

STATISTICS FOR THE STATE

State Table 5.—FARM OPERATORS BY COLOR, RESIDENCE, OFF-FARM WORK, AGE, AND YEARS ON PRESENT FARM: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1954

[Data in italics are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

| Item (For definitions and explanations, see text) | Census of— | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1954 (November) | 1950 (April 1) | 1945 (January 1) | 1940 (April 1) | 1935 (January 1) | 1930 (April 1) | 1925 (January 1) | 1920 (January 1) |
| FARM OPERATORS | | | | | | | | |
| By color: | | | | | | | | |
| White.....number.. | 29,415 | 32,504 | 37,057 | 38,059 | 39,518 | 37,936 | 42,280 | 41,699 |
| Negro.....number.. | 3,076 | 3,595 | | | | | | |
| Other nonwhite.....number.. | 9 | 8 | 4,218 | 4,049 | 4,894 | 5,264 | 6,721 | 6,208 |
| By residence: | | | | | | | | |
| Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 30,073 | 33,549 | 38,414 | 37,806 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 1,777 | 1,629 | 2,601 | 1,926 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting residence.....number.. | 650 | 929 | 260 | 2,378 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| By off-farm work: | | | | | | | | |
| Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting.. | 15,391 | 15,709 | 12,307 | 12,291 | 12,071 | 14,389 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1 to 49 days.....operators reporting.. | 2,831 | 2,848 | 1,401 | 2,132 | 2,722 | 4,327 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 days.....operators reporting.. | 1,454 | 1,640 | 990 | 1,486 | 2,006 | 2,208 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 days or more.....operators reporting.. | 11,106 | 11,221 | 9,916 | 8,673 | 7,343 | 7,854 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 days.....operators reporting.. | 1,956 | 2,269 | 1,930 | 2,632 | 3,199 | 3,258 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 days and over.....operators reporting.. | 9,150 | 8,952 | 7,986 | 6,041 | 4,144 | 4,596 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not working off their farms.....number.. | 16,259 | 19,680 | | | | | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 833 | 773 | 28,968 | 25,662 | 27,942 | 28,814 | (NA) | (NA) |
| By age: | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years.....operators reporting.. | 509 | 459 | 917 | 780 | (NA) | 819 | (NA) | 1,502 |
| 25 to 34 years.....operators reporting.. | 3,414 | 4,128 | 4,831 | 4,625 | (NA) | 5,333 | (NA) | 7,841 |
| 35 to 44 years.....operators reporting.. | 6,856 | 7,715 | 8,796 | 7,934 | (NA) | 9,828 | (NA) | 11,171 |
| 45 to 54 years.....operators reporting.. | 8,082 | 8,782 | 10,661 | 10,364 | (NA) | 10,754 | (NA) | 12,476 |
| 55 to 64 years.....operators reporting.. | 7,445 | 7,601 | 8,797 | 8,693 | (NA) | 8,928 | (NA) | 8,958 |
| 65 years and over.....operators reporting.. | 5,899 | 5,625 | 7,001 | 7,280 | (NA) | 5,974 | (NA) | 5,380 |
| Average age.....years.. | 51.0 | 50.3 | 50.2 | 50.9 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting age.....number.. | 578 | 1,852 | 272 | 2,434 | (NA) | 1,567 | (NA) | 580 |
| Operation of present farm began— | | | | | | | | |
| 1954: | | | | | | | | |
| September or later.....operators reporting.. | 153 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| July and August.....operators reporting.. | 66 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| May and June.....operators reporting.. | 140 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 332 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 411 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1953: | | | | | | | | |
| November and December.....operators reporting.. | 229 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| September and October.....operators reporting.. | 206 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| July and August.....operators reporting.. | 139 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| May and June.....operators reporting.. | 146 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 260 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 269 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1952.....operators reporting.. | 1,664 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1951.....operators reporting.. | 1,653 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1946 to 1950.....operators reporting.. | 7,623 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1941 to 1945.....operators reporting.. | 4,721 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1940 and earlier.....operators reporting.. | 13,675 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 796 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Average number of years on present farm.....years.. | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |

NA Not available.

State Table 6.—FARMS BY CLASS OF WORK POWER AND SPECIFIED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1954

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| Item (For definitions and explanations, see text) | Census of— | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1954 (November) | 1950 (April 1) | 1945 (January 1) | 1940 (April 1) | 1935 (January 1) | 1930 (April 1) | 1925 (January 1) | 1920 (January 1) |
| Farms by class of work power: | | | | | | | | |
| No tractor, horses, or mules.....farms reporting.. | 7,842 | 7,488 | 10,997 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and only 1 horse or mule.....farms reporting.. | 1,393 | 2,792 | 4,144 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and 2 or more horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 1,468 | 5,350 | 10,058 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 7,413 | 11,652 | 13,007 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and no horses or mules.....farms reporting.. | 14,367 | 8,880 | 3,069 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Specified facilities and equipment: | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone.....farms reporting.. | 22,137 | 19,457 | 17,137 | 12,982 | (NA) | 11,935 | (NA) | 11,755 |
| Electricity.....farms reporting.. | 30,160 | 30,302 | 25,256 | 18,351 | (NA) | 19,145 | (NA) | 13,330 |
| Television set.....farms reporting.. | 20,099 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Piped running water.....farms reporting.. | 23,903 | (NA) | 18,719 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Home freezer.....farms reporting.. | 14,468 | 7,092 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Electric pig brooder.....farms reporting.. | 553 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Power feed grinder.....farms reporting.. | 5,479 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Milking machine.....farms reporting.. | 6,375 | 5,559 | 3,156 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Grain combines.....farms reporting.. | 5,468 | 3,815 | 1,403 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 5,653 | 4,031 | 1,465 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corn pickers.....farms reporting.. | 5,004 | 2,513 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 5,116 | 2,569 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Pick-up hay balers.....farms reporting.. | 4,873 | 2,162 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 4,915 | 2,194 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting.. | 1,639 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 1,690 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Motortrucks.....farms reporting.. | 16,843 | 16,917 | 16,080 | 11,454 | (NA) | 10,205 | (NA) | 2,556 |
| number..... | 22,275 | 21,443 | 19,197 | 13,058 | (NA) | 11,284 | (NA) | 2,805 |
| Tractors, including garden tractors.....farms reporting.. | 23,327 | 20,532 | 15,968 | 9,448 | (NA) | 6,744 | 3,814 | 1,410 |
| number..... | 40,673 | 29,905 | 18,789 | 10,335 | (NA) | 7,208 | 4,026 | 1,525 |
| 1 tractor.....farms reporting.. | 12,828 | 13,772 | 13,887 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 26,030 | 24,150 | 1,668 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 3 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 2,000 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 4 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 2496 | 2,1306 | 413 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 5 or more tractors.....farms reporting.. | 2426 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Wheel tractors other than garden.....number.. | 34,847 | 26,106 | 17,889 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Garden tractors.....number.. | 4,899 | 2,984 | 607 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crawler tractors.....number.. | 927 | 815 | 752 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Automobiles.....farms reporting.. | 26,153 | 26,805 | 31,953 | 29,695 | (NA) | 30,519 | (NA) | 16,049 |
| number..... | 38,077 | 36,478 | 41,485 | 38,848 | (NA) | 37,972 | (NA) | 17,702 |
| Farms reporting automobiles and/or motortrucks.....number.. | 28,921 | 26,805 | 31,953 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |

NA Not available.

¹The 1930 inquiry referred to electricity in "farmer's dwelling," and the 1920 inquiry referred to gas or electricity in "operator's dwelling."

²Figures for 1954 and 1950 are for tractors other than garden tractors.