

FARMERS AND FARM PRODUCTION

Off-farm income per farm reporting.—Comparison of data in Table 44, on off-farm income of farm-operator families per farm reporting, shows (1) that the income received from most of the sources is remarkably uniform from class to class outside of Class I, (2) that average total income from nonfarm work is substantially higher for part-time (Class VII), residential (Class VIII), and Class V farm operators, than for those in Classes II-IV, (3) that income received from interest, dividends, trust

funds or royalties is considerably larger for Class I farm operators than for others, and (4) that income received by wife from farm work is low in Class I and part-time (Class VII) farms and high in Class III and IV. (This is considered significant as there is assumed to be an inverse relation between income earned by the wife in farm work and the level of living of the family on the farm.)

Table 44.—AVERAGE OFF-FARM INCOME OF FARM-OPERATOR FAMILIES BY FARMS REPORTING SPECIFIED SOURCES, BY CLASS OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

Source of income	United States, total (dollars)	Group I			Group II				Group III			
		Total (dollars)	Class I (dollars)	Class II (dollars)	Total (dollars)	Class III (dollars)	Class IV (dollars)	Class V (dollars)	Total (dollars)	Class VI (dollars)	Part-time (dollars)	Residential (dollars)
Average off-farm income per farm-operator family:												
Income received by farm operator:												
Income from off-farm business or self-employment:												
Farm customwork.....	762	1,089	2,874	597	664	599	687	774	480	322	916	316
Farm trucking or hauling.....	860	981		981	765	369	1,016	942	950	510	516	1,566
Nonfarm business.....	2,249	3,390	4,666	2,691	2,054	2,010	2,229	1,919	2,161	838	2,609	2,323
Income from working for others for wages or salary:												
Farm work.....	712	1,540	3,739	713	592	578	628	564	470	288	689	462
Nonfarm work.....	2,220	1,445	2,186	1,309	1,770	1,275	1,521	2,433	2,632	845	2,878	2,811
Income from rental of farm real estate.....	821	1,659	1,937	1,490	953	1,408	847	649	482	402	483	474
Income from rental of nonfarm real estate.....	701	689	688	689	663	813	627	529	748	366	946	650
Income from roomers and boarders.....	421	674	508	775	364	412	316	370	445	371	462	445
Income from interest, dividends, a trust fund, or royalties.....	505	773	1,283	621	438	576	391	263	413	111	196	861
Income from veteran's pensions and compensation, veteran's school allotment, serviceman's family allotment.....	743	543	277	646	758	788	578	947	764	831	620	843
Income from retirement pay, unemployment compensation, old age pension, annuities, alimony, regular contributions or welfare received.....	654	594	544	604	594	635	517	629	671	580	673	704
Any other personal income.....	527	420	718	344	708	516	722	983	386	1,594	207	456
Income received by wife:												
From farm work.....	254	243	78	272	360	458	600	102	176	295	79	111
From nonfarm work.....	1,204	1,136	1,306	1,079	1,254	1,189	1,263	1,304	1,178	1,015	1,435	1,036
Income received by other family members:												
From farm work.....	356	825	870	813	291	423	211	277	241	295	274	195
From nonfarm work.....	1,391	1,297	911	1,449	1,535	1,617	1,419	1,564	1,282	1,366	1,368	1,197

Table 45.—FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY, EDUCATION, AND FAMILY INCOME AFTER TAXES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

Item	United States, total
Farm operators by age:	
Total operators.....	4,760,050
Under 35 years.....	613,801
35 to 64 years.....	3,209,546
65 years and over.....	936,703
Farm operators by number of persons in family:	
Total operators.....	4,760,050
1.9 persons or less.....	244,520
2.0 to 4.9 persons.....	3,126,786
5.0 to 5.9 persons.....	573,472
6.0 or more persons.....	815,272
Farm operators by education:	
Total operators.....	4,760,050
Not completing eighth grade.....	1,535,263
Completing eighth grade but not completing high school.....	2,083,240
Completing high school.....	1,081,407
Operators not reporting as to education.....	60,140
Farm operators by family income after taxes:	
Total operators.....	4,760,050
Negative income.....	189,133
\$0 to \$999.....	1,031,746
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	1,003,694
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	840,136
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	605,229
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	322,017
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	212,970
\$6,000 to \$7,499.....	137,102
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	90,835
\$10,000 and over.....	85,550
Operators not reporting family income.....	241,638

Table 46.—PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY, EDUCATION, AND FAMILY INCOME AFTER TAXES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

Item	United States, total
Farm operators by age:	
Total operators.....	100.0
Under 35 years.....	12.9
35 to 64 years.....	67.4
65 years and over.....	19.7
Farm operators by number of persons in family:	
Total operators.....	100.0
1.9 persons or less.....	5.1
2.0 to 4.9 persons.....	65.7
5.0 to 5.9 persons.....	12.0
6.0 or more persons.....	17.1
Farm operators by education:	
Total operators.....	100.0
Not completing eighth grade.....	32.3
Completing eighth grade but not completing high school.....	43.8
Completing high school.....	22.7
Operators not reporting as to education.....	1.3
Farm operator by family income after taxes:	
Total operators.....	100.0
Negative income.....	4.0
\$0 to \$999.....	21.7
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	21.1
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	17.6
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	12.7
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	6.8
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	4.5
\$6,000 to \$7,499.....	2.9
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	1.9
\$10,000 and over.....	1.8
Operators not reporting family income.....	5.1