	20.9	15.7	9.7
Cash	1940 16,897	5.1	24.2	27.2	23.0	13.6	6.9	8.3	12.0	12.7	10.5	7.7	5.6	3.9
Share-cash	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	1940 27,819	8.4	29.2	26.0	20.4	11.8	4.2	13.5	32.0	24.9	16.4	11.1	7.9	4.0
Croppers (South only)	1940 14,270	14.5	32.6	23.3	16.3	9.6	3.7	4.4	18.2	9.1	4.8	2.9	2.1	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 30,786	11.3	19.6	21.8	24.0	15.1	8.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1920 11,385	9.6	20.3	23.9	25.1	12.9	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 8,004	2.3	9.9	17.6	25.1	22.8	22.3	28.4	8.7	14.1	23.1	32.4	39.8	50.5
	1930 6,498	2.0	8.8	18.9	29.2	23.9	17.1	22.2	3.9	10.0	19.2	26.9	35.1	46.4
	1920 2,717	2.8	11.5	21.6	29.4	19.9	14.9	24.6	7.2	13.9	22.1	29.7	37.9	44.9
	1910 2,687	2.8	14.8	23.0	26.6	19.2	13.5	26.1	7.5	15.6	24.2	33.6	39.7	46.8
Full owners	1940 6,589	2.5	10.1	16.9	24.0	22.6	24.0	25.7	7.7	11.9	18.6	25.9	32.9	45.3
	1930 5,411	2.1	8.7	17.8	27.9	24.5	19.2	17.3	3.2	7.7	14.1	20.1	28.1	40.6
	1920 2,250	2.5	10.7	20.7	29.1	20.7	16.3	20.3	5.3	10.7	17.6	23.4	32.6	40.5
	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 1,415	1.7	9.2	20.7	30.6	23.8	14.0	4.7	1.0	2.2	4.5	6.6	6.9	5.3
	1930 1,087	1.8	9.4	22.8	34.1	22.0	9.9	4.8	0.8	2.3	5.1	6.8	7.0	5.9
	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	