

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 (October) | 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.. | 153,421 | 168,338 | 177,466 | 186,431 | 199,415 | 181,451 | (NA) | 188,632 |
| Negro.....number.. | 63 | 66 | 279 | 44 | 462 | 55 | (NA) | 47 |
| Other nonwhite.....number.. | 74 | 157 | | 260 | | 261 | (NA) | 616 |
| By residence: | | | | | | | | |
| Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 146,876 | 161,143 | 169,679 | 175,776 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.. | 4,734 | 5,051 | 6,796 | 5,303 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting residence.....number.. | 1,948 | 2,367 | 1,270 | 5,656 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| By off-farm work: | | | | | | | | |
| Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting.. | 60,635 | 58,432 | 38,421 | 45,228 | 62,987 | 44,781 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1 to 49 days.....operators reporting.. | 22,823 | 23,883 | 13,707 | 19,895 | 39,157 | 23,193 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 50 to 99 days.....operators reporting.. | 7,183 | 7,041 | 5,425 | 6,034 | 8,441 | 6,526 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 days or more.....operators reporting.. | 30,629 | 27,508 | 19,289 | 19,299 | 15,389 | 15,062 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 100 to 199 days.....operators reporting.. | 8,244 | 7,631 | 5,878 | 7,934 | 7,204 | 7,164 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 200 days and over.....operators reporting.. | 22,385 | 19,877 | 13,411 | 11,365 | 8,185 | 7,898 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not working off their farms.....number.. | 89,332 | 106,183 | 139,324 | 131,271 | 135,834 | 136,986 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 3,655 | 3,967 | | 10,236 | 1,056 | | (NA) | (NA) |
| By age: | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years.....operators reporting.. | 2,890 | 3,829 | 4,799 | 3,479 | (NA) | 3,510 | (NA) | 6,329 |
| 25 to 34 years.....operators reporting.. | 23,151 | 27,010 | 29,146 | 24,770 | (NA) | 27,671 | (NA) | 41,329 |
| 35 to 44 years.....operators reporting.. | 38,103 | 40,240 | 39,999 | 39,872 | (NA) | 47,794 | (NA) | 49,060 |
| 45 to 54 years.....operators reporting.. | 37,442 | 37,377 | 44,915 | 49,469 | (NA) | 45,362 | (NA) | 45,075 |
| 55 to 64 years.....operators reporting.. | 30,108 | 32,556 | 36,098 | 38,451 | (NA) | 32,619 | (NA) | 31,042 |
| 65 years and over.....operators reporting.. | 20,546 | 20,065 | 21,075 | 24,503 | (NA) | 19,170 | (NA) | 13,824 |
| Average age.....years.. | 47.7 | 47.7 | 47.8 | 49.1 | (NA) | 49.1 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators not reporting age.....number.. | 1,382 | 7,505 | 1,713 | 6,191 | (NA) | 5,641 | (NA) | 2,636 |
| Operation of present farm began-- | | | | | | | | |
| 1954: | | | | | | | | |
| September or later.....operators reporting.. | 938 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| July and August.....operators reporting.. | 575 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| May and June.....operators reporting.. | 1,016 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 3,313 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 904 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1953: | | | | | | | | |
| November and December.....operators reporting.. | 690 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| September and October.....operators reporting.. | 986 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| July and August.....operators reporting.. | 379 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| May and June.....operators reporting.. | 803 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| March and April.....operators reporting.. | 2,489 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| January and February.....operators reporting.. | 594 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1952.....operators reporting.. | 6,816 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1951.....operators reporting.. | 7,210 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1946 to 1950.....operators reporting.. | 35,887 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1941 to 1945.....operators reporting.. | 25,726 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| 1940 and earlier.....operators reporting.. | 62,530 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Operators not reporting.....number.. | 2,766 | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx | xxx |
| Average number of years on present farm.....years.. | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | (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 (October) | 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.. | 13,646 | 18,499 | 22,642 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and only 1 horse or mule.....farms reporting.. | 937 | 2,460 | 3,332 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No tractor and 2 or more horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 4,918 | 20,135 | 42,897 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and horses and/or mules.....farms reporting.. | 40,174 | 71,466 | 90,497 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tractor and no horses or mules.....farms reporting.. | 93,947 | 56,022 | 18,392 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Specified facilities and equipment: | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone.....farms reporting.. | 103,179 | 99,821 | 86,107 | 72,436 | (NA) | 107,486 | (NA) | 111,798 |
| Electricity.....farms reporting.. | 148,698 | 156,392 | 124,476 | 95,158 | (NA) | 146,565 | (NA) | 116,574 |
| Television set.....farms reporting.. | 60,37 ² | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Piped running water.....farms reporting.. | 108,699 | (NA) | 55,035 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Home freezer.....farms reporting.. | 64,599 | 36,819 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Electric pig brooder.....farms reporting.. | 10,914 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Power feed grinder.....farms reporting.. | 25,857 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Milking machine.....farms reporting.. | 100,761 | 94,201 | 36,057 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Grain combines.....farms reporting.. | 31,675 | 14,652 | 8,736 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 32,087 | 14,946 | 8,872 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corn pickers.....farms reporting.. | 23,364 | 10,028 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 23,529 | 10,159 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Pick-up hay balers.....farms reporting.. | 25,699 | 8,261 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 25,788 | 8,344 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting.. | 26,557 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| number..... | 26,831 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Motortrucks.....farms reporting.. | 78,731 | 66,812 | 56,523 | 47,523 | (NA) | 50,108 | (NA) | 3,893 |
| number..... | 87,363 | 74,454 | 61,010 | 50,883 | (NA) | 51,786 | (NA) | 4,044 |
| Tractors, including garden tractors.....farms reporting.. | 135,901 | 127,488 | 109,341 | 76,847 | (NA) | 48,630 | 28,952 | 9,092 |
| number..... | 224,560 | 171,433 | 123,280 | 81,195 | (NA) | 50,173 | 29,651 | 9,407 |
| 1 tractor.....farms reporting.. | ² 72,269 | ² 91,845 | 97,288 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2 tractors.....farms reporting.. | 248,037 | 228,341 | 10,779 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 3 tractors.....farms reporting.. | ² 11,286 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 4 tractors.....farms reporting.. | ² 1,854 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 5 or more tractors.....farms reporting.. | ² 676 | ² 4,894 | 1,274 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Wheel tractors other than garden.....number.. | 210,986 | 162,706 | 119,827 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Garden tractors.....number.. | 10,657 | 6,311 | 2,147 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Crawler tractors.....number.. | 2,917 | 2,416 | 1,248 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Automobiles.....farms reporting.. | 139,429 | 145,330 | 152,708 | 157,087 | (NA) | 152,485 | (NA) | 93,798 |
| number..... | 179,680 | 182,593 | 181,107 | 188,312 | (NA) | 176,764 | (NA) | 98,825 |
| Farms reporting automobiles and/or motortrucks.....number.. | 147,879 | 157,169 | 163,172 | (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.