

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..	147,745	137,558	165,504	187,931	172,767	192,683
Appropriate land area (see text).....acres..	19,580,160	19,580,160	19,516,800	19,516,800	19,516,800	19,516,800
Proportion in farms.....percent..	56.3	57.4	63.2	53.3	54.5	63.7
Land in farms.....acres..	11,021,623	11,238,697	12,329,958	10,393,113	10,638,900	12,426,675
Owned by operator ¹acres..	7,090,969	5,831,396	5,471,107	4,921,371	5,810,586	(*)
Rented by operator ¹acres..	3,930,654	4,760,600	6,291,175	5,034,708	4,535,110	(*)
Average size of farm.....acres..	74.6	81.7	74.5	65.8	61.6	64.5
Land in farms according to use: ²						
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting..	144,116	135,629	162,291	150,851	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,149,321	4,321,962	4,177,661	4,136,809	4,311,136	³ 5,396,980
Farms reporting by acres harvested:						
1 to 9 acres.....number..	26,237	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 to 19 acres.....number..	38,605	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
20 to 29 acres.....number..	34,603	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
30 to 49 acres.....number..	28,705	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 acres.....number..	12,012	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
100 to 199 acres.....number..	2,737	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 acres and over.....number..	1,217	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 to 499 acres.....number..	1,037	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
500 to 999 acres.....number..	156	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1,000 acres and over.....number..	24	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Crop failure.....farms reporting..	2,680	3,291	12,601	10,032	(*)	(*)
acres..	24,035	34,832	87,450	97,494	92,450	(*)
Cropland idle or fallow.....farms reporting..	32,918	34,936	56,202	35,687	(*)	(*)
acres..	775,815	568,689	1,020,938	802,695	632,370	(*)
Cropland used only for pasture.....farms reporting..	12,118	⁴ 35,884	⁴ 26,638	⁴ 22,607	⁴ 21,667	(*)
acres..	237,718	⁴ 604,350	⁴ 356,922	⁴ 350,839	⁴ 310,566	(*)
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting..	31,366	(*)	48,624	38,665	33,613	(*)
acres..	985,431	(*)	1,355,653	1,051,851	1,008,359	(*)
Other land pastured.....farms reporting..	32,730	(*)	24,296	21,447	16,243	(*)
acres..	628,543	(*)	408,291	390,307	318,506	(*)
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting..	71,616	(*)	89,326	70,896	59,391	(*)
acres..	3,828,130	(*)	4,335,220	2,850,684	2,562,006	(*)
All other land.....farms reporting..	116,345	(*)	141,238	115,938	(*)	(*)
acres..	392,630	(*)	587,623	712,434	1,403,507	(*)
Cropland, total.....farms reporting..	146,627	⁴ 137,321	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	5,166,889	⁴ 5,529,333	⁴ 5,643,171	⁴ 5,387,837	⁴ 5,346,522	(*)
Land used for crops (harvested and failure).....farms reporting..	144,200	135,664	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,173,356	⁴ 3,356,794	⁴ 2,265,311	⁴ 2,234,303	⁴ 2,403,586	(*)
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting..	59,163	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	1,851,692	(*)	2,120,866	1,792,997	1,637,431	(*)
Woodland, total.....farms reporting..	81,117	85,579	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,813,551	4,662,909	5,690,873	3,902,535	3,570,365	5,302,575
VALUE OF FARM PROPERTY						
Value of farms (land and buildings).....dollars..	440,632,183	338,494,517	285,515,573	379,190,630	457,622,361	813,484,200
Average per farm:						
All farms.....dollars..	2,982	2,461	1,725	2,401	2,649	4,222
Farms of 30 acres and over.....dollars..	4,193	3,305	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per acre, all farms.....dollars..	38.98	30.12	23.16	36.48	43.01	65.46
Value of implements and machinery ⁵farms reporting..	108,760	111,267	(*)	135,734	(*)	(*)
dollars..	42,005,863	24,197,158	(*)	21,424,986	23,105,321	48,062,387
Farms reporting by value of implements and machinery:						
\$1 to \$99.....number..	48,321	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1 to \$49.....number..	26,488	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	21,833	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$249.....number..	32,965	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$250 to \$499.....number..	10,128	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$749.....number..	4,801	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$750 to \$999.....number..	1,367	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	7,134	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....number..	3,131	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,500 to \$2,499.....number..	3,953	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 and over.....number..	3,044	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	2,870	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....number..	910	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$10,000 and over.....number..	264	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Value of livestock on farms (see text).....dollars..	71,194,293	43,032,231	39,133,407	38,015,547	42,055,271	90,862,445
FARM DWELLINGS AND POPULATION						
Dwellings on farms.....farms reporting..	141,140	(*)	155,824	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	172,148	(**)	205,957	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied.....farms reporting..	138,880	(*)	154,720	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	152,277	(**)	191,440	(**)	(**)	(**)
Unoccupied.....farms reporting..	13,792	(*)	11,378	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	19,871	(**)	14,517	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied dwellings on farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....farms reporting..	7,998	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
number..	21,445	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farm population (persons living in occupied dwellings on farms).....persons..	682,663	916,611	948,435	916,471	911,885	1,074,680
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	4.48	(**)	4.95	(**)	(**)	(**)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	272,143	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Boys.....persons..	136,856	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Girls.....persons..	135,287	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
14 years old and over.....persons..	410,520	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Men and boys.....persons..	196,896	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Women and girls.....persons..	213,624	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
For farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....persons..	69,710	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.25	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	25,850	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Boys.....persons..	13,038	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Girls.....persons..	12,812	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
14 years old and over.....persons..	43,860	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Men and boys.....persons..	20,511	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Women and girls.....persons..	23,349	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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FARM OPERATORS (For tenure, see table 5)						
By color: ⁶						
White.....number..	78,609	76,251	88,967	80,506	82,186	83,683
Nonwhite.....number..	69,136	61,307	76,537	77,425	90,581	109,010
By age: ⁷						
Under 35 years.....number..	30,747	31,427	(*)	41,941	(*)	60,830
Under 25 years.....number..	6,708	7,831	(*)	14,253	(*)	18,301
25 to 34 years.....number..	24,039	23,596	(*)	27,688	(*)	42,529
35 to 54 years.....number..	71,005	60,201	(*)	74,267	(*)	91,762
35 to 44 years.....number..	35,178	28,671	(*)	37,849	(*)	49,642
45 to 54 years.....number..	35,827	31,530	(*)	36,418	(*)	42,120
55 to 64 years.....number..	26,467	23,342	(*)	23,864	(*)	23,394
65 years and over.....number..	17,869	15,268	(*)	13,046	(*)	14,659
Age not reported.....number..	1,657	7,320	(*)	4,813	(*)	2,048
Average age reported.....years..	46.6	46.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Owners.....years..	51.0	50.5	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tenants.....years..	42.9	42.6	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By residence:						
On farm operated.....number..	136,520	123,533	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not on farm operated.....number..	9,424	6,650	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Residence not reported.....number..	1,901	7,375	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By years on farm (see text):						
Less than 5 years.....number..	72,591	57,379	86,520	83,200	98,857	106,772
Less than 1 year: ⁸						
1 year.....number..	29,746	12,730	40,169	32,038	45,753	21,003
1 year.....number..	9,904	14,748	13,354	21,545	16,093	36,075
2 to 4 years.....number..	32,941	29,901	32,997	29,617	37,011	48,694
2 years.....number..	10,744	11,328	11,819	(*)	13,419	(*)
3 years.....number..	8,508	10,471	9,267	(*)	9,422	(*)
4 years.....number..	13,689	8,102	11,911	(*)	14,170	(*)
5 to 9 years.....number..	24,189	24,821	24,209	22,063	⁹ 27,876	27,487
10 years and over.....number..	47,725	48,123	51,365	47,570	⁹ 40,310	50,108
10 to 14 years.....number..	15,299	14,800	15,960	16,694	¹⁰ 10,233	(*)
15 years and over.....number..	32,426	33,323	35,405	30,876	30,077	(*)
Years on farm not reported.....number..	3,240	7,235	3,410	5,098	5,724	9,326
Average years on farm.....years..	11	10	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By work off farm: ¹¹						
All operators reporting.....number..	32,527	32,065	55,965	49,484	(*)	(*)
.....days worked..	5,377,817	4,585,282	5,903,521	4,572,353	(*)	(*)
Operators reporting—						
1 to 49 days.....number..	5,884	8,077	25,863	21,224	(*)	(*)
1 to 24 days.....number..	2,585	3,915	14,923	11,125	(*)	(*)
25 to 49 days.....number..	3,199	4,162	10,940	10,099	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 days.....number..	5,511	5,821	10,326	10,560	(*)	(*)
100 days and over.....number..	21,132	18,167	19,776	17,700	(*)	(*)
100 to 149 days.....number..	3,435	3,562	4,829	5,380	(*)	(*)
150 to 199 days.....number..	2,907	3,554	4,829	4,212	(*)	(*)
200 to 249 days.....number..	4,261	3,271	3,567	3,242	(*)	(*)
250 days and over.....number..	10,529	7,680	7,168	4,974	(*)	(*)
FACILITIES						
Specified facilities in farm dwelling: (Figures relate only to farms reporting dwellings)						
Running water.....farms reporting..	19,091	(**)	(*)	(12)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no".....	118,184	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	2,865	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electricity.....farms reporting..	52,101	26,764	(*)	(13)	(*)	(13)
.....farms reporting "no".....	86,614	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	2,425	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and running water.....farms reporting..	18,531	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Radio.....farms reporting..	67,853	(**)	(*)	(*)	867	(*)
.....farms reporting "no".....	70,623	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	2,664	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	6,306	¹³ 4,267	(*)	¹³ 6,357	(*)	¹³ 10,943
.....farms reporting "no".....	131,731	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	3,103	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electricity.....farms reporting..	5,958	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electric distribution line						
within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	5,940	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and radio.....farms reporting..	6,029	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and automobile on farm.....farms reporting..	5,411	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electric distribution line within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	91,602	56,731	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms reporting "no".....	49,465	76,518	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	6,678	4,309	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
with no electricity in farm dwelling or not reported.....farms..	39,555	28,778	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Specified facilities in farm dwelling for farms with resident operators:						
Running water.....farms reporting..	18,319	(**)	(*)	5,176	(*)	3,443
Electricity.....farms reporting..	50,515	(*)	(*)	6,067	(*)	¹⁴ 5,170
Radio.....farms reporting..	66,156	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	5,953	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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ROADS, MOTORTRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND AUTOMOBILES						
Distance to nearest all-weather road:						
0.0 to 0.2 mile.....farms reporting..	83,215	¹⁶ 25,610	(*)	¹⁵ 20,267	¹⁵ 5,875	(*)
0.3 to 0.5 mile.....farms reporting..	13,203	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
0.6 to 0.9 mile.....farms reporting..	2,812	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1.0 to 1.9 miles.....farms reporting..	18,233	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2.0 to 4.0 miles.....farms reporting..	14,995	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5.0 miles and over.....farms reporting..	3,146	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not reporting.....farms.....	12,141	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Motortrucks on farms.....farms reporting..	13,296	7,392	(*)	6,575	(*)	1,609
number.....	15,348	8,242	(*)	6,966	(*)	1,736
with no automobile.....farms reporting..	4,392	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms reporting—						
1 motortruck.....number..	11,917	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 or more motortrucks.....number..	1,379	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tractors on farms.....farms reporting..	10,366	4,285	(*)	3,229	2,658	1,213
number.....	12,447	4,791	(*)	3,462	2,906	1,304
Farms reporting—						
1 tractor.....number..	8,894	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 tractors.....number..	1,115	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more tractors.....number..	357	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Automobiles on farms.....farms reporting..	73,515	58,807	(*)	59,029	(*)	30,709
number.....	77,576	63,653	(*)	61,754	(*)	32,812
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..	134,938	124,901	160,985	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	221,749	288,537	386,239	(**)	(*)	(**)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.64	2.39	2.40	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers.....farms reporting..	133,735	116,500	155,666	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	207,395	227,964	333,099	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of family workers:						
1 person.....number..	81,010	(*)	75,598	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	40,863	(*)	37,159	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more persons.....number..	11,862	(*)	42,009	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operators.....persons..	131,042	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Unpaid members of operators' families.....farms reporting..	54,520	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	76,353	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	7,145	27,552	25,767	(**)	(*)	(*)
persons..	14,354	70,553	53,140	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:						
1 person.....number..	4,374	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	1,379	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 to 4 persons.....number..	816	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5 to 9 persons.....number..	471	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 or more persons.....number..	105	(*)	409	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:						
No workers reported.....farms..	12,807	12,657	4,509	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers only.....farms..	127,793	97,349	135,228	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator only.....farms..	75,411	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	49,911	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,471	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	5,942	19,151	20,438	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	3,804	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,916	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family and hired workers.....farms..	222	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,203	8,401	5,329	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cash wages paid for hired labor ¹⁶farms reporting..	64,962	51,288	(*)	49,180	39,531	¹⁷ 62,095
dollars..	22,167,930	11,552,491	(*)	9,002,864	8,158,892	13,687,695
Farms reporting by cash wages paid:						
\$1 to \$49.....number..	16,401	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	12,797	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$199.....number..	13,851	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$200 to \$499.....number..	12,886	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$999.....number..	4,826	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 and over.....number..	4,401	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	2,861	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	905	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 and over.....number..	615	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

*Not available.
 **Available data not comparable; see text.
¹1945 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.
²In 1944, 1939, 1934, 1929, 1924, and 1919, respectively.
³Total 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.
⁴The 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.
⁵1945 figure excludes automobiles; 1940 and earlier figures include automobiles.
⁶White includes Mexicans; nonwhite includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and other nonwhite races.
⁷For the 1945 Census, taken as of Jan. 1, 1945, the figure includes all operators reporting 1944 or 1945 as year they began operations—10,462 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.
⁸5 to 10 years.
⁹11 years and over.
¹⁰11 to 14 years.
¹¹In 1944, 1939, 1934, and 1929, respectively.
¹²Shown 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."
¹³Farms having telephones.
¹⁴Gas or electricity.
¹⁵For 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.
¹⁶In 1944, 1939, 1929, 1924, and 1919.
¹⁷Includes value of board furnished.