

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..	79,687	81,686	84,381	70,904	73,267	66,288
Approximate land area (see text).....acres..	42,865,280	42,865,280	42,775,040	42,775,040	42,775,040	42,775,040
Proportion in farms.....percent..	39.0	35.4	34.3	31.6	29.5	31.0
Land in farms.....acres..	16,719,870	15,181,815	14,680,097	13,533,778	12,610,310	13,244,720
Owned by operator.....acres..	9,670,453	7,925,309	7,105,061	6,852,785	6,860,090	(*)
Rented by operator.....acres..	7,049,417	6,523,014	6,924,659	6,120,955	5,369,955	(*)
Average size of farm.....acres..	209.3	185.9	174.0	190.9	172.1	199.8
Land in farms according to use: ²						
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting..	68,176	73,089	77,993	65,307	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,280,008	3,569,803	3,635,796	3,658,514	3,262,824	³ 4,001,852
Farms reporting by acres harvested:						
1 to 9 acres.....number..	32,238	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 to 19 acres.....number..	10,734	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
20 to 29 acres.....number..	5,816	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
30 to 49 acres.....number..	6,103	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 acres.....number..	5,018	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
100 to 199 acres.....number..	2,905	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 acres and over.....number..	5,362	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 to 499 acres.....number..	3,316	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
500 to 999 acres.....number..	1,528	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1,000 acres and over.....number..	518	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Crop failure.....farms reporting..	1,548	2,682	4,479	4,849	(*)	(*)
acres..	26,326	61,013	97,303	178,465	491,268	(*)
Cropland idle or fallow.....farms reporting..	12,536	18,240	16,525	19,447	(*)	(*)
acres..	2,376,664	2,502,523	2,437,743	2,436,371	2,329,557	(*)
Cropland used only for pasture.....farms reporting..	20,963	⁴ 35,220	⁴ 24,124	⁴ 20,335	⁴ 15,210	(*)
acres..	439,361	⁴ 450,815	⁴ 572,979	⁴ 577,901	⁴ 444,156	(*)
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting..	23,330	(*)	30,435	24,203	24,150	(*)
acres..	1,861,550	(*)	1,848,505	1,487,813	1,317,170	(*)
Other land pastured.....farms reporting..	30,201	(*)	22,549	18,636	14,103	(*)
acres..	6,802,679	(*)	5,011,127	4,175,098	3,441,032	(*)
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting..	15,060	(*)	13,837	9,723	11,510	(*)
acres..	473,666	(*)	505,663	366,427	538,413	(*)
All other land.....farms reporting..	71,006	(*)	71,110	52,106	(*)	(*)
acres..	449,596	(*)	570,961	631,189	785,890	(*)
Cropland, total.....farms reporting..	72,677	⁴ 78,597	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	7,132,379	⁴ 7,160,154	⁴ 6,743,821	⁴ 6,853,251	⁴ 6,527,805	(*)
Land used for crops (harvested and failure).....farms reporting..	68,985	73,295	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,316,334	3,600,816	3,733,099	3,836,979	3,754,092	(*)
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting..	59,787	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	9,103,610	(*)	7,432,611	6,240,812	5,202,358	(*)
Woodland, total.....farms reporting..	33,641	28,555	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	2,335,216	1,460,546	2,354,168	1,874,240	1,855,583	1,813,061
VALUE OF FARM PROPERTY						
Value of farms (land and buildings).....dollars..	900,184,222	593,366,445	550,720,198	773,662,602	726,889,847	920,392,341
Average per farm:						
All farms.....dollars..	11,266	7,264	(*) 6,527	(*) 10,911	(*) 9,921	(*) 13,885
Farms of 30 acres and over.....dollars..	17,728	11,112	(*)	(*) 57.17	(*) 57.64	(*) 69.49
Average per acre, all farms.....dollars..	53.84	39.08	37.51			
Value of implements and machinery ⁵farms reporting..	58,597	68,357	(*)	60,404	(*)	(*)
dollars..	86,390,517	56,101,147	(*)	50,511,893	41,234,948	54,721,377
Farms reporting by value of implements and machinery:						
\$1 to \$99.....number..	9,933	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1 to \$49.....number..	5,634	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	4,299	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$249.....number..	10,507	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$250 to \$499.....number..	8,086	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$749.....number..	6,746	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$750 to \$999.....number..	2,579	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	10,873	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....number..	5,047	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,500 to \$2,499.....number..	5,826	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 and over.....number..	9,873	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	5,013	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....number..	3,120	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$10,000 and over.....number..	1,740	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Value of livestock on farms (see text).....dollars..	82,278,981	49,324,482	42,701,940	59,500,107	54,868,060	81,673,037
FARM DWELLINGS AND POPULATION						
Dwellings on farms.....farms reporting..	78,974	(*)	82,349	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	96,517	(**)	101,887	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied.....farms reporting..	77,780	(*)	81,105	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	86,271	(**)	92,972	(**)	(**)	(**)
Unoccupied.....farms reporting..	7,722	(*)	7,189	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	10,246	(**)	6,915	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied dwellings on farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....farms reporting..	7,803	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
number..	18,294	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farm population (persons living in occupied dwellings on farms).....persons..	289,467	340,402	335,840	304,737	288,673	283,382
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.28	(**)	3.61	(**)	(**)	(**)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	81,164	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Boys.....persons..	41,609	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Girls.....persons..	39,555	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
14 years old and over.....persons..	208,303	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Men and boys.....persons..	106,356	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Women and girls.....persons..	101,947	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
For farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....persons..	50,721	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	2.77	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	14,906	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Boys.....persons..	7,609	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Girls.....persons..	7,297	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
14 years old and over.....persons..	35,815	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Men and boys.....persons..	18,380	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Women and girls.....persons..	17,435	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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FARM OPERATORS (For tenure, see table 5)						
By color: ⁶						
White.....number..	79,078	80,179	82,861	69,555	(*)	65,022
Nonwhite.....number..	809	1,507	1,520	1,349	(*)	1,266
By age:						
Under 35 years.....number..	11,027	10,373	(*)	8,422	(*)	12,784
Under 25 years.....number..	989	1,340	(*)	1,079	(*)	1,876
25 to 34 years.....number..	10,038	9,033	(*)	7,343	(*)	10,906
35 to 54 years.....number..	38,695	36,769	(*)	34,117	(*)	33,356
35 to 44 years.....number..	17,837	15,507	(*)	15,664	(*)	16,736
45 to 54 years.....number..	20,858	21,262	(*)	18,453	(*)	16,650
55 to 64 years.....number..	17,867	19,056	(*)	14,773	(*)	13,079
65 years and over.....number..	11,566	13,440	(*)	10,792	(*)	6,173
Age not reported.....number..	732	2,048	(*)	2,800	(*)	866
Average age reported.....years..	49.8	51.0	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Owners.....years..	50.7	52.5	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tenants.....years..	42.9	44.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By residence:						
On farm operated.....number..	76,222	77,255	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not on farm operated.....number..	3,150	3,025	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Residence not reported.....number..	515	1,406	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By years on farm (see text):						
Less than 5 years.....number..	34,542	26,798	29,739	23,707	30,532	29,755
Less than 1 year ⁷number..	11,255	3,316	9,852	6,833	8,111	8,454
1 year.....number..	7,677	7,073	5,655	5,898	5,337	7,093
2 to 4 years.....number..	15,610	16,409	14,232	11,036	17,054	14,208
2 years.....number..	6,194	6,165	5,219	(*)	5,183	(*)
3 years.....number..	4,835	5,446	4,393	(*)	5,234	(*)
4 years.....number..	4,581	4,798	4,620	(*)	6,667	(*)
5 to 9 years.....number..	13,806	14,302	16,066	13,447	⁸ 17,391	13,616
10 years and over.....number..	30,089	37,746	37,133	30,695	⁹ 24,046	21,726
10 to 14 years.....number..	8,458	11,336	12,633	11,573	¹⁰ 7,903	(*)
15 years and over.....number..	21,631	26,410	24,500	19,122	16,143	(*)
Years on farm not reported.....number..	1,450	2,640	1,443	3,055	1,296	1,191
Average years on farm.....years..	12	12	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By work off farm: ¹¹						
All operators reporting.....number..	39,306	37,259	35,950	29,750	(*)	(*)
.....days worked..	9,071,044	8,247,086	4,424,885	4,101,906	(*)	(*)
Operators reporting—						
1 to 49 days.....number..	4,021	6,825	11,077	8,840	(*)	(*)
1 to 24 days.....number..	2,301	3,866	5,824	5,368	(*)	(*)
25 to 49 days.....number..	1,720	2,959	5,253	3,472	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 days.....number..	2,605	4,334	7,133	4,582	(*)	(*)
100 days and over.....number..	32,682	26,100	17,740	16,328	(*)	(*)
100 to 149 days.....number..	1,975	4,403	4,341	3,033	(*)	(*)
150 to 199 days.....number..	2,611	5,551	4,149	3,294	(*)	(*)
200 to 249 days.....number..	3,338	5,483	2,841	3,237	(*)	(*)
250 days and over.....number..	24,758	10,663	6,409	6,764	(*)	(*)
FACILITIES						
Specified facilities in farm dwelling:						
(Figures relate only to farms reporting dwellings)						
Running water.....farms reporting..	61,691	(**)	(*)	(12)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	16,903	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	380	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electricity.....farms reporting..	67,955	60,082	(*)	(12)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	10,628	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	391	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and running water.....farms reporting..	58,044	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Radio.....farms reporting..	73,397	(**)	(*)	(*)	2,691	(*)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	5,083	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	494	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	35,502	¹³ 26,161	(*)	(*)	(*)	¹⁵ 27,952
.....farms reporting "no" ..	42,973	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	499	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electricity.....farms reporting..	33,170	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electric distribution line						
within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	32,517	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and radio.....farms reporting..	34,932	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and automobile on farm.....farms reporting..	30,649	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electric distribution line within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	69,142	62,843	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	9,888	17,827	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	857	1,016	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
with no electricity in farm dwelling or not reported.....farms..	2,696	4,281	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Specified facilities in farm dwelling for farms with resident operators:						
Running water.....farms reporting..	60,076	(**)	(*)	34,476	(*)	18,967
Electricity.....farms reporting..	66,066	(*)	(*)	34,066	(*)	¹⁴ 9,176
Radio.....farms reporting..	71,792	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	34,669	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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ROADS, MOTORTRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND AUTOMOBILES						
Distance to nearest all-weather road:						
0.0 to 0.2 mile.....farms reporting..	67,291	150,694	(*)	1545,914	1539,192	(*)
0.3 to 0.5 mile.....farms reporting..	4,231	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
0.6 to 0.9 mile.....farms reporting..	1,001	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1.0 to 1.9 miles.....farms reporting..	2,520	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2.0 to 4.9 miles.....farms reporting..	1,637	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5.0 miles and over.....farms reporting..	753	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not reporting.....farms..	2,454	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Motortrucks on farms.....farms reporting..	32,730	24,886	(*)	17,622	(*)	3,172
number..	40,034	28,228	(*)	18,836	(*)	3,371
with no automobile.....farms reporting..	7,941	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms reporting—						
1 motortruck.....number..	27,550	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 or more motortrucks.....number..	5,180	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tractors on farms.....farms reporting..	27,768	16,776	(*)	7,890	4,314	2,474
number..	32,050	18,019	(*)	8,388	4,490	2,635
Farms reporting—						
1 tractor.....number..	24,555	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 tractors.....number..	2,599	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more tractors.....number..	614	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Automobiles on farms.....farms reporting..	63,713	60,870	(*)	50,769	(*)	27,626
number..	74,205	70,490	(*)	55,995	(*)	29,792
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..	67,493	72,145	82,069	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	100,070	122,652	127,478	(**)	(*)	(**)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.48	1.70	1.55	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers.....farms reporting..	66,915	69,475	80,152	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	89,788	98,703	109,910	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of family workers:						
1 person.....number..	49,311	(*)	58,819	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	13,800	(*)	15,632	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more persons.....number..	3,804	(*)	5,701	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operators.....persons..	64,490	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Unpaid members of operators' families.....farms reporting..	19,597	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	25,298	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,935	11,643	10,445	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	10,282	23,949	17,568	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:						
1 person.....number..	3,181	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	877	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 to 4 persons.....number..	512	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5 to 9 persons.....number..	285	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 or more persons.....number..	100	(*)	84	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:						
No workers reported.....farms..	12,394	9,541	2,312	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers only.....farms..	62,558	60,502	71,624	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator only.....farms..	44,161	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	16,052	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,345	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	4,357	8,973	8,528	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	3,157	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,120	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family and hired workers.....farms..	80	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers only.....farms..	578	2,670	1,917	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cash wages paid for hired labor ¹⁰farms reporting..	41,805	35,244	(*)	40,990	36,155	1739,055
dollars..	61,227,446	20,405,130	(*)	29,157,841	21,726,903	28,300,116
Farms reporting by cash wages paid:						
\$1 to \$49.....number..	7,704	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	4,860	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$199.....number..	5,585	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$200 to \$499.....number..	7,440	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$999.....number..	4,799	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 and over.....number..	11,417	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	5,637	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	3,106	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 and over.....number..	2,674	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

* 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—1,105 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.⁸6 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.