

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

STATE TABLE 1.—FARMS AND FARM CHARACTERISTICS: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1945

ITEM (For definitions, see text)	Census of 1945 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1940 (Apr. 1)	Census of 1935 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1930 (Apr. 1)	Census of 1925 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1920 (Jan. 1)
FARMS, ACREAGE, AND LAND AREA						
Farms.....number..	149,490	153,238	177,025	159,806	188,754	193,195
Approximate land area (see text).....acres..	30,674,560	30,674,560	30,498,560	30,498,560	30,498,560	30,498,560
Proportion in farms.....percent..	57.3	56.0	61.3	59.0	63.2	67.7
Land in farms.....acres..	17,568,471	17,170,337	18,685,741	17,979,633	19,269,926	20,632,803
Owned by operator ¹acres..	14,721,028	13,471,229	14,316,834	13,954,504	14,836,697	(*)
Rented by operator ¹acres..	2,847,443	3,249,322	3,722,832	3,503,128	3,937,061	(*)
Average size of farm.....acres..	117.5	112.1	105.6	112.5	102.1	106.8
Land in farms according to use: ²						
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting..	140,324	145,270	172,301	154,864	(*)	(*)
acres..	6,921,549	6,581,296	7,368,398	6,958,936	8,290,335	8,147,816
Farms reporting by acres harvested:						
1 to 9 acres.....number..	27,767	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 to 19 acres.....number..	15,965	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
20 to 29 acres.....number..	14,250	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
30 to 49 acres.....number..	26,531	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 acres.....number..	89,095	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
100 to 199 acres.....number..	14,496	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 acres and over.....number..	2,200	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 to 499 acres.....number..	2,071	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
500 to 999 acres.....number..	111	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1,000 acres and over.....number..	18	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Crop failure.....farms reporting..	12,376	13,022	13,660	17,323	(*)	(*)
acres..	161,851	132,780	116,343	169,393	91,041	(*)
Cropland idle or fallow.....farms reporting..	23,680	34,140	35,674	45,363	(*)	(*)
acres..	577,893	742,791	734,909	1,025,986	706,287	(*)
Cropland used only for pasture.....farms reporting..	27,511	492,436	486,980	492,031	491,927	(*)
acres..	704,651	42,779,979	42,066,424	42,375,854	42,080,544	(*)
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting..	42,765	(*)	68,645	69,993	77,350	(*)
acres..	1,523,268	(*)	1,961,206	1,949,441	2,025,249	(*)
Other land pastured.....farms reporting..	95,609	(*)	92,930	79,770	84,323	(*)
acres..	4,550,128	(*)	3,492,212	2,974,850	3,297,710	(*)
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting..	65,002	(*)	68,829	58,457	66,926	(*)
acres..	2,100,112	(*)	2,061,294	1,684,798	1,780,360	(*)
All other land.....farms reporting..	140,371	(*)	151,453	122,933	(*)	(*)
acres..	1,029,019	(*)	864,965	840,375	998,360	(*)
Cropland, total.....farms reporting..	144,476	4150,646	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	8,365,944	410,236,846	410,306,074	410,530,169	411,168,207	(*)
Land used for crops (harvested and failure).....farms reporting..	141,163	145,578	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	7,083,400	6,714,076	7,504,741	7,128,329	8,381,376	(*)
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting..	120,451	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	6,778,047	(*)	7,519,842	7,300,145	7,408,503	(*)
Woodland, total.....farms reporting..	92,767	99,815	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	3,623,380	3,022,323	4,022,490	3,634,239	3,805,629	4,160,567
VALUE OF FARM PROPERTY						
Value of farms (land and buildings).....dollars..	1,087,522,090	947,073,893	1,045,391,981	1,315,904,741	1,367,125,391	1,425,061,740
Average per farm:						
All farms.....dollars..	7,275	6,180	5,905	8,234	7,243	7,376
Farms of 30 acres and over.....dollars..	7,970	6,601	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per acre, all farms.....dollars..	61.90	55.16	55.95	73.19	70.95	69.07
Value of implements and machinery ³farms reporting..	134,094	133,402	(*)	145,063	(*)	(*)
dollars..	239,291,278	138,341,935	(*)	173,606,369	169,385,252	169,866,766
Farms reporting by value of implements and machinery:						
\$1 to \$99.....number..	8,891	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1 to \$49.....number..	4,316	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	4,575	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$249.....number..	15,327	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$250 to \$499.....number..	10,972	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$749.....number..	15,581	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$750 to \$999.....number..	4,975	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	42,823	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....number..	17,258	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,500 to \$2,499.....number..	25,565	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 and over.....number..	35,525	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	25,331	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....number..	8,349	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$10,000 and over.....number..	1,845	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Value of livestock on farms (see text).....dollars..	319,417,274	173,315,013	135,963,348	215,723,942	169,439,403	311,777,439
FARM DWELLINGS AND POPULATION						
Dwellings on farms.....farms reporting..	147,379	(*)	171,600	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	182,837	(**)	213,205	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied.....farms reporting..	143,822	(*)	168,269	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	165,370	(**)	195,267	(**)	(**)	(**)
Unoccupied.....farms reporting..	14,818	(*)	14,267	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	17,467	(**)	17,938	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied dwellings on farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....farms reporting..	15,725	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
number..	37,273	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farm population (persons living in occupied dwellings on farms).....persons..	589,724	730,453	784,483	719,929	767,500	800,747
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.57	(**)	4.02	(**)	(**)	(**)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	148,604	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Boys.....persons..	76,704	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Girls.....persons..	71,900	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
14 years old and over.....persons..	441,120	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Men and boys.....persons..	225,750	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Women and girls.....persons..	215,370	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
For farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....persons..	115,475	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.10	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	31,688	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Boys.....persons..	16,290	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Girls.....persons..	15,298	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
14 years old and over.....persons..	83,687	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Men and boys.....persons..	42,632	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Women and girls.....persons..	41,285	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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FARM OPERATORS (For tenure, see table 5)						
By color: ⁶						
White.....number..	149,828	152,671	176,432	159,346	(*)	192,645
Nonwhite.....number..	662	567	593	460	(*)	550
By age:						
Under 35 years.....number..	19,840	16,101	(*)	18,655	(*)	32,877
Under 25 years.....number..	2,887	2,124	(*)	2,217	(*)	4,733
25 to 34 years.....number..	16,973	13,977	(*)	16,438	(*)	28,144
35 to 54 years.....number..	66,132	66,592	(*)	74,162	(*)	91,390
35 to 44 years.....number..	29,836	27,349	(*)	34,679	(*)	43,170
45 to 54 years.....number..	36,296	39,243	(*)	39,483	(*)	48,220
55 to 64 years.....number..	33,737	34,909	(*)	34,140	(*)	39,248
65 years and over.....number..	26,536	28,578	(*)	25,157	(*)	26,250
Age not reported.....number..	1,245	7,056	(*)	7,692	(*)	3,430
Average age reported.....years..	50.9	52.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Owners.....years..	51.6	53.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tenants.....years..	43.4	44.5	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By residence:						
On farm operated.....number..	139,323	139,335	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not on farm operated.....number..	8,954	8,089	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Residence not reported.....number..	1,213	5,814	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By years on farm (see text):						
Less than 5 years.....number..	46,991	32,414	50,360	40,867	67,369	64,990
Less than 1 year ⁷number..	13,213	2,855	15,153	10,844	17,428	14,305
1 year.....number..	9,618	9,059	9,815	10,492	11,851	16,813
2 to 4 years.....number..	24,160	20,500	25,392	19,531	37,990	33,872
2 years.....number..	6,663	7,905	4,361	(*)	12,396	(*)
3 years.....number..	7,035	6,781	7,526	(*)	11,869	(*)
4 years.....number..	8,462	5,814	8,505	(*)	13,625	(*)
5 to 9 years.....number..	23,955	22,250	28,785	28,553	⁸ 38,587	36,630
10 years and over.....number..	76,963	83,353	92,799	82,689	⁹ 78,707	86,816
10 to 14 years.....number..	17,318	19,717	27,284	24,716	¹⁰ 19,200	(*)
15 years and over.....number..	58,645	63,636	65,515	57,964	59,507	(*)
Years on farm not reported.....number..	2,581	15,221	5,081	7,706	4,091	4,759
Average years on farm.....years..	16	16	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By work off farm: ¹¹						
All operators reporting.....number..	46,817	46,934	49,950	49,036	(*)	(*)
.....days worked..	10,669,602	7,576,046	6,862,648	6,286,869	(*)	(*)
Operators reporting—						
1 to 49 days.....number..	4,540	11,502	13,775	17,318	(*)	(*)
1 to 24 days.....number..	2,554	7,075	7,966	11,281	(*)	(*)
25 to 49 days.....number..	1,986	4,427	5,789	6,037	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 days.....number..	3,280	5,663	7,855	6,962	(*)	(*)
100 days and over.....number..	38,997	29,769	28,320	24,756	(*)	(*)
100 to 149 days.....number..	2,899	4,774	5,951	4,816	(*)	(*)
150 to 199 days.....number..	3,209	5,055	5,601	4,350	(*)	(*)
200 to 249 days.....number..	4,280	5,087	5,137	4,732	(*)	(*)
250 days and over.....number..	28,609	14,853	11,631	10,858	(*)	(*)
FACILITIES						
Specified facilities in farm dwelling: (Figures relate only to farms reporting dwellings)						
Running water.....farms reporting..	86,868	(**)	(*)	(15)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no".....	59,838	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	673	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electricity.....farms reporting..	122,821	106,804	(*)	(12)	(*)	(13)
.....farms reporting "no".....	23,951	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	807	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and running water.....farms reporting..	82,930	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Radio.....farms reporting..	131,783	(**)	(*)	(*)	24,623	(*)
.....farms reporting "no".....	14,883	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	713	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	78,484	¹³ 59,526	(*)	13 78,185	(*)	¹³ 91,973
.....farms reporting "no".....	68,091	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	804	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electricity.....farms reporting..	73,892	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electric distribution line						
within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	74,442	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and radio.....farms reporting..	76,522	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and automobile on farm.....farms reporting..	68,267	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electric distribution line within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	131,021	115,879	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms reporting "no".....	16,769	33,711	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	1,700	3,648	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
with no electricity in farm dwelling or not reported.....farms..	10,035	12,583	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Specified facilities in farm dwelling for farms with resident operators:						
Running water.....farms reporting..	83,166	(**)	(*)	59,276	(*)	45,487
Electricity.....farms reporting..	117,503	(*)	(*)	55,019	(*)	14 34,882
Radio.....farms reporting..	127,131	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	75,720	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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ROADS, MOTORTRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND AUTOMOBILES						
Distance to nearest all-weather road:						
0.0 to 0.2 mile.....farms reporting..	115,329	¹⁶ 105,903	(*)	¹⁶ 74,873	¹⁶ 71,756	(*)
0.3 to 0.5 mile.....farms reporting..	8,520	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
0.6 to 0.9 mile.....farms reporting..	2,880	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1.0 to 1.9 miles.....farms reporting..	11,446	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2.0 to 4.9 miles.....farms reporting..	6,208	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5.0 miles and over.....farms reporting..	342	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not reporting.....farms.....	4,765	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Motortrucks on farms.....farms reporting..	57,049	48,522	(*)	54,084	(*)	8,636
with no automobile.....farms reporting..	69,141	55,285	(*)	58,974	(*)	9,259
Farms reporting—						
1 motortruck.....number..	48,539	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 or more motortrucks.....number..	6,510	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tractors on farms.....farms reporting..	77,523	53,230	(*)	37,790	24,350	7,021
Farms reporting—						
1 tractor.....number..	65,303	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 tractors.....number..	9,891	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more tractors.....number..	2,329	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Automobiles on farms.....farms reporting..	119,494	113,913	(*)	115,010	(*)	68,003
number.....	144,948	139,718	(*)	141,916	(*)	74,753
FARM LABOR						
Persons 14 years old and over working the equivalent of 2 or more days during specified week (first week of January 1945 and 1935; the last week of March 1940)						
Family and/or hired workers.....farms reporting..	133,539	132,922	170,780	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons.....	230,728	254,499	299,982	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.78	1.91	1.76	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers.....farms reporting..	131,380	125,521	164,866	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons.....	188,796	190,463	232,231	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms reporting by number of family workers:						
1 person.....number..	89,944	(*)	116,217	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	32,560	(*)	35,764	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more persons.....number..	9,876	(*)	12,885	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operators.....persons..	128,588	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Unpaid members of operators' families.....farms reporting..	44,546	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons.....	60,208	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	25,829	37,340	47,831	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons.....	41,932	64,036	67,751	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:						
1 person.....number..	18,896	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	4,082	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 to 4 persons.....number..	1,878	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5 to 9 persons.....number..	733	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 or more persons.....number..	240	(*)	167	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:						
No workers reported.....farms..	15,951	20,316	6,245	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers only.....farms..	107,710	95,582	122,949	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator only.....farms..	69,585	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	35,681	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,444	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	23,670	29,939	41,917	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	17,249	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	6,073	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family and hired workers.....farms..	348	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers only.....farms..	2,159	7,401	5,914	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cash wages paid for hired labor ¹⁵farms reporting..	80,847	73,243	(*)	90,455	101,091	¹⁷ 121,256
dollars.....	79,651,812	37,988,608	(*)	45,421,486	42,235,628	49,345,689
Farms reporting by cash wages paid:						
\$1 to \$49.....number..	10,111	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	8,707	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$199.....number..	11,264	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$200 to \$499.....number..	16,577	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$999.....number..	13,545	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 and over.....number..	20,643	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	13,784	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	4,274	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 and over.....number..	2,585	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

* Not available.

¹ Available data not comparable; see text.² 1945 figures include land in managed farms classified on basis of whether owned or rented by the employer; 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 figures exclude land in managed farms.³ In 1944, 1939, 1934, 1929, 1924, and 1919, respectively.⁴ Total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except that corn cut for forage was excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain.⁵ The figures for 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 are not strictly comparable with those for 1945. The figures for 1945 include land used only for pasture which had been plowed within 7 years. The figures for 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 include land pastured which could have been plowed and used for crops without additional clearing, drainage, or irrigation. This land may not have been plowed within 7 years prior to the census date.⁶ 1945 figure excludes automobiles; 1940 and earlier figures include automobiles.⁷ White includes Mexicans; nonwhite includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and other nonwhite races.⁸ For the 1945 Census, taken as of Jan. 1, 1945, the figure includes all operators reporting 1944 or 1945 as year they began operations—1,431 operators reporting 1945; for the 1940 Census, taken as of Apr. 1, 1940, the figure includes only operators reporting 1940 as year they began operations; the figures for the 1935, 1930, 1925, and 1920 Censuses are in general comparable with those for 1945 as they include all operators who began operations within a year preceding the census date. See text.⁹ 6 to 10 years.¹⁰ 11 years and over.¹¹ 11 to 14 years.¹² In 1944, 1939, 1934, and 1929, respectively.¹³ Shown under "Specified facilities in farm dwellings for farms with resident operators," as the 1930 inquiry referred to "farmer's dwelling" and the 1920 inquiry referred to "operator's dwelling."¹⁴ Farms having telephones.¹⁵ Gas or electricity.¹⁶ For 1940, farms on hard-surfaced, gravel, shell, shale, etc., roads; for 1930, farms on concrete, brick, asphalt, macadam, gravel, and sand-clay roads; for 1925, farms on concrete, brick, macadam, and gravel roads.¹⁷ In 1944, 1939, 1929, 1924, and 1919.¹⁸ Includes value of board furnished.