

# AGE, RESIDENCE, YEARS ON FARM, WORK OFF FARM

**Table 14.—FARM OPERATORS IN EACH COLOR AND TENURE, BY YEARS ON PRESENT FARM, WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION; FOR THE SOUTH: 1910 TO 1954**

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Tenure and year	All farm operators	Operators reporting years on present farm					Average number of years on present farm	Operators not reporting years on present farm	Percent distribution of operators reporting in each tenure, by years on present farm				Percent distribution of operators in each years-on-farm group, by tenure			
		Total	Less than 5 years		5 to 9 years	10 or more years			Total	Less than 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 or more years	Less than 5 years		5 to 9 years	10 or more years
			Total	1 year or less									Total	1 year or less		
<b>WHITE OPERATORS—THE SOUTH</b>																
Total.....1954...	1,853,820	1,805,384	402,099	132,725	446,164	957,121	14	48,436	22.3	7.4	24.7	53.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950.....	2,097,541	1,953,196	765,290	219,439	364,602	823,304	12	144,345	39.2	11.2	18.7	42.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1945.....	2,208,046	2,152,613	975,008	414,083	348,472	829,133	(NA)	55,433	45.3	19.2	16.2	38.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940.....	2,326,904	2,147,921	920,118	(NA)	361,709	866,094	11	178,983	42.8	(NA)	16.8	40.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1935.....	2,606,176	2,546,202	1,281,506	602,728	387,207	877,489	(NA)	59,974	50.3	23.7	14.9	34.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930.....	2,342,129	2,247,217	1,166,225	500,178	320,696	760,296	(NA)	94,912	51.9	22.3	14.3	33.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1925.....	2,299,963	2,240,586	1,196,570	533,569	388,188	655,828	(NA)	59,377	53.4	23.8	17.3	29.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1920.....	2,283,750	2,184,132	1,125,110	288,153	333,331	725,691	(NA)	99,618	51.5	13.2	15.3	33.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1910.....	2,207,406	1,997,830	1,138,226	434,268	312,140	547,464	(NA)	209,576	57.0	21.7	15.6	27.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Full owners.....</b>																
1954.....	1,145,372	1,121,172	155,011	37,439	262,064	704,097	17	24,200	13.8	3.3	23.4	62.8	38.5	28.2	58.7	73.6
1950.....	1,277,028	1,185,547	320,124	59,794	230,837	634,586	16	91,481	27.0	5.0	19.5	53.5	41.8	28.2	63.3	77.1
1945.....	1,340,090	1,306,306	412,393	133,406	227,627	666,286	(NA)	33,794	31.6	10.2	17.4	51.0	42.3	32.2	65.3	80.4
1940.....	1,185,788	1,084,377	255,367	(NA)	178,827	650,183	16	101,411	23.5	(NA)	16.5	60.0	27.7	(NA)	49.4	75.1
1935.....	1,185,833	1,161,400	289,773	83,291	204,190	667,437	(NA)	28,433	24.9	7.2	17.6	57.5	22.6	13.8	52.7	76.1
1930.....	1,050,187	996,133	238,959	58,690	168,212	590,962	(NA)	52,054	23.9	5.9	16.9	59.2	20.5	11.7	52.5	77.7
1925.....	1,227,204	1,198,192	369,955	67,227	211,833	617,404	(NA)	28,012	30.8	5.6	17.7	51.5	32.9	23.3	63.5	85.1
1920.....	1,154,100	996,950	329,864	63,350	206,189	462,897	(NA)	155,150	33.0	6.3	20.6	46.3	29.0	14.6	66.1	84.6
<b>Part owners.....</b>																
1954.....	300,280	295,841	46,779	11,583	82,789	166,273	14	4,439	15.8	3.9	28.0	56.2	11.6	8.7	18.6	17.4
1950.....	279,930	263,010	88,257	15,964	56,725	118,028	12	16,920	33.6	6.1	21.6	44.9	11.5	7.3	15.6	14.3
1945.....	164,690	161,382	55,612	16,090	32,170	73,600	(NA)	3,308	34.5	10.0	19.9	45.6	5.7	3.9	9.2	8.9
1940.....	185,246	172,850	45,987	31,534	95,429	60,183	14	12,396	26.5	(NA)	18.2	55.2	5.0	(NA)	8.7	11.0
1935.....	198,768	194,717	55,666	15,983	40,662	98,389	(NA)	4,051	28.6	8.2	20.9	50.5	4.3	2.7	10.5	11.2
1930.....	183,469	175,588	55,328	13,452	35,669	84,591	(NA)	7,881	31.5	7.7	20.3	48.2	4.7	2.7	11.1	11.1
1925.....	152,432	146,988	73,672	13,711	27,941	45,375	(NA)	5,444	50.1	9.3	19.0	30.9	6.5	4.8	8.4	6.3
1920.....	171,944	161,984	82,932	21,427	34,664	44,388	(NA)	9,960	51.2	13.2	21.4	27.4	7.3	4.9	11.1	8.1
<b>Managers.....</b>																
1954.....	9,190	8,740	3,505	1,026	2,449	2,786	8	450	40.1	11.7	28.0	31.9	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3
1950.....	9,699	8,744	4,004	1,195	1,877	2,863	10	955	45.8	13.7	21.5	32.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
1945.....	16,122	15,612	8,629	3,468	2,965	4,018	(NA)	510	55.3	22.2	19.0	25.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5
1940.....	13,215	11,768	6,613	(NA)	2,477	2,678	7	1,447	56.2	(NA)	21.0	22.8	0.7	(NA)	0.7	0.3
1935.....	15,401	14,252	8,585	3,367	2,961	2,706	(NA)	1,149	60.2	23.6	20.8	19.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.3
1930.....	16,529	15,599	9,993	3,642	2,803	2,603	(NA)	1,330	64.9	23.7	18.2	16.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.3
1925.....	10,259	9,922	6,805	2,798	1,751	1,366	(NA)	337	68.6	28.2	17.6	13.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2
1920.....	16,548	15,362	10,622	3,005	2,674	2,067	(NA)	1,185	69.1	19.6	17.4	13.5	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.3
1910.....	15,084	13,710	9,453	3,300	2,198	2,059	(NA)	1,374	68.9	24.1	16.0	15.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.4
<b>All tenants.....</b>																
1954.....	398,978	379,631	196,804	82,677	98,862	83,965	6	19,347	51.8	21.8	26.0	22.1	48.9	62.3	22.2	8.8
1950.....	530,884	495,895	352,905	142,486	75,163	67,827	5	34,989	71.2	28.7	15.2	13.7	46.1	64.9	20.6	8.2
1945.....	687,144	669,313	498,374	261,119	85,710	85,229	(NA)	17,831	74.5	39.0	12.8	12.7	51.1	63.1	24.6	10.3
1940.....	942,655	878,926	612,251	(NA)	148,871	117,804	5	63,729	69.6	(NA)	16.9	13.4	66.5	(NA)	41.2	13.6
1935.....	1,202,174	1,175,833	927,482	500,087	139,394	108,957	(NA)	26,341	78.9	42.5	11.9	9.3	72.4	83.0	36.0	12.4
1930.....	1,091,944	1,058,097	861,945	424,394	114,012	82,140	(NA)	33,847	81.5	40.1	10.8	7.8	73.9	84.8	35.6	10.8
1925.....	965,051	940,119	798,667	431,415	88,959	52,493	(NA)	24,932	84.9	45.9	9.5	5.6	66.7	80.9	22.9	8.0
1920.....	887,566	822,589	670,861	204,210	90,883	60,845	(NA)	64,977	81.5	24.8	11.0	7.4	59.6	70.9	27.3	8.4
1910.....	866,278	823,186	715,977	346,191	69,089	38,120	(NA)	43,092	86.9	42.1	8.4	4.6	62.9	79.7	22.1	7.0
<b>Croppers.....</b>																
1954.....	107,416	97,824	62,292	29,626	21,485	14,047	5	9,592	63.7	30.3	22.0	14.4	15.5	22.3	4.8	1.5
1950.....	144,800	136,131	108,294	51,117	15,960	11,877	4	8,669	79.6	37.5	11.7	8.7	14.2	23.3	4.4	1.4
1945.....	176,422	171,529	138,897	78,909	17,830	14,802	(NA)	4,893	81.0	46.0	10.4	8.6	14.2	19.1	5.1	1.8
1940.....	242,173	225,955	174,832	(NA)	31,871	19,252	4	16,218	77.4	(NA)	14.1	8.5	19.0	(NA)	8.8	2.2
1935.....	347,848	340,697	291,119	166,391	31,182	18,396	(NA)	7,151	85.4	48.8	9.2	5.4	22.7	27.6	8.1	2.1
1930.....	383,381	372,345	335,139	189,520	23,768	13,438	(NA)	11,036	90.0	50.9	6.4	3.6	28.7	37.9	7.4	1.8
1920.....	227,378	208,441	186,273	63,477	14,331	7,837	(NA)	18,937	89.4	30.5	6.9	3.8	16.6	22.0	4.3	1.1
<b>Other tenants<sup>1</sup>.....</b>																
1954.....	291,562	281,807	134,512	53,051	77,377	69,918	7	9,755	47.7	18.8	27.5	24.8	33.5	40.0	17.3	7.3
1950.....	386,084	359,764	244,611	91,369	59,203	55,950	5	26,320	68.0	25.4	16.5	15.6	32.0	41.6	16.2	6.8
1945.....	510,722	497,784	359,477	182,210	67,880	70,427	(NA)	12,938	72.2	36.6	13.6	14.1	36.9	44.0	19.5	8.5
1940.....	700,482	652,971	437,419	(NA)	117,000	98,552	(NA)	47,511	67.0	(NA)	17.9	15.1	47.5	(NA)	32.3	11.4
1935.....	854,326	835,136	636,363	333,696	108,212	90,561	(NA)	19,190	76.2	40.0	13.0	10.8	49.7	55.4	27.9	10.3
1930.....	708,563	685,752	526,806	234,874	90,244	68,702	(NA)	22,811	76.8	34.3	13.2	10.0	45.2	47.0	28.1	9.0
1920.....	660,188	614,148	484,588	140,733	76,552	53,008	(NA)	46,040	78.9	22.9	12.5	8.6	43.1	48.8	23.0	7.3

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			Total	1 year or less	5 to 9 years									10 or more years	Total	1 year or less		
<b>NONWHITE OPERATORS—THE SOUTH</b>																		
Total.....1954...	463,476	450,368	140,414	51,751	114,723	195,231	12	13,108	31.2	11.5	25.5	43.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1950...	553,262	524,098	251,137	76,692	99,024	173,937	10	29,164	47.9	14.6	18.9	33.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1945...	672,783	652,386	364,065	151,798	105,773	182,548	(NA)	20,397	55.8	23.3	16.2	28.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1940...	680,266	632,942	324,215	(NA)	116,514	192,213	9	47,324	51.2	(NA)	18.4	30.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1935...	815,747	798,826	460,501	217,955	126,931	211,394	(NA)	16,921	57.6	27.3	15.9	26.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1930...	881,687	852,232	531,981	201,039	123,066	197,185	(NA)	29,455	62.4	23.6	14.4	23.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1925...	831,455	801,833	526,056	244,605	120,645	155,132	(NA)	29,622	65.6	30.5	15.0	19.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1920...	922,914	872,132	546,718	107,962	133,517	191,897	(NA)	50,782	62.7	12.4	15.3	22.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1910...	890,141	814,284	530,145	189,324	127,586	156,553	(NA)	75,857	65.1	23.3	15.7	19.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
<b>Full owners.....</b>																		
1954...	129,854	127,699	11,728	2,558	24,917	91,054	20	2,155	9.2	2.0	19.5	71.3	8.4	4.9	21.7	46.6		
1950...	140,685	131,906	25,288	3,451	25,153	81,465	18	8,779	19.2	2.6	19.1	61.8	10.1	4.5	25.4	46.8		
1945...	164,806	159,164	44,050	11,382	25,660	89,454	(NA)	5,642	27.7	7.2	16.1	56.2	12.1	7.5	24.3	49.0		
1940...	141,902	130,213	24,251	(NA)	19,275	86,687	18	11,689	18.6	(NA)	14.8	66.6	7.5	(NA)	16.5	45.1		
1935...	150,113	146,461	26,875	7,007	23,147	96,439	(NA)	3,652	18.3	4.8	15.8	65.8	5.8	3.2	18.2	45.6		
1930...	140,496	133,981	25,357	4,978	19,664	88,960	(NA)	6,515	18.9	3.7	14.7	66.4	4.8	2.5	16.0	45.1		
1920...	178,558	174,011	42,323	4,024	31,735	99,953	(NA)	4,547	24.3	2.3	18.2	57.4	7.7	3.7	23.8	52.1		
1910...	175,290	144,576	36,199	4,736	32,409	75,968	(NA)	30,714	25.0	3.3	22.4	52.5	6.8	2.5	25.4	48.5		
<b>Part owners.....</b>																		
1954...	50,736	50,051	8,156	2,176	13,593	28,302	15	685	16.3	4.3	27.2	56.5	5.8	4.2	11.8	14.5		
1950...	53,018	50,434	15,246	2,450	11,161	24,027	13	2,584	30.2	4.9	22.1	47.6	6.1	3.2	11.3	13.8		
1945...	29,342	28,764	9,406	2,686	5,502	13,856	(NA)	578	32.7	9.3	19.1	48.2	2.6	1.8	5.2	7.6		
1940...	31,361	29,181	6,948	(NA)	4,960	17,273	15	2,180	23.8	(NA)	17.0	59.2	2.1	(NA)	4.3	9.0		
1935...	35,952	35,202	8,919	2,625	6,574	19,709	(NA)	750	25.3	7.5	18.7	56.0	1.9	1.2	5.2	9.3		
1930...	41,523	39,861	10,528	2,276	7,211	22,122	(NA)	1,662	26.4	5.7	18.1	55.5	2.0	1.1	5.9	11.2		
1920...	39,031	37,454	16,036	1,964	7,609	13,809	(NA)	1,577	42.8	5.2	20.3	36.9	2.9	1.8	5.7	7.2		
1910...	43,177	40,143	16,502	3,510	8,988	14,653	(NA)	3,034	41.1	8.7	22.4	36.5	3.1	1.9	7.0	5.4		
<b>Managers.....</b>																		
1954...	381	370	134	36	91	145	9	11	36.2	9.7	24.6	39.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
1950...	217	207	51	13	42	114	13	10	24.6	6.3	20.3	55.1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1		
1945...	580	578	257	28	138	183	(NA)	2	44.5	4.8	27.9	31.7	0.1	(Z)	0.1	0.1		
1940...	365	323	171	(NA)	67	85	8	42	52.9	(NA)	20.9	26.3	0.1	(NA)	0.1	(Z)		
1935...	381	369	205	65	62	102	(NA)	12	55.6	17.6	16.8	27.6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		
1930...	829	784	471	164	144	169	(NA)	45	60.1	20.9	18.4	21.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
1925...	667	638	439	178	99	100	(NA)	29	68.8	27.9	15.5	15.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
1920...	1,770	1,617	1,120	242	269	228	(NA)	153	69.3	15.0	16.6	14.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1		
1910...	1,200	1,089	664	207	226	199	(NA)	111	61.0	19.0	20.8	18.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1		
<b>All tenants.....</b>																		
1954...	282,505	272,248	120,396	46,981	76,122	75,730	8	10,257	44.2	17.3	28.0	27.8	85.7	90.8	66.4	38.8		
1950...	359,342	341,551	210,552	70,778	62,668	68,331	6	17,791	61.6	20.7	18.3	20.0	83.8	92.3	63.3	39.3		
1945...	478,055	463,880	310,352	137,702	74,473	79,055	(NA)	14,175	66.9	29.7	16.1	17.0	85.2	90.7	70.4	43.3		
1940...	506,638	473,225	292,845	(NA)	92,212	88,168	6	33,413	61.9	(NA)	19.5	18.6	90.3	(NA)	79.1	45.9		
1935...	629,301	616,794	424,502	208,258	97,148	95,144	(NA)	12,507	68.8	33.8	15.7	15.4	92.2	95.6	76.5	45.0		
1930...	698,839	677,606	495,625	193,621	96,047	85,934	(NA)	21,233	73.1	28.6	14.2	12.7	93.2	96.3	78.0	43.6		
1925...	636,248	612,250	477,873	232,104	79,171	55,206	(NA)	23,998	78.1	37.9	12.9	9.0	90.8	94.9	65.6	35.6		
1920...	703,555	659,050	487,239	101,732	93,904	77,907	(NA)	44,505	73.9	15.4	14.2	11.8	89.1	94.2	70.3	40.6		
1910...	670,474	628,476	476,780	180,871	85,963	65,733	(NA)	41,998	75.9	28.6	13.7	10.5	89.9	95.5	67.4	42.0		
<b>Croppers.....</b>																		
1954...	160,246	153,754	75,658	31,322	42,311	35,785	7	6,492	49.2	20.4	27.5	23.3	53.9	60.5	36.9	18.3		
1950...	193,975	185,550	123,918	46,351	31,740	29,892	5	8,425	66.8	25.0	17.1	16.1	49.3	60.4	32.1	17.2		
1945...	270,428	261,884	185,274	84,975	39,856	36,754	(NA)	8,544	70.7	32.4	15.2	14.0	50.9	56.0	37.7	20.1		
1940...	299,118	279,800	191,595	(NA)	51,274	36,931	5	19,318	68.5	(NA)	18.3	13.2	59.1	(NA)	44.0	19.2		
1935...	368,408	361,382	271,337	139,092	51,021	39,024	(NA)	7,026	75.1	38.5	14.1	10.8	58.9	63.8	40.2	18.5		
1930...	392,897	381,543	312,824	135,946	41,142	27,577	(NA)	11,354	82.0	35.6	10.8	7.2	58.8	67.6	33.4	14.0		
1920...	333,713	310,287	257,404	60,950	33,250	19,633	(NA)	23,426	83.0	19.6	10.7	6.3	47.1	56.5	24.9	10.2		
<b>Other tenants<sup>1</sup>.....</b>																		
1954...	122,259	118,494	44,738	15,649	33,811	39,945	9	3,765	37.8	13.2	28.5	33.7	31.9	30.2	29.5	20.5		
1950...	165,367	156,001	86,634	24,427	30,928	38,439	7	9,366	55.5	15.7	19.8	24.6	34.5	31.9	31.2	22.1		
1945...	207,627	201,996	125,078	52,727	34,617	42,301	(NA)	5,331	61.9	26.1	17.1	20.9	34.4	34.7	32.7	23.2		
1940...	207,520	193,425	101,250	(NA)	40,938	51,237	(NA)	14,095	52.3	(NA)	21.2	26.5	31.2	(NA)	35.1	26.7		
1935...	260,893	255,412	153,165	69,166	46,127	56,120	(NA)	5,481	60.0	27.1	18.1	22.0	33.3	31.7	36.3	26.5		
1930...	305,942	296,063	182,801	57,675	54,905	58,357	(NA)	9,879	61.7	19.5	18.5	19.7	34.4	28.7	44.6	29.6		
1920...	369,842	348,763	229,835	40,782	60,654	58,274	(NA)	21,079	65.9	11.7	17.4	16.7	42.0	37.8	45.4	30.4		

NA Not available.

Z 0.05 percent or less.

<sup>1</sup>Cash, share-cash, share, and other and unspecified tenants.