

GENERAL REPORT

Table 4.—YEARS ON FARM AS CLASSIFIED FOR EACH CENSUS, WITH THE NUMBER OF OPERATORS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION: 1920 TO 1959

[Each period includes the entire time up to the next period following. Data for coterminous United States for 1959, 1954, and 1950 are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.]

Census date	Item	Years on farm, based on calendar years from Census date															
		Less than 5 years				5 to 9 years					10 to 14 years				15 years and over		
		1 year or less ¹	2 years	3 years	4 years												
Oct.-Nov. 1959 ²	Year of occupancy.....	1959 1958 1957 1956 1955 1954 1953 1952 1951 1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	157,612	161,237	167,286	152,464	629,773					714,314				1,625,662		
	Percent of operators reporting.....	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.2	17.5					19.8				45.1		
	Years and months from Census date.....	10 mo. or less	10 to 22 mo.	22 to 34 mo.	34 to 46 mo.	3 yr. 10 mo. to 8 yr. 10 mo.					8 yr. 10 mo. to 13 yr. 10 mo.				13 yr. 10 mo. or more		
		638,599 or 17.7%															
Oct.-Nov. 1954 ³	Year of occupancy.....	1954 1953 1952 1951 1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1941 1940 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	309,075	251,881	234,057	263,038	261,959	1,171,866					715,041				1,772,447	
	Percent of operators reporting.....	6.6	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.6	25.1					15.3				38.0	
	Years and months from Census date.....	12 mo. or less	10 mo. or less	10 to 22 mo.	22 to 34 mo.	34 to 46 mo.	3 yr. 10 mo. to 8 yr. 10 mo.					8 yr. 10 mo. to 13 yr. 10 mo.				13 yr. 10 mo. or more	
		1,010,935 or 21.6%															
Apr. 1, 1950	Year of occupancy.....	1950 1949 1948 1947 ⁴ 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1941 1940 1939 1938 1937 1936 1935 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	472,190	271,150	450,399	380,779	378,370	377,176	1,012,262					637,533				1,556,580
	Percent of operators reporting.....	9.3	5.4	8.9	7.5	7.5	7.4	20.0					12.6				30.7
	Years and months from Census date.....	12 mo. or less	3 mo. or less	3 to 15 mo.	15 to 27 mo.	27 to 39 mo.	39 to 51 mo.	4 yr. 3 mo. to 9 yr. 3 mo.					9 yr. 3 mo. to 14 yr. 3 mo. [Includes 141 farms in Alaska reporting 10 years or more on farm]				14 yr. 3 mo. or more
		1,857,874 or 36.7%															
Jan. 1, 1945 ³	Year of occupancy.....	1945 1944 1943 1942 1941 1940 1939 1938 1937 1936 1935 1934 1933 1932 1931 1930 1929 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	901,705	425,098	384,666	311,466	404,166	955,527					609,496				1,727,927	
	Percent of operators reporting.....	15.7	7.4	6.7	5.4	7.1	16.7					10.6				30.2	
	Years and months from Census date.....	1 yr. or less	1 to 2 yr.	2 to 3 yr.	3 to 4 yr.	4 to 5 yr.	5 to 10 yr.					10 to 15 yr.				15 yr. and over	
		2,427,101 or 42.4%															
Apr. 1, 1940	Year of occupancy.....	1940 1939 1938 1937 1936 1935 1934 1933 1932 1931 1930 1929 1928 1927 1926 1925 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	441,830	556,976	449,967	381,640	318,373	944,513					687,065				1,830,230	
	Percent of operators reporting.....	7.9	9.9	8.0	6.8	5.7	16.8					12.2				32.6	
	Years and months from Census date.....	3 mo. or less	3 to 15 mo.	15 to 27 mo.	27 to 39 mo.	39 to 51 mo.	4 yr. 3 mo. to 9 yr. 3 mo.					9 yr. 3 mo. to 14 yr. 3 mo. [Includes 222 farms in Alaska reporting 10 years or more on farm]				14 yr. 3 mo. and over	
		2,148,786 or 38.3%															
Jan. 1, 1935 ³	Year of occupancy.....	1935 1934 1933 1932 1931 1930 1929 1928 1927 1926 1925 1924 1923 1922 1921 1920 1919 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	1,197,204	521,572	445,805	348,027	396,566	1,080,447					781,973				1,905,648	
	Percent of operators reporting.....	17.9	7.8	6.7	5.2	5.9	16.2					11.7				28.5	
	Years and months from Census date.....	1 yr. or less	1 to 2 yr.	2 to 3 yr.	3 to 4 yr.	4 to 5 yr.	5 to 10 yr.					10 to 15 yr.				15 yr. and over	
		2,909,174 or 43.6%															
Apr. 1, 1930	Year of occupancy.....	1930 1929 1928 1927 1926 1925 1924 1923 1922 1921 1920 1919 1918 1917 1916 1915 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	706,893	299,607	1,014,956			939,418					797,491				1,596,159	
	Percent of operators reporting.....	11.7	5.0	16.8			15.5					13.2				26.4	
	Years and months from Census date.....	1 yr. or less	1 to 2 yr.	2 yr. to 4 yr. 3 mo.			4 yr. 3 mo. to 9 yr. 3 mo.					9 yr. 3 mo. to 14 yr. 3 mo. [Includes 188 farms in Alaska and 1,852 farms in Hawaii reporting over 10 years on farm]				14 yr. 3 mo. and over	
		2,710,092 or 44.8%															
Jan. 1, 1925 ³	Year of occupancy.....	1925 1924 1923 1922 1921 1920 1919 1918 1917 1916 1915 1914 1913 1912 1911 1910 1909 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	1,150,056	539,034	443,571	366,859	485,040	539,342	342,462	333,487	529,741					1,488,887		
	Percent of operators reporting.....	18.5	8.7	7.1	5.9	7.8	8.7	5.5	5.4	8.5					23.9		
	Years and months from Census date.....	1 yr. or less	1 to 2 yr.	2 to 3 yr.	3 to 4 yr.	4 to 5 yr.	5 to 7 yr.			7 to 9 yr.		9 to 11 yr.			11 to 15 yr.	15 yr. and over	
		2,984,560 or 48.0%															
Jan. 1, 1920 ³	Year of occupancy.....	1919 1918 1917 1916 1915 1914 1913 1912 1911 1910 1909 1908 1907 1906 1905 1904 and earlier															
	Operators reporting.....	660,713	898,019	1,397,958			1,086,458					2,184,391					
	Percent of operators reporting.....	10.6	14.4	22.4			17.4					35.1					
	Years and months from Census date.....	1 yr. or less	1 to 2 yr.	2 to 5 yr.			5 to 10 yr.					10 yr. and over					
		2,956,690 or 47.5%															

¹Includes some farm operators moving after the Census date. The 1950 Census figure includes 15,025 operators reporting April 1950 or later; and the 1945 Census figure includes 238,210 operators reporting in 1945. See text. ²Starting dates for the 1959 and 1954 Census enumeration varied by States and areas. November 1, 1959, was used as the Census date in determining years on farm. See text. See map in Introduction for actual starting dates in each State and area. ³Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included. ⁴Includes 52 farms in Alaska reporting 3 to 4 years on farm.