

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.. | 100,740 | 107,049 | 111,547 | 120,779 | 133,347 | 129,188 | (NA) | 124,033 |
| Negro.....number.. | 24 | 25 | 209 | 25 | 269 | 38 | (NA) | 63 |
| Other nonwhite.....number.. | 82 | 109 | | 258 | | 232 | (NA) | 321 |
| By residence: | | | | | | | | |
| Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 92,435 | 98,047 | 105,439 | 109,454 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 7,131 | 6,749 | 5,767 | 7,854 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting residence.....number.. | 1,280 | 2,387 | 550 | 3,754 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| By off-farm work: | | | | | | | | |
| Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting.. | 29,922 | 35,021 | 18,201 | 31,888 | 36,392 | 22,859 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1 to 49 days.....operators reporting.. | 16,892 | 19,901 | 10,568 | 20,445 | 26,445 | 15,030 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 days.....operators reporting.. | 3,820 | 2,897 | 2,133 | 4,084 | 3,910 | 2,594 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 days or more.....operators reporting.. | 9,210 | 8,223 | 5,500 | 7,359 | 6,037 | 5,235 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 days.....operators reporting.. | 2,916 | 2,166 | 1,840 | 2,948 | 2,599 | 1,934 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 days and over.....operators reporting.. | 6,294 | 6,057 | 3,660 | 4,411 | 3,438 | 3,301 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not working off their farms.....number.. | 67,809 | 79,462 | 93,555 | 84,219 | 96,736 | 106,579 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 3,002 | 2,691 | | 4,955 | 488 | 28,505 | (NA) | (NA) |
| By age: | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years.....operators reporting.. | 2,410 | 4,511 | 3,335 | 4,615 | (NA) | 6,288 | (NA) | 7,218 |
| 25 to 34 years.....operators reporting.. | 18,243 | 19,680 | 19,199 | 22,178 | (NA) | 28,808 | (NA) | 34,956 |
| 35 to 44 years.....operators reporting.. | 24,563 | 24,643 | 27,261 | 28,033 | (NA) | 35,688 | (NA) | 33,503 |
| 45 to 54 years.....operators reporting.. | 20,901 | 23,742 | 28,461 | 30,031 | (NA) | 28,299 | (NA) | 25,439 |
| 55 to 64 years.....operators reporting.. | 19,317 | 19,317 | 21,396 | 21,037 | (NA) | 17,671 | (NA) | 15,786 |
| 65 years and over.....operators reporting.. | 11,417 | 9,995 | 11,426 | 11,773 | (NA) | 8,787 | (NA) | 6,000 |
| Average age.....years.. | 47.1 | 46.9 | 46.9 | 46.2 | (NA) | 46.2 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting age.....number.. | 922 | 5,461 | 678 | 3,395 | (NA) | 3,917 | (NA) | 1,515 |
| Operation of present farm-- | | | | | | | | |
| 1954: | | | | | | | | |
| September or later.....operators reporting.. | 220 | 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.. | 347 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 3,660 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 674 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1953: | | | | | | | | |
| November and December.....operators reporting.. | 442 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| September and October.....operators reporting.. | 316 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| July and August.....operators reporting.. | 183 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| May and June.....operators reporting.. | 212 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 3,198 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 455 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1952.....operators reporting.. | 4,920 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1951.....operators reporting.. | 5,080 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1946 to 1950.....operators reporting.. | 27,517 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1941 to 1945.....operators reporting.. | 16,292 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1940 and earlier.....operators reporting.. | 35,226 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 1,852 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Average number of years on present farm.....years.. | 14 | 12 | 13 | 13 | (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

[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) |
| Farms by class of work power: | | | | | | | | |
| No tractor, horses, or mules.....farms reporting.. | 8,673 | 9,564 | 10,229 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and only 1 horse or mule.....farms reporting.. | 760 | 868 | 883 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and 2 or more horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 2,136 | 9,175 | 18,225 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 33,348 | 55,919 | 74,391 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and no horses or mules.....farms reporting.. | 55,816 | 31,648 | 8,026 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Specified facilities and equipment: | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone.....farms reporting.. | 73,152 | 69,484 | 63,195 | 52,349 | (NA) | 93,888 ¹ | (NA) | 93,050 |
| Electricity.....farms reporting.. | 95,385 | 83,315 | 46,619 | 34,886 | (NA) | 21,380 | (NA) | 12,062 |
| Television set.....farms reporting.. | 34,182 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Piped running water.....farms reporting.. | 69,720 | (NA) | 35,079 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Home freezer.....farms reporting.. | 37,503 | 11,063 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Electric pig brooder.....farms reporting.. | 5,773 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Power feed grinder.....farms reporting.. | 48,132 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Milking machine.....farms reporting.. | 13,913 | 9,482 | 2,612 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Grain combines.....farms reporting.. | 49,152 | 35,028 | 19,426 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|number.. | 51,088 | 37,036 | 20,591 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corn pickers.....farms reporting.. | 58,568 | 41,399 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|number.. | 59,572 | 41,989 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Pick-up hay balers.....farms reporting.. | 12,413 | 4,216 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|number.. | 12,507 | 4,253 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting.. | 7,675 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
|number.. | 7,777 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Motortrucks.....farms reporting.. | 60,257 | 45,785 | 30,792 | 22,504 | (NA) | 25,176 | (NA) | 6,333 |
|number.. | 72,196 | 54,193 | 33,761 | 24,090 | (NA) | 26,045 | (NA) | 6,548 |
| Tractors, including garden tractors.....farms reporting.. | 89,523 | 87,567 | 81,448 | 64,993 | (NA) | 37,955 | 17,728 | 10,342 |
|number.. | 163,296 | 127,154 | 96,203 | 70,761 | (NA) | 40,729 | 18,765 | 11,100 |
| 1 tractor.....farms reporting.. | 37,906 | 57,061 | 69,018 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 28,072 | 24,412 | 10,767 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 3 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 29,521 | | | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 4 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 2,295 | 25,580 | 1,663 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 5 or more tractors.....farms reporting.. | 1,370 | | | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Wheel tractors other than garden.....number.. | 157,645 | 123,461 | 96,881 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Garden tractors.....number.. | 3,319 | 2,071 | 467 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crawler tractors.....number.. | 2,332 | 1,622 | 756 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Automobiles.....farms reporting.. | 92,705 | 94,432 | 100,928 | 107,484 | (NA) | 118,860 | (NA) | 94,004 |
|number.. | 121,117 | 120,947 | 118,572 | 126,269 | (NA) | 141,144 | (NA) | 104,453 |
| Farms reporting automobiles and/or motortrucks.....number.. | 97,099 | 100,547 | 104,768 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |

¹NA Not available. ²The 1930 inquiry referred to electricity in "farmer's dwelling," and the 1920 inquiry referred to gas or electricity in "operator's dwelling."
³Figures for 1954 and 1950 are for tractors other than garden tractors.