

GENERAL REPORT

Table 6.—FARM OPERATORS BY AGE, 1890 TO 1959; AND IN EACH

[All data for conterminous United States for 1959, 1954, 1950, and 1945, on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.]

	Tenure and year	All farm operators	Operators reporting age							Average age	Operators not reporting age	
			Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years			
1	Total.....	1959.....	3,707,973	3,670,989	61,527	403,410	806,106	980,018	802,658	617,270	50.5	36,984
2		1954 ¹	4,783,021	4,695,569	90,856	619,984	1,100,458	1,153,679	951,310	779,282	49.6	87,452
3		1950.....	5,385,525	5,050,046	163,966	792,352	1,188,211	1,158,553	1,001,627	745,337	NA	335,479
4		1945 ¹	5,858,889	5,797,635	147,296	854,058	1,323,786	1,432,434	1,173,014	867,047	48.7	61,254
5		1940.....	6,102,417	5,841,445	233,492	949,931	1,252,038	1,429,148	1,147,903	828,933	NA	260,972
6		1930 ²	6,288,648	6,073,523	371,679	1,049,052	1,452,425	1,459,959	1,064,034	676,374	NA	215,125
7		1920 ²	6,448,343	6,364,163	383,680	1,333,020	1,587,519	1,482,494	993,771	583,679	NA	84,180
8		1910 ²	6,361,502	6,339,476	419,330	1,413,876	1,571,469	1,432,707	947,524	554,570	NA	22,026
9		1900 ²	45,649,008	5,635,747	275,098	1,194,482	1,409,829	1,296,147	864,769	595,422	NA	13,261
10		1890 ¹	4,767,179	(³)	218,531	1,082,620	1,182,056	1,034,792	1,249,180	NA	(³)	
11	Full owners.....	1959.....	2,116,594	2,094,665	13,454	140,365	370,105	536,784	532,249	501,708	54.1	21,929
12		1954 ¹	2,744,708	2,702,885	17,810	221,500	521,691	664,354	624,602	624,708	53.4	41,823
13		1950.....	3,093,556	2,907,305	32,436	292,223	592,420	696,831	699,317	594,078	NA	186,251
14		1945 ¹	3,292,063	3,263,294	31,669	295,915	633,450	841,405	785,403	675,452	52.3	28,769
15		1940.....	3,085,491	2,959,081	39,899	267,871	526,445	759,696	728,448	636,722	NA	126,410
16		1930 ²	2,911,644	2,808,122	37,395	250,764	576,845	747,751	678,233	517,134	NA	103,522
17		1920 ²	3,366,510	3,320,649	68,081	443,272	771,482	876,813	704,526	456,475	NA	45,861
18		1910 ²	3,354,897	3,342,361	78,130	490,008	788,815	880,140	663,107	442,161	NA	12,536
19	Part owners.....	1959.....	834,470	829,319	7,019	90,368	224,941	264,195	172,116	70,680	48.3	5,151
20		1954 ¹	868,180	859,435	8,404	108,916	248,670	246,056	166,949	80,440	47.8	8,745
21		1950.....	841,671	797,196	13,238	123,604	226,274	213,670	152,732	67,678	NA	44,475
22		1945 ¹	861,156	859,829	8,441	96,212	170,108	192,948	134,858	57,262	47.4	1,327
23		1940.....	615,502	594,792	7,661	65,160	142,103	191,627	131,659	56,582	NA	20,710
24		1930 ²	656,750	638,997	9,861	84,025	189,180	194,878	115,628	45,425	NA	17,753
25		1920 ²	558,580	552,385	19,319	118,170	166,692	144,632	76,053	27,519	NA	6,195
26		1910 ²	593,825	592,607	19,560	130,953	181,044	156,353	78,507	26,190	NA	1,218
27	Managers.....	1959.....	21,060	18,851	488	3,103	5,308	5,130	3,294	1,528	46.0	2,209
28		1954 ¹	20,894	18,956	600	3,457	5,786	4,851	2,870	1,392	45.3	1,938
29		1950.....	23,282	18,923	610	3,684	5,717	4,651	3,049	1,212	NA	4,359
30		1945 ¹	47,357	45,338	1,080	8,392	12,211	11,879	8,367	3,409	45.8	2,019
31		1940.....	36,501	32,126	1,401	7,670	8,533	7,838	4,842	1,842	NA	4,375
32		1930 ²	55,889	50,957	2,782	11,183	14,601	12,340	7,044	3,007	NA	4,932
33		1920 ²	68,449	66,636	5,484	17,983	18,757	14,063	7,226	3,123	NA	1,813
34		1910 ²	58,104	56,846	4,820	15,700	16,212	11,724	5,846	2,550	NA	1,258
35	All tenants.....	1959.....	735,849	728,154	40,566	169,574	205,752	173,909	94,999	43,354	42.9	7,695
36		1954 ¹	1,149,239	1,114,293	64,042	286,111	324,311	328,418	128,889	72,522	42.2	34,946
37		1950.....	1,427,016	1,326,622	117,682	372,841	363,800	243,401	146,529	82,369	NA	100,394
38		1945 ¹	1,858,313	1,829,174	106,106	453,539	508,017	386,202	244,386	130,924	42.8	29,139
39		1940.....	2,364,923	2,255,446	184,531	609,230	574,957	469,987	282,954	133,787	NA	109,477
40		1930 ²	2,664,365	2,575,447	321,641	703,080	671,799	504,990	263,129	110,808	NA	88,918
41		1920 ²	2,454,804	2,424,497	290,796	753,595	630,588	446,986	205,966	96,562	NA	30,311
42		1910 ²	2,354,676	2,347,662	316,820	777,215	585,398	384,490	200,070	83,669	NA	7,014
43	Cash.....	1959.....	107,217	106,426	4,578	23,299	29,282	25,048	15,120	9,099	44.4	791
44		1954 ¹	160,131	157,814	5,615	35,584	44,900	35,506	21,178	15,031	44.5	2,317
45		1950.....	219,798	206,758	10,779	51,440	56,984	41,198	28,347	18,010	NA	13,040
46		1945 ¹	410,091	406,243	14,020	85,401	111,223	94,236	61,931	39,432	NA	3,848
47		1940.....	514,438	494,307	25,278	115,563	130,879	114,531	70,392	37,664	43.7	20,131
48		1930 ²	489,210	473,702	30,650	118,567	137,658	104,179	56,165	26,483	NA	15,508
49	Share-cash.....	1959.....	132,524	131,894	5,270	36,181	41,857	29,675	14,525	4,386	41.4	630
50		1954 ¹	165,241	163,861	6,548	51,226	51,839	31,947	16,377	5,924	40.6	1,380
51		1950.....	197,361	189,856	12,531	63,453	55,258	33,507	18,858	6,249	NA	7,505
52		1945 ¹	137,330	136,248	6,367	37,377	40,107	28,884	17,462	6,051	NA	1,082
53		1940.....	278,605	271,172	12,781	73,864	76,923	63,017	33,961	10,626	41.9	7,433
54	Share.....	1959.....	287,475	285,253	17,628	71,621	82,155	66,310	33,990	13,549	36.8	2,222
55		1954 ¹	438,415	429,027	26,975	120,908	126,090	88,065	45,161	21,828	41.2	9,388
56		1950.....	525,978	490,303	47,500	148,978	135,085	85,649	49,925	23,166	NA	35,675
57		1945 ¹	682,561	674,574	37,194	180,579	192,223	140,486	86,491	37,601	NA	7,987
58		1940.....	815,799	783,178	63,670	220,649	201,397	162,570	96,605	38,287	41.2	32,621
59	Crop-share.....	1959.....	201,046	199,217	12,628	44,552	54,585	49,627	26,794	11,031	42.9	1,829
60		1954 ¹	327,261	318,543	20,320	79,380	91,994	70,699	37,294	18,856	42.1	8,718
61		1950.....	410,286	379,498	37,175	106,543	104,452	69,377	41,432	20,519	NA	30,788
62	Livestock-share.....	1959.....	86,429	86,036	5,000	27,069	27,570	16,683	7,196	2,518	39.7	393
63		1954 ¹	111,154	110,484	6,655	41,528	34,096	17,366	7,867	2,972	38.5	670
64		1950.....	115,692	110,805	10,325	42,435	30,633	16,272	8,493	2,647	NA	4,887
65	Croppers (South only) ⁶	1959.....	121,037	119,382	8,041	21,409	31,282	32,835	18,738	7,077	43.9	1,655
66		1954 ¹	267,662	251,282	19,062	53,827	72,198	59,229	31,399	15,567	42.3	16,380
67		1950.....	338,775	308,338	37,386	78,046	83,037	58,446	32,285	19,138	40.4	30,437
68		1945 ¹	446,850	437,807	39,786	109,590	116,395	85,971	54,167	31,898	NA	9,043
69		1940.....	541,291	506,657	68,159	151,444	119,006	88,289	52,930	26,229	39.2	34,634
70		1930 ²	776,278	747,984	153,340	208,670	163,106	131,566	65,151	26,151	NA	28,294
71	Other and unspecified.....	1959.....	87,596	85,199	5,049	17,064	21,176	20,041	12,626	9,243	45.1	2,397
72		1954 ¹	117,790	112,309	5,842	24,566	29,284	23,671	14,774	14,172	45.1	5,481
73		1950.....	145,104	131,367	9,486	30,924	33,436	24,601	17,114	15,806	NA	13,737
74		1945 ¹	181,481	174,302	8,739	40,592	48,069	36,625	24,335	15,942	NA	7,179
75		1940 ⁷	214,790	200,132	14,643	47,710	46,752	41,580	29,066	20,381	NA	14,658

NA Not available. ¹Data not available for Alaska and Hawaii. ²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included. ³Occupants of farm homes. In 1900, the number of occupants of farm homes was 88,364 less than the number of farm operators, while in 1890, the number of occupants of farm homes exceeded the number of farm operators by 202,538. ⁴Excludes 40,872 occupants of farm homes with form of tenure not reported. ⁵Not shown in the reports of the Census of 1890, as the number not reporting age was distributed among the several age groups. ⁶See text. ⁷Includes 1

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TENURE, BY AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1910 TO 1959

except average age of operators for 1954 and 1945, are based
Figures for divisions and States in Tables 19 and 20]

Percent distribution of operators reporting in each tenure, by age						Percent distribution of operators in each age group, by tenure										Not reporting age	
Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years	All farm operators	Reporting age						Total	Not reporting age			
							Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 or more years					
1.7	11.0	22.0	26.7	21.9	16.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1
1.9	13.2	23.4	24.6	20.3	16.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2
3.2	15.7	23.5	22.9	19.8	14.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3
2.5	14.7	22.8	24.7	20.2	15.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4
4.0	16.3	21.4	24.5	19.7	14.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	5
6.1	17.3	23.9	24.0	17.5	11.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6
6.0	20.9	24.9	23.3	15.6	9.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	7
6.6	22.3	24.8	22.6	14.9	8.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	8
4.9	21.2	25.0	23.0	15.3	10.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	9
4.6	22.7	24.8	21.7	26.2		100.0	(³)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(³)	(³)	10
0.6	6.7	17.7	25.6	25.4	24.0	57.1	57.1	21.9	34.8	45.9	54.8	66.3	81.3	59.3	59.3	11	
0.7	8.2	19.3	24.6	24.1	23.1	57.4	57.6	19.6	47.4	35.7	57.6	68.6	80.2	47.8	47.8	12	
1.1	10.1	20.4	24.0	24.1	20.4	57.4	57.6	19.8	36.9	49.9	60.1	69.8	79.7	55.5	55.5	13	
1.0	9.1	19.4	25.8	24.1	20.4	56.2	56.3	21.5	34.6	47.9	58.7	67.0	77.9	47.0	47.0	14	
1.3	9.1	17.8	25.7	24.6	21.5	50.6	50.7	17.1	28.2	42.0	53.2	63.5	76.8	48.4	48.4	15	
1.3	8.9	20.5	26.6	24.2	18.4	46.3	46.2	10.1	23.9	39.7	51.2	63.7	76.5	48.1	48.1	16	
2.1	13.3	23.2	26.4	21.2	13.7	52.2	52.2	17.7	33.3	48.6	59.1	70.9	78.2	54.5	54.5	17	
2.3	14.7	23.6	26.3	15.8	13.2	52.7	52.7	18.6	34.7	50.2	61.4	70.0	79.7	56.9	56.9	18	
0.8	10.9	27.1	31.9	20.8	8.5	22.5	22.6	11.4	22.4	27.9	27.0	21.4	11.5	13.9	13.9	19	
1.0	12.7	28.9	28.6	19.4	9.4	18.2	18.3	9.2	17.6	22.6	21.3	17.5	10.3	10.0	10.0	20	
1.7	15.5	28.4	26.8	19.2	8.5	15.6	15.8	8.1	15.6	19.0	18.4	15.2	9.1	13.3	13.3	21	
1.3	14.6	25.8	29.2	20.4	8.7	11.3	11.4	5.7	11.3	12.8	13.5	11.5	6.6	2.2	2.2	22	
1.3	11.0	23.9	32.2	22.1	9.5	10.1	10.2	3.3	6.9	11.3	13.4	11.5	6.8	7.9	7.9	23	
1.5	13.1	29.6	30.5	18.1	7.1	10.4	10.5	2.7	8.0	13.0	13.3	10.9	6.7	8.3	8.3	24	
3.5	21.4	30.2	26.2	13.8	5.0	8.7	8.7	5.0	8.9	10.5	9.8	7.7	4.7	7.4	7.4	25	
3.3	22.1	30.6	26.4	13.2	4.4	9.3	9.3	4.7	9.3	11.5	10.9	8.3	4.7	5.5	5.5	26	
2.6	16.5	28.2	27.2	17.5	8.1	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	6.0	6.0	27	
3.2	18.2	30.5	25.6	15.1	7.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.2	28	
3.2	19.5	30.2	24.6	16.1	6.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.3	1.3	29	
2.4	18.5	26.9	26.2	18.5	7.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.4	3.3	3.3	30	
4.4	23.9	26.6	24.4	15.1	5.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.7	1.7	31	
5.5	21.9	28.7	24.2	13.8	5.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	2.3	2.3	32	
8.2	27.0	28.1	21.1	10.8	4.7	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	2.2	2.2	33	
8.5	27.6	28.5	20.6	10.3	4.5	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	5.7	5.7	34	
5.6	23.3	28.3	23.9	13.0	6.0	19.8	19.8	65.9	42.0	25.5	17.7	11.8	7.0	20.8	20.8	35	
5.7	25.7	29.1	21.4	11.6	6.5	24.0	23.7	70.5	46.1	29.5	20.7	13.5	9.3	40.0	40.0	36	
8.9	28.1	27.4	18.3	11.0	6.2	26.5	26.3	71.8	47.1	30.6	21.0	14.6	11.1	29.9	29.9	37	
5.8	24.8	27.8	21.1	13.4	7.2	31.7	31.6	72.0	53.1	38.4	27.0	20.8	15.1	47.6	47.6	38	
8.2	27.0	25.5	20.8	12.5	5.9	38.7	38.6	79.0	64.1	45.9	32.9	24.6	16.1	41.9	41.9	39	
12.5	27.3	26.1	19.6	10.2	4.3	42.4	42.4	86.5	67.0	46.3	34.6	24.7	16.4	41.3	41.3	40	
12.0	31.1	26.0	18.4	8.5	4.0	38.1	38.1	75.8	56.5	39.7	30.2	20.7	16.5	36.0	36.0	41	
13.5	33.1	24.9	16.4	8.5	3.6	37.0	37.0	75.6	55.0	37.3	26.8	21.1	15.1	31.8	31.8	42	
4.3	21.9	27.5	23.5	14.2	8.5	2.9	2.9	7.4	5.8	3.6	2.6	1.9	1.5	2.1	2.1	43	
3.6	22.5	28.5	22.5	13.4	9.5	3.3	3.4	6.2	5.7	4.1	3.1	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.6	44	
5.2	24.9	27.6	19.9	13.7	8.6	4.1	4.1	6.6	6.5	4.8	3.6	2.8	2.4	3.9	3.9	45	
3.5	21.0	27.4	23.2	15.2	9.7	7.0	7.0	9.5	10.0	8.4	6.6	5.3	4.5	6.3	6.3	46	
5.1	23.4	26.5	23.2	14.2	7.6	8.4	8.5	10.8	12.2	10.5	8.0	6.1	4.5	7.7	7.7	47	
6.5	25.0	29.1	22.0	11.9	5.6	7.8	7.8	8.2	11.3	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	7.2	7.2	48	
4.0	27.4	31.7	22.5	11.0	3.3	3.6	3.6	8.6	9.0	5.2	3.0	1.8	0.7	1.7	1.7	49	
4.0	31.3	31.6	19.5	10.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	7.2	8.3	4.7	2.8	1.7	0.8	1.6	1.6	50	
6.6	33.4	29.1	17.6	9.9	3.3	3.7	3.8	7.6	8.0	4.7	2.9	1.9	0.8	2.2	2.2	51	
4.7	27.4	29.4	21.2	12.8	4.4	2.3	2.4	4.3	4.4	3.0	2.0	1.5	0.7	1.8	1.8	52	
4.7	27.2	28.4	23.2	12.5	3.9	4.6	4.6	5.5	7.8	6.1	4.4	3.0	1.3	2.8	2.8	53	
6.2	25.1	28.8	23.2	11.9	4.7	7.8	7.8	28.7	17.8	10.2	6.8	4.2	2.2	6.0	6.0	54	
6.3	28.2	29.4	20.5	10.5	5.1	9.2	9.1	29.7	19.5	11.5	7.6	4.7	2.8	10.7	10.7	55	
9.7	30.4	27.6	17.5	10.2	4.7	9.8	9.7	29.0	18.8	11.4	7.4	4.9	3.1	10.6	10.6	56	
5.5	26.8	28.5	20.8	12.8	5.6	11.7	11.6	25.3	21.1	14.5	9.8	7.4	4.3	13.0	13.0	57	
8.1	28.2	25.7	20.8	12.3	4.9	13.4	13.4	27.3	23.2	16.1	11.4	8.4	4.6	12.5	12.5	58	
6.3	22.4	27.4	24.9	13.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	20.5	11.0	6.8	5.1	3.3	1.8	4.9	4.9	59	
6.4	24.9	28.9	22.2	11.7	5.9	6.8	6.8	22.4	12.8	8.4	6.1	3.9	2.4	10.0	10.0	60	
9.8	28.1	27.5	18.3	10.9	5.4	7.6	7.5	22.7	13.4	8.8	6.0	4.1	2.8	9.2	9.2	61	
5.8	31.5	32.0	19.4	8.4	2.9	2.3	2.3	8.1	6.7	3.4	1.7	0.9	0.4	1.1	1.1	62	
6.0	37.6	30.9	15.7	7.1	2.7	2.3	2.4	7.3	6.7	3.1	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	63	
9.3	38.3	27.6	14.7	7.7	2.4	2.1	2.2	6.3	5.4	2.6	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.5	1.5	64	
6.7	17.9	26.2	27.5	15.7	5.9	3.3	3.3	13.1	5.3	3.9	3.4	2.3	1.1	4.5	4.5	65	
7.6	21.4	28.7	23.6	12.5	6.2	5.4	5.4	21.0	8.7	6.6	5.1	3.3	2.0	18.7	18.7	66	
12.1	25.3	26.9	19.0	10.5	6.2	6.3	6.1	22.8	9.8	7.0	5.0	3.2	2.6	9.1	9.1	67	
9.1	25.0	26.6	19.6	12.4	7.3	7.6	7.6	27.0	12.8	8.8	6.0	4.6	3.7	14.8	14.8	68	
13.5	29.9	23.5	17.4	10.4	5.3	8.9	8.7	29.2	15.9	9.5	6.2	4.6	3.2	13.3	13.3	69	
20.5	27.9	21.8	17.6	8.7	3.5	12.3	12.3	41.3	19.9	15.5	9.0	6.1	3.9	13.2	13.2	70	
5.9	20.0	24.9	23.5	14.8	10.8	2.4	2.3	8.2	4.2	2.6	2.0	1.6	1.5	6.5	6.5	71	
5.2	21.9	26.1	21.1	13.2	12.6	2.5	2.4	6.4	4.0	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.8	6.3	6.3	72	
7.2	23.5	25.5	18.7	13.0	12.0	2.7	2.6	5.8	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.7	2.1	4.1	4.1	73	
5.0	23.3	27.6	21.0	14.0	9.1	3.1	3.0	5.9	4.8	3.6	2.6	2.1	1.8	11.7	11.7	74	
7.3	23.8	23.4	20.8	14.5	10.2	3.6	3.4	6.3	5.0	3.7	2.9	2.5	2.5	5.6	5.6	75	