

TABLE 1.—FARMS REPORTING SPECIFIED FACILITIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1920 TO 1954

[All 1954 and 1950 data are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text. Figures for divisions and States in Table 5]

Year	All farms (number)	Farms reporting telephone ¹				Farms reporting electricity ²				Farms reporting running water ³			
		Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-)		Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-)		Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-)	
				Number	Percent			Number	Percent			Number	Percent
1954.....	4,783,021	2,332,309	48.8	274,753	13.4	4,448,611	93.0	235,012	5.6	2,810,531	58.8	791,953	39.2
1950.....	5,379,250	2,057,556	38.2	191,447	10.3	4,213,569	78.3	1,425,975	51.2	2,018,578	37.5	339,555	20.2
1945.....	5,859,169	1,866,109	31.8	339,155	22.2	2,787,624	47.6	755,308	37.2	1,679,023	28.7	338,998	25.3
1940.....	6,096,799	1,526,954	25.0	-612,240	-28.6	2,032,316	33.3	1,191,006	141.6	1,340,025	⁴ 17.5	345,823	34.8
1930.....	6,288,648	2,139,194	34.0	-359,299	-14.4	841,310	13.4	388,690	85.9	994,202	15.8	350,303	54.4
1920.....	6,448,343	2,498,493	38.7	-----	-----	452,620	7.0	-----	-----	643,899	10.0	-----	-----

Year	All farms (number)	Farms reporting home freezers ⁵				Farms reporting television ⁶			
		Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-)		Number	Percent of all farms	Increase or decrease (-)	
				Number	Percent			Number	Percent
1954.....	4,783,021	1,541,415	32.2	890,903	137.0	1,698,548	35.5	1,544,458	(⁷)
1950.....	5,379,250	650,512	12.1	-----	-----	154,090	⁸ 2.7	-----	-----

¹ Questionnaire inquiry in 1945 specified "in farm dwelling"; other Censuses merely specified "on farm."
² Questionnaire inquiry in 1954 and in 1950 specified "on farm"; in 1945 and in 1940, "in farm dwelling"; in 1930, "in farmer's dwelling house"; and in 1920, "gas or electric light in operator's house."
³ Questionnaire inquiry in 1954 and in 1950 specified "on farm"; in 1945, "in farm dwelling"; in 1940, in "rural-farm dwelling units"; in 1930, "in farmer's dwelling house"; and in 1920, "in operator's house."
⁴ Percent of all "rural-farm dwelling units" (7,642,281).
⁵ Questionnaire inquiry in 1954 and in 1950 specified "on farm." No comparable inquiry for 1945 and earlier Census years.
⁶ Questionnaire inquiry in 1954 specified "on farm"; 1950 data from 1950 U. S. Census of Housing, rural-farm dwelling units with television.
⁷ Percent not shown where more than 1,000.
⁸ Percent of all occupied "rural-farm dwelling units" (5,721,022).

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