

GENERAL REPORT

Table 6.—FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, 1890 TO 1954; AND IN EACH TENURE, BY AGE, 1910 TO 1954:
FOR THE UNITED STATES

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Tenure and year	All farm operators	Operators reporting age								Average age	Operators not reporting age
		Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years			
Total.....1954...	4,783,021	4,695,569	90,856	619,984	1,100,458	1,153,679	951,310	779,282	49.6	87,452	
1950...	5,379,250	5,043,996	163,726	791,323	1,186,918	1,157,085	1,000,350	744,594	48.3	335,254	
1945...	5,858,889	5,797,635	147,296	854,058	1,323,786	1,432,434	1,173,014	867,047	48.7	61,254	
1940...	6,096,799	5,835,950	233,355	949,350	1,250,893	1,427,561	1,146,540	828,251	48.0	260,849	
1930...	6,288,648	6,073,523	371,679	1,049,052	1,452,425	1,459,959	1,064,034	676,374	(NA)	215,125	
1920...	6,448,343	6,304,163	383,680	1,333,020	1,587,519	1,482,494	993,771	583,679	(NA)	84,180	
1910...	6,361,502	6,339,476	419,330	1,413,876	1,571,469	1,432,707	947,524	554,570	(NA)	22,026	
1900 ¹ ...	25,649,008	5,635,747	275,098	1,194,482	1,409,829	1,296,147	864,769	595,422	(NA)	13,261	
1890 ¹ ...	4,767,179	(²)	218,531	1,082,620	1,182,056	1,034,792	1,249,180		(NA)	(³)	
Full owners.....1954...	2,774,708	2,702,885	17,810	221,500	521,691	664,354	652,602	624,928	53.4	41,823	
1950...	3,091,473	2,905,312	32,371	291,880	591,947	696,322	698,935	593,857	52.1	186,161	
1945...	3,292,063	3,263,294	31,669	295,915	633,450	841,405	785,403	675,452	52.3	28,769	
1940...	3,084,138	2,937,775	39,870	267,708	526,140	759,354	728,164	636,539	52.8	126,363	
1930...	2,911,644	2,808,122	37,395	250,764	576,845	747,751	678,233	517,134	(NA)	103,522	
1920...	3,366,510	3,320,649	68,081	443,272	771,482	876,813	704,526	456,475	(NA)	45,861	
1910...	3,354,897	3,342,361	78,130	490,008	788,815	880,140	663,107	442,161	(NA)	12,536	
Part owners.....1954...	868,180	859,435	8,404	108,916	248,670	246,056	166,949	80,440	47.8	8,745	
1950...	840,924	796,474	13,224	123,486	226,112	213,465	152,570	67,617	46.8	44,450	
1945...	661,156	659,829	8,441	96,212	170,108	192,948	134,858	57,262	47.4	1,327	
1940...	615,039	594,334	7,648	65,098	141,980	191,512	131,569	56,527	48.8	20,705	
1930...	656,750	638,997	9,861	84,025	189,180	194,878	115,628	45,425	(NA)	17,753	
1920...	558,580	552,385	19,319	118,170	166,692	144,632	76,053	27,519	(NA)	6,195	
1910...	593,825	592,607	19,560	130,953	181,044	156,353	78,507	26,190	(NA)	1,218	
Managers.....1954...	20,894	18,956	600	3,457	5,786	4,851	2,870	1,392	45.3	1,938	
1950...	23,163	18,816	608	3,674	5,687	4,614	3,024	1,209	44.6	4,347	
1945...	47,357	45,338	1,080	8,392	12,211	11,879	8,367	3,409	45.8	2,019	
1940...	36,351	31,984	1,399	7,654	8,491	7,792	4,817	1,831	43.5	4,367	
1930...	55,889	50,957	2,782	11,183	14,601	12,340	7,044	3,007	(NA)	4,932	
1920...	68,449	66,636	5,484	17,983	18,757	14,063	7,226	3,123	(NA)	1,813	
1910...	58,104	56,846	4,820	15,700	16,212	11,724	5,840	2,550	(NA)	1,258	
All tenants.....1954...	1,149,239	1,114,293	64,042	286,111	324,311	238,418	128,889	72,522	42.2	34,946	
1950...	1,423,690	1,323,394	117,523	372,283	363,172	242,684	145,821	81,911	40.9	100,296	
1945...	1,858,313	1,829,174	106,106	453,539	508,017	386,202	244,386	130,924	42.8	29,139	
1940...	2,361,271	2,251,857	184,438	608,890	574,282	468,903	281,990	133,354	41.5	109,414	
1930...	2,664,365	2,575,447	321,641	703,080	671,799	504,990	263,129	110,808	(NA)	88,918	
1920...	2,454,804	2,424,474	290,796	753,595	630,588	446,986	205,966	96,562	(NA)	30,311	
1910...	2,354,676	2,347,662	316,820	777,215	585,398	384,490	200,070	83,669	(NA)	7,014	
Cash.....1954...	160,131	157,814	5,615	35,584	44,900	35,506	21,178	15,031	44.5	2,317	
1950...	217,196	204,237	10,671	51,017	56,497	40,612	27,791	17,649	43.3	12,959	
1945...	410,091	406,243	14,020	85,401	111,223	94,236	61,931	39,432	(NA)	3,848	
1940...	514,438	494,307	25,278	115,563	130,879	114,531	70,392	37,664	43.7	20,131	
1930...	489,210	473,702	30,650	118,567	137,658	104,179	56,165	26,483	(NA)	15,508	
Share-cash.....1954...	165,241	163,861	6,548	51,226	51,839	31,947	16,377	5,924	40.6	1,380	
1950...	197,329	189,825	12,531	63,447	55,253	33,499	18,851	6,244	39.6	7,504	
1945...	137,330	136,248	6,367	37,377	40,107	28,884	17,462	6,051	(NA)	1,082	
1940...	278,605	271,172	12,781	73,864	76,923	63,017	33,961	10,626	41.9	7,433	
Share.....1954...	438,415	429,027	26,975	120,908	126,090	88,065	45,161	21,828	41.2	9,388	
1950...	525,663	489,990	47,475	148,911	135,031	85,596	49,860	23,117	39.8	35,673	
1945...	682,561	674,574	37,194	180,579	192,223	140,486	86,491	37,601	(NA)	7,987	
1940...	815,799	783,178	63,670	220,649	201,397	162,570	96,605	38,287	41.2	32,621	
Crop-share.....1954...	327,261	318,543	20,320	79,380	91,994	70,699	37,294	18,856	42.1	8,718	
1950...	409,977	379,191	37,150	106,476	104,399	69,328	41,368	20,470	40.4	30,786	
Livestock-share.....1954...	111,154	110,484	6,655	41,528	34,096	17,366	7,867	2,972	38.5	670	
1950...	115,686	110,799	10,325	42,435	30,632	16,268	8,492	2,647	37.6	4,887	
Croppers (South only) ⁴1954...	267,662	251,282	19,062	53,827	72,198	59,229	31,399	15,567	42.3	16,380	
1950...	338,775	308,338	37,386	78,046	83,037	58,446	32,285	19,138	40.4	30,437	
1945...	446,850	437,807	39,786	109,590	116,395	85,971	54,167	31,898	(NA)	9,043	
1940...	541,291	506,657	68,159	151,444	119,006	88,289	52,930	26,829	39.2	34,634	
1930...	776,278	747,984	153,340	208,670	163,106	131,566	65,151	26,151	(NA)	28,294	
Other end unspecified.....1954...	117,790	112,309	5,842	24,566	29,284	23,671	14,774	14,172	45.1	5,481	
1950...	144,727	131,004	9,460	30,862	33,354	24,531	17,034	15,763	44.0	13,723	
1945...	181,481	174,302	8,739	40,592	48,069	36,625	24,335	15,942	(NA)	7,179	
1940...	211,138	196,543	14,550	47,370	46,077	40,496	28,102	19,948	43.7	14,595	

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FOR THE UNITED STATES—Continued

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Tenure and year	Percent distribution of operators reporting in each tenure, by age						Percent distribution of operators in each age group, by tenure										Not reporting age
	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years	All farm operators	Reporting age						Total			
								Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years				
Total.....1954...	1.9	13.2	23.4	24.6	20.3	16.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950...	3.2	15.7	23.5	22.9	19.8	14.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1945...	2.5	14.7	22.8	24.7	20.2	15.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940...	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930...	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1920...	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1910...	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1900 ¹ ...	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1890 ¹ ...	4.6	22.7	24.8	21.7	26.2		100.0	(²)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1		(³)	
Full owners.....1954...	0.7	8.2	19.3	24.6	24.1	23.1	57.4	57.6	19.6	35.7	47.4	57.6	68.6	80.2		47.8	
1950...	1.1	10.0	20.4	24.0	24.1	20.4	57.5	57.6	19.8	36.9	49.9	60.2	69.9	79.8		55.5	
1945...	1.0	9.1	19.4	25.8	24.1	20.7	56.2	56.3	21.5	34.6	47.9	58.7	67.0	77.9		47.0	
1940...	1.3	9.1	17.8	25.7	24.6	21.5	50.6	50.7	17.1	28.2	42.1	53.2	63.5	76.9		48.4	
1930...	1.3	8.9	20.5	26.6	24.2	18.4	46.3	46.2	10.1	23.9	39.7	51.2	63.7	76.5		48.1	
1920...	2.1	13.3	23.2	26.4	21.2	13.7	52.2	52.2	17.7	33.3	48.6	59.1	70.9	78.2		54.5	
1910...	2.3	14.7	23.6	26.3	19.8	13.2	52.7	52.7	18.6	34.7	50.2	61.4	70.0	79.7		56.9	
Part owners.....1954...	1.0	12.7	28.9	28.6	19.4	9.4	18.2	18.3	9.2	17.6	22.6	21.3	17.5	10.3		10.0	
1950...	1.7	15.5	28.4	26.8	19.2	8.5	15.6	15.8	8.1	15.6	19.1	18.4	15.3	9.1		13.3	
1945...	1.3	14.6	25.8	29.2	20.4	8.7	11.3	11.4	5.7	11.3	12.8	13.5	11.5	6.6		2.2	
1940...	1.3	11.0	23.9	32.2	22.1	9.5	10.1	10.2	3.3	6.9	11.4	13.4	11.5	6.8		7.9	
1930...	1.5	13.1	29.6	30.5	18.1	7.1	10.4	10.5	2.7	8.0	13.0	13.3	10.9	6.7		8.3	
1920...	3.5	21.4	30.2	26.2	13.8	5.0	8.7	8.7	5.0	8.9	10.5	9.8	7.7	4.7		7.4	
1910...	3.3	22.1	30.6	26.4	13.2	4.4	9.3	9.3	4.7	9.3	11.5	10.9	8.3	4.7		5.5	
Managers.....1954...	3.2	18.2	30.5	25.6	15.1	7.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2		2.2	
1950...	3.2	19.5	30.2	24.5	16.1	6.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2		1.3	
1945...	2.4	18.5	26.9	26.2	18.5	7.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.4		3.3	
1940...	4.4	23.9	26.5	24.4	15.1	5.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2		1.7	
1930...	5.5	21.9	28.7	24.2	13.8	5.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4		2.3	
1920...	8.2	27.0	28.1	21.1	10.8	4.7	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5		2.2	
1910...	8.5	27.6	28.5	20.6	10.3	4.5	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5		5.7	
All tenants.....1954...	5.7	25.7	29.1	21.4	11.6	6.5	24.0	23.7	70.5	46.1	29.5	20.7	13.5	9.3		40.0	
1950...	8.9	28.1	27.4	18.3	11.0	6.2	26.5	26.2	71.8	47.0	30.6	21.0	14.6	11.0		29.9	
1945...	5.8	24.8	27.8	21.1	13.4	7.2	31.7	31.6	72.0	53.1	38.4	27.0	20.8	15.1		47.6	
1940...	8.2	27.0	25.5	20.8	12.5	5.9	38.7	38.6	79.0	64.1	45.9	32.8	24.6	16.1		41.9	
1930...	12.5	27.3	26.1	19.6	10.2	4.3	42.4	42.4	86.5	67.0	46.3	34.6	24.7	16.4		41.3	
1920...	12.0	31.1	26.0	18.4	8.5	4.0	38.1	38.1	75.8	56.5	39.7	30.2	20.7	16.5		36.0	
1910...	13.5	33.1	24.9	16.4	8.5	3.6	37.0	37.0	75.6	55.0	37.3	26.8	21.1	15.1		31.8	
Cash.....1954...	3.6	22.5	28.5	22.5	13.4	9.5	3.3	3.4	6.2	5.7	4.1	3.1	2.2	1.9		2.6	
1950...	5.2	25.0	27.7	19.9	13.6	8.6	4.0	4.0	6.5	6.4	4.8	3.5	2.8	2.4		3.9	
1945...	3.5	21.0	27.4	23.2	15.2	9.7	7.0	7.0	9.5	10.0	8.4	6.6	5.3	4.5		6.3	
1940...	5.1	23.4	26.5	23.2	14.2	7.6	8.4	8.5	10.8	12.2	10.5	8.0	6.1	4.5		7.7	
1930...	6.5	25.0	29.1	22.0	11.9	5.6	7.8	7.8	8.2	11.3	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9		7.2	
Share-cash.....1954...	4.0	31.3	31.6	19.5	10.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	7.2	8.3	4.7	2.8	1.7	0.8		1.6	
1950...	6.6	33.4	29.1	17.6	9.9	3.3	3.7	3.8	7.7	8.0	4.7	2.9	1.9	0.8		2.2	
1945...	4.7	27.4	29.4	21.2	12.8	4.4	2.3	2.4	4.3	4.4	3.0	2.0	1.5	0.7		1.8	
1940...	4.7	27.2	28.4	23.2	12.5	3.9	4.6	4.6	5.5	7.8	6.1	4.4	3.0	1.3		2.8	
Share.....1954...	6.3	28.2	29.4	20.5	10.5	5.1	9.2	9.1	29.7	19.5	11.5	7.6	4.7	2.8		10.7	
1950...	9.7	30.4	27.6	17.5	10.2	4.7	9.8	9.7	29.0	18.8	11.4	7.4	5.0	3.1		10.6	
1945...	5.5	26.8	28.5	20.8	12.8	5.6	11.7	11.6	25.3	21.1	14.5	9.8	7.4	4.3		13.0	
1940...	8.1	28.2	25.7	20.8	12.3	4.9	13.4	13.4	27.3	23.2	16.1	11.4	8.4	4.6		12.5	
Crop-share.....1954...	6.4	24.9	28.9	22.2	11.7	5.9	6.8	6.8	22.4	12.8	8.4	6.1	3.9	2.4		10.0	
1950...	9.8	28.1	27.5	18.3	10.9	5.4	7.6	7.5	22.7	13.5	8.8	6.0	4.1	2.7		9.2	
Livestock-share.....1954...	6.0	37.6	30.9	15.7	7.1	2.7	2.3	2.4	7.3	6.7	3.1	1.5	0.8	0.4		0.8	
1950...	9.3	38.3	27.6	14.7	7.7	2.4	2.2	2.2	6.3	5.4	2.6	1.4	0.8	0.4		1.5	
Croppers (South only) ⁴1954...	7.6	21.4	28.7	23.6	12.5	6.2	5.6	5.4	21.0	8.7	6.6	5.1	3.3	2.0		18.7	
1950...	12.1	25.3	26.9	19.0	10.5	6.2	6.3	6.1	22.8	9.9	7.0	5.1	3.2	2.6		9.1	
1945...	9.1	25.0	26.6	19.6	12.4	7.3	7.6	7.6	27.0	12.8	8.8	6.0	4.6	3.7		14.8	
1940...	13.5	29.9	23.5	17.4	10.4	5.3	8.9	8.7	29.2	16.0	9.5	6.2	4.6	3.2		13.3	
1930...	20.5	27.9	21.8	17.6	8.7	3.5	12.3	12.3	41.3	19.9	15.5	9.0	6.1	3.9		13.2	
Other and unspecified...1954...	5.2	21.9	26.1	21.1	13.2	12.6	2.5	2.4	6.4	4.0	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.8		6.3	
1950...	7.2	23.6	25.5	18.7	13.0	12.0	2.7	2.6	5.8	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.7	2.1		4.1	
1945...	5.0	23.3	27.6	21.0	14.0	9.1	3.1	3.0	5.9	4.8	3.6	2.6	2.1	1.8		11.7	
1940...	7.4	24.1	23.4	20.6	14.3	10.1	3.5	3.4	6.2	5.0	3.7	2.8	2.5	2.4		5.6	

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