

GENERAL REPORT

Table 7.—FARM OPERATORS IN EACH COLOR AND
[All 1954, 1950, and 1945 data, except average age of operators for 1954 and 1945, are

Color, tenure, and year	All farm operators	Operators reporting age								Operators not reporting age	Percent distribution of operators reporting in each tenure, by 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	Average age		Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	
WHITE OPERATORS—THE SOUTH													
Total.....	1954...	1,853,820	1,812,413	34,033	217,634	419,361	454,486	366,221	320,678	50.2	41,407	1.9	12.0
	1950...	2,097,541	1,942,558	67,343	303,310	465,708	436,696	371,719	297,782	48.3	154,983	3.5	15.6
	1945...	2,208,046	2,185,255	51,910	327,149	518,474	529,549	426,942	331,231	48.6	22,791	2.4	15.0
	1940...	2,326,904	2,225,681	108,581	407,897	488,869	515,665	411,430	293,239	46.9	101,223	4.9	18.3
	1930...	2,342,129	2,267,156	191,937	432,107	529,149	519,024	364,633	230,306	(NA)	74,973	8.5	19.1
	1920...	2,283,750	2,258,017	175,320	496,689	567,049	489,947	325,140	203,872	(NA)	25,733	7.8	22.0
	1910...	2,207,406	2,202,933	190,505	541,198	536,366	459,655	312,423	162,786	(NA)	4,473	8.6	24.6
Full owners.....	1954...	1,145,372	1,126,983	7,307	93,692	219,929	276,618	262,415	267,022	53.4	18,389	0.6	8.3
	1950...	1,277,028	1,187,351	15,138	127,895	248,728	276,667	270,689	248,234	51.9	89,697	1.3	10.8
	1945...	1,340,090	1,329,561	13,184	132,211	272,701	338,813	303,127	269,525	51.8	10,529	1.0	9.9
	1940...	1,185,788	1,136,825	18,935	121,741	217,127	285,093	265,355	228,574	51.8	48,963	1.7	10.7
	1930...	1,050,187	1,016,653	19,252	107,210	214,961	267,712	231,466	176,052	(NA)	33,534	1.9	10.5
	1920...	1,227,204	1,213,347	34,023	182,104	295,033	304,176	235,043	162,968	(NA)	13,857	2.8	15.0
	1910...	1,154,100	1,152,121	35,026	200,754	280,534	285,886	219,506	130,415	(NA)	1,979	3.0	17.4
Part owners.....	1954...	300,280	296,988	2,986	38,133	88,091	86,406	55,159	26,213	47.5	3,292	1.0	12.8
	1950...	279,930	261,416	5,779	44,166	77,992	67,476	45,621	20,382	45.9	18,514	2.2	16.9
	1945...	164,690	164,213	1,831	25,105	46,046	45,751	31,363	14,477	46.9	477	1.1	15.3
	1940...	185,246	178,643	3,213	24,528	45,995	53,823	35,886	15,198	47.4	6,603	1.8	13.7
	1930...	183,469	178,719	4,457	27,632	52,797	52,311	30,086	11,436	(NA)	4,750	2.5	15.5
	1920...	152,432	150,852	8,520	34,951	44,838	36,719	18,319	7,505	(NA)	1,580	5.6	23.2
	1910...	171,944	171,673	8,392	43,177	52,234	40,683	20,882	6,271	(NA)	271	4.9	25.2
Managers.....	1954...	9,190	8,530	239	1,394	2,515	2,431	1,258	693	45.5	660	2.8	16.3
	1950...	9,699	8,018	212	1,359	2,489	2,101	1,293	564	45.3	1,681	2.6	16.9
	1945...	16,122	14,997	269	2,575	4,166	4,112	2,806	1,069	46.1	1,125	1.8	17.2
	1940...	13,215	11,419	418	2,657	3,162	2,789	1,703	690	43.7	1,796	3.7	23.3
	1930...	16,529	15,119	810	3,222	4,374	3,579	2,211	823	(NA)	1,410	5.4	21.3
	1920...	16,548	16,092	1,266	4,177	4,484	3,556	1,726	883	(NA)	456	7.9	26.0
	1910...	15,084	14,736	1,274	4,203	4,091	2,941	1,535	692	(NA)	348	8.6	28.5
All tenants.....	1954...	398,978	379,912	23,501	84,415	108,826	89,031	47,389	26,750	43.0	19,066	6.2	22.2
	1950...	530,884	485,773	46,214	129,890	136,499	90,452	54,116	28,602	40.9	45,111	9.5	26.7
	1945...	687,144	676,484	36,626	167,258	195,561	140,873	89,646	46,520	42.7	10,660	5.4	24.7
	1940...	942,655	898,794	86,015	258,971	222,585	173,960	108,486	48,777	40.7	43,861	9.6	28.8
	1930...	1,091,944	1,056,665	167,418	294,043	257,017	195,422	100,870	41,895	(NA)	35,279	15.8	27.8
	1920...	887,566	877,726	131,511	275,457	222,694	145,496	70,052	32,516	(NA)	9,840	15.0	31.4
	1910...	866,278	864,403	145,813	293,064	199,507	130,145	70,500	25,374	(NA)	1,875	16.9	33.9
Croppers.....	1954...	107,416	97,682	8,801	22,732	27,782	22,398	11,167	4,802	41.2	9,734	9.0	23.3
	1950...	144,800	131,125	17,446	36,075	36,389	23,344	12,384	5,487	39.1	13,675	13.3	27.5
	1945...	176,422	173,178	15,763	47,895	48,297	32,597	19,212	9,414	(NA)	3,244	9.1	27.7
	1940...	242,173	227,903	33,131	74,258	53,088	37,157	21,812	8,457	38.0	14,270	14.5	32.6
	1930...	383,381	369,771	82,847	109,543	80,172	59,670	27,435	10,104	(NA)	13,610	22.4	29.6
Other tenants.....	1954...	291,562	282,230	14,700	61,683	81,044	66,633	36,222	21,948	43.6	9,332	5.2	21.9
	1950...	65,633	58,482	4,208	13,651	15,376	10,754	7,559	6,934	44.0	7,151	7.2	23.3
	1945...	79,008	76,490	3,861	18,880	21,472	15,234	10,456	6,587	42.3	2,518	5.0	24.7
	1940...	89,123	83,130	7,598	22,185	19,526	15,369	10,966	7,486	(NA)	5,993	9.1	26.7
NONWHITE OPERATORS—THE SOUTH													
Total.....	1954...	463,476	451,656	15,279	59,412	108,844	113,292	81,316	73,513	48.6	11,820	3.4	13.2
	1950...	553,262	508,949	30,996	85,641	120,312	84,272	81,210	77,519	46.9	44,313	6.1	16.8
	1945...	672,783	662,239	35,146	112,324	155,988	153,158	114,554	91,069	46.6	10,544	5.3	17.0
	1940...	680,266	642,524	49,402	129,771	138,830	141,101	103,271	80,149	45.1	37,742	7.7	20.2
	1930...	881,687	853,486	98,780	168,371	185,422	203,995	128,126	68,792	(NA)	28,201	11.6	19.7
	1920...	922,914	912,122	89,112	186,489	216,383	229,460	116,963	73,715	(NA)	10,792	9.8	20.4
	1910...	890,141	886,976	87,728	220,911	182,303	182,307	110,460	65,437	(NA)	3,165	9.9	24.9
Full owners.....	1954...	129,854	128,710	700	7,385	20,117	29,867	30,401	40,240	56.0	1,144	0.5	5.7
	1950...	140,685	131,115	1,760	10,172	22,010	28,703	30,563	37,907	54.8	9,570	1.3	7.8
	1945...	164,806	163,478	1,764	12,446	29,516	41,152	38,966	39,634	53.5	1,328	1.1	7.4
	1940...	141,902	136,338	2,576	11,894	22,035	33,379	31,912	34,542	53.4	5,564	1.9	8.7
	1930...	140,496	137,106	2,685	11,167	23,881	38,586	34,113	26,574	(NA)	3,390	2.0	8.1
	1920...	178,558	176,600	4,375	18,606	36,286	51,892	36,685	28,756	(NA)	1,958	2.5	10.5
	1910...	175,290	174,853	4,856	25,145	38,490	46,060	34,466	25,836	(NA)	437	2.8	14.4
Part owners.....	1954...	50,736	50,304	325	3,851	12,234	14,955	11,468	7,471	50.8	432	0.6	7.7
	1950...	33,018	49,139	561	4,899	12,242	13,376	10,943	7,118	49.9	3,879	1.1	10.0
	1945...	29,342	29,305	144	3,010	6,372	8,655	6,294	4,830	50.9	37	0.5	10.3
	1940...	31,361	30,059	452	2,627	6,226	9,302	7,188	4,264	50.5	1,302	1.5	8.7
	1930...	41,523	40,498	708	3,748	9,230	13,954	8,923	3,935	(NA)	1,025	1.7	9.3
	1920...	39,031	38,602	1,636	5,918	9,816	11,882	6,103	3,247	(NA)	429	4.2	15.3
	1910...	43,177	43,055	1,244	7,029	11,561	12,393	7,478	3,350	(NA)	122	2.9	16.3
Managers.....	1954...	381	359	11	45	104	75	72	52	48.0	22	3.1	12.5
	1950...	217	191	...	16	43	57	23	20	50.3	...	...	8.4
	1945...	580	578	1	134	141	138	82	82	47.2	2	0.2	23.2
	1940...	365	333	15	57	95	91	51	24	44.9	32	4.5	17.1
	1930...	829	778	35	125	210	247	119	42	(NA)	51	4.5	16.1
	1920...	1,770	1,728	159	372	444	444	212	98	(NA)	42	9.2	23.5
	1910...	1,200	1,185	94	294	327	263	141	66	(NA)	15	7.9	24.8
All tenants.....	1954...	282,505	272,283	14,243	48,131	76,389	68,395	39,375	25,750	44.8	10,222	5.2	17.7
	1950...	359,342	328,504	28,679	70,554	86,017	68,073	42,714	32,471	43.2	30,838	8.7	21.5
	1945...	478,055	468,878	33,237	96,734	119,959	103,213	69,212	46,523	44.0	9,177	7.1	20.6
	1940...	506,638	475,794	46,359	115,193	140,474	98,329	64,120	43,319	42.4	30,844	9.7	24.2
	1930...	698											

TENURE, BY AGE; FOR THE SOUTH: 1910 TO 1954

based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text. Figures for divisions and States in Tables 19 and 20

Percent distribution of operators reporting in each tenure, by age—Continued				Percent distribution of operators in each age group, by tenure										Not reporting age
				All operators	Reporting age								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			
35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years											
23.1	25.1	20.2	17.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1
24.0	22.5	19.1	15.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2
23.7	24.2	19.5	15.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3
22.0	23.2	18.5	13.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4
23.3	22.9	16.1	10.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	5
25.1	21.7	14.4	9.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6
24.3	20.9	14.2	7.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	7
19.5	24.5	23.3	23.7	61.8	62.2	21.5	43.0	52.4	60.9	71.7	83.3	83.3	44.4	8
20.9	23.3	22.8	20.9	60.9	61.1	22.5	42.2	53.4	63.4	72.8	83.4	83.4	57.9	9
20.5	25.5	22.8	20.3	60.7	60.8	25.4	40.4	52.6	64.0	71.0	81.4	81.4	46.2	10
19.1	25.1	23.3	20.1	51.0	51.1	17.4	29.8	44.4	55.3	64.5	77.9	77.9	48.4	11
21.1	26.3	22.8	17.3	44.8	44.8	10.0	24.8	40.6	51.6	63.5	76.4	76.4	44.7	12
24.3	25.1	19.4	13.4	53.7	53.7	19.4	36.7	52.0	62.1	72.3	80.0	80.0	53.8	13
24.3	24.8	19.1	11.3	52.3	52.3	18.4	37.1	52.3	62.2	70.3	80.1	80.1	44.2	14
29.7	29.1	18.6	8.8	16.2	16.4	8.8	17.5	21.0	19.0	15.1	8.2	8.2	8.0	15
29.8	25.8	17.5	7.8	13.3	13.5	8.6	14.6	16.7	15.5	12.3	6.8	6.8	11.9	16
28.0	27.9	19.1	8.6	7.5	7.5	3.5	7.7	8.9	8.6	7.3	4.3	4.3	2.1	17
25.7	30.1	20.1	8.5	8.0	8.0	3.0	6.0	9.4	10.4	8.7	5.2	5.2	6.5	18
29.5	29.3	16.8	6.4	7.8	7.9	2.3	6.4	10.0	10.1	8.3	5.0	5.0	6.3	19
29.7	24.3	12.1	5.0	6.7	6.7	4.9	7.0	7.9	7.5	5.6	3.7	3.7	6.1	20
30.4	23.7	12.2	3.7	7.8	7.8	4.4	8.0	9.7	8.9	6.7	3.9	3.9	6.1	21
29.5	28.5	14.7	8.1	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.6	22
31.0	26.2	16.1	7.0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.1	23
27.8	27.4	18.7	7.1	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.3	4.9	24
27.7	24.4	14.9	6.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.8	25
28.9	23.7	14.6	6.1	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.9	26
27.9	22.1	10.7	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.8	27
27.8	20.0	10.4	4.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	7.8	28
28.6	23.4	12.5	7.0	21.5	21.0	69.1	38.8	25.9	19.6	12.9	8.3	8.3	46.0	29
28.1	18.6	11.1	5.9	25.3	25.0	68.6	42.8	29.3	20.7	14.6	9.6	9.6	29.1	30
28.9	20.8	13.3	6.9	31.1	31.0	70.6	51.1	37.7	26.6	21.0	14.0	14.0	46.8	31
24.8	19.4	12.1	5.4	40.5	40.4	79.2	63.5	45.5	33.7	26.4	16.6	16.6	43.3	32
24.3	18.5	9.5	4.0	46.6	46.6	87.2	68.0	48.6	37.7	27.7	18.2	18.2	47.1	33
25.4	16.6	8.0	3.7	38.9	38.9	75.0	55.5	39.3	29.7	21.5	15.9	15.9	38.2	34
23.1	15.1	8.2	2.9	39.2	39.2	76.5	54.2	37.2	28.3	22.6	15.6	15.6	41.9	35
28.4	22.9	11.4	4.9	5.8	5.4	25.9	10.4	6.6	4.9	3.0	1.5	1.5	23.5	36
27.8	17.8	9.4	4.2	6.9	6.8	25.9	11.9	7.8	5.3	3.3	1.8	1.8	8.8	37
27.9	18.8	11.1	5.4	7.9	7.9	30.4	14.6	9.3	6.2	4.5	2.8	2.8	14.2	38
23.3	16.3	9.6	3.7	10.4	10.2	30.5	18.2	10.9	7.2	5.3	2.9	2.9	14.1	39
21.7	16.1	7.4	2.7	16.4	16.3	43.2	25.4	15.2	11.5	7.5	4.4	4.4	18.2	40
28.7	23.6	12.8	7.8	15.7	15.6	43.2	28.3	19.3	14.7	9.9	6.8	6.8	22.5	41
26.3	18.4	12.9	11.9	3.1	3.0	6.2	4.5	3.3	2.5	2.0	2.3	2.3	4.6	42
28.1	19.9	13.7	8.6	3.6	3.5	7.4	5.8	4.1	2.9	2.4	2.0	2.0	11.0	43
23.5	18.5	13.2	9.0	3.8	3.7	7.0	5.4	4.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	5.9	44
24.1	25.1	18.0	16.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	45
23.6	21.7	16.6	15.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	46
23.6	23.1	17.3	13.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	47
21.6	22.0	16.1	12.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	48
21.7	23.9	15.0	8.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	49
23.7	25.2	12.8	8.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50
24.8	20.6	12.5	7.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	51
15.6	23.2	23.6	31.3	28.0	28.5	4.6	12.4	18.5	26.4	37.4	54.7	54.7	9.7	52
16.8	21.9	23.3	28.9	25.4	25.8	5.7	11.9	18.3	26.0	36.3	48.9	48.9	21.6	53
18.1	25.2	23.8	24.2	24.5	24.7	5.0	11.1	18.9	26.9	34.0	43.5	43.5	12.6	54
16.2	24.5	23.4	25.3	20.9	21.2	5.2	9.2	15.9	23.7	30.9	43.1	43.1	14.7	55
17.4	28.1	24.9	19.5	15.9	16.1	2.7	6.6	12.9	18.9	26.6	38.8	38.8	12.0	56
20.5	29.4	20.8	16.3	19.3	19.4	4.9	10.0	16.8	22.6	31.4	39.0	39.0	18.1	57
22.0	26.3	19.7	14.8	19.7	19.7	5.5	11.4	17.5	25.3	31.2	39.5	39.5	13.8	58
24.3	29.7	22.8	14.9	10.9	11.1	2.1	6.5	11.2	13.2	14.1	10.2	10.2	3.7	59
24.9	27.2	22.3	14.5	9.6	9.7	1.8	5.7	10.2	12.1	13.0	9.2	9.2	8.8	60
21.7	29.5	21.5	16.5	4.4	4.4	0.4	2.7	4.1	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.3	0.4	61
20.7	30.9	23.9	14.2	4.6	4.7	0.9	2.0	4.5	6.6	7.0	5.3	5.3	3.4	62
22.8	34.5	22.0	9.7	4.7	4.7	0.7	2.2	5.0	6.8	7.0	5.7	5.7	3.6	63
25.4	30.8	15.8	8.4	4.2	4.2	1.8	3.2	4.5	5.2	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.0	64
26.9	28.8	17.4	7.8	4.9	4.9	1.4	3.2	5.3	6.8	6.8	5.1	5.1	3.9	65
29.0	20.9	20.1	14.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	66
22.5	29.8	27.2	12.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.1	67
24.4	23.9	14.2	14.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	68
28.5	27.3	15.3	7.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.1	69
27.0	31.7	15.3	5.4	0.1	0.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	70
25.6	25.7	12.3	5.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	71
27.6	22.2	11.9	5.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	72
28.1	25.1	14.5	9.5	61.0	60.3	93.2	81.0	70.2	60.4	48.4	35.0	35.0	86.5	73
26.2	20.7	13.0	9.9	64.9	64.5	92.5	82.4	71.5	61.8	50.7	41.9	41.9	69.6	74
25.6	22.0	14.8	9.9	71.1	70.8	94.6	86.1	76.9	67.4	60.4	51.1	51.1	87.0	75
23.2	20.7	13.5	8.7	74.5	74.1	93.8	88.8	79.6	69.7	62.1	51.6	51.6	81.7	76
22.5	22.4	12.6	5.6	79.3	79.1	96.5	91.1	82.0	74.1	66.3	55.4	55.4	84.2	77
24.4	23.8	10.6	6.0	76.2	76.2	93.1	86.7	78.5	72.0	63.2	56.5	56.5	77.5	78
25.4	18.5	10.2	5.4	75.3	75.3	92.9	85.3	77.1	67.8	61.9	55.3	55.3	81.9	79
28.9	24.0	13.2	7.0	34.6	34.0	67.2	52.3	40.8	32.5	24.9	14.6	14.6	56.2	80
26.3	19.8	11.2	7.7	35.1	34.8	64.3	49.0	38.8	31.9	23.6	17.6	17.6	37.8	81
25.8	20.2	13.2	8.5	40.2	40.0	68.4	54.9	43.7	34.8	30.5	24.7	24.7	55.0	82
23.6	18.3	11.2	6.6	44.0	43.4	70.9	59.5	47.5	36.2	30.1	22.9	22.9	54.0	83
21.9	19.0	10.0	4.2	44.6	44.3	71.4	58.9	44.7	35.2	29.4	23.3	23.3	52.1	84
26.9	26.6	16.1	12.6	26.4	26.3	26.1	28.7	29.4	27.9	23.5	20.4	20.4	30.3	85
24.8	20.2	14.5	16.6	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.5	4.5	5.3	86
27.5	21.8	15.1	11.0	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.7	5.8	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.0	10.4	87
21.8	23.4	16.3	13.1	6.9	6.9	5.7	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	88