

State Table 4.—FARM OPERATORS BY COLOR, AGE, RESIDENCE, AND OFF-FARM WORK; AND EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES ON FARMS: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1959

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

Item (For definitions and explanations, see text)	Census of—								
	1959 (Oct.-Nov.)	1954 (Oct.-Nov.)	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...	86,522	130,924	154,218	156,139	158,382	182,180	163,566	152,310	160,896
Negro.....number.....	29,206	45,996	57,205	67,230	73,338	91,275	93,795	85,321	95,200
Other nonwhite.....number...	60	36	89		26		34		3
By age:									
Under 25 years.....operators reporting...	1,780	3,386	9,409	7,043	13,804	NA	26,687	NA	22,640
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting...	9,872	20,376	33,778	35,299	45,667	NA	50,016	NA	54,643
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting...	24,241	41,067	48,683	54,968	48,486	NA	52,556	NA	58,481
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting...	34,021	44,472	42,752	52,144	50,578	NA	64,345	NA	61,685
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting...	24,806	32,372	33,268	40,583	37,822	NA	36,511	NA	34,407
65 or more years.....operators reporting...	20,012	30,642	28,061	29,714	24,575	NA	21,238	NA	21,815
Average age.....years.....	61.2	49.2	47.0	47.5	45.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number...	1,041	4,736	16,420	3,618	10,814	NA	6,042	NA	2,428
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	102,379	162,763	199,511	211,266	209,718	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	5,352	8,763	6,231	7,797	8,623	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	8,057	5,430	5,770	4,306	13,405	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting...	67,411	86,488	83,582	62,944	56,388	68,348	74,493	NA	NA
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting...	10,323	19,661	20,660	13,342	23,318	32,041	38,914	NA	NA
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting...	6,566	12,119	13,610	10,560	9,531	13,309	15,009	NA	NA
100 or more days.....operators reporting...	40,523	64,408	49,312	39,042	23,539	22,998	20,570	NA	NA
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting...	2,807	13,876	13,136	10,126	10,528	12,254	10,437	NA	NA
200 or more days.....operators reporting...	31,716	40,632	36,176	28,916	13,011	10,744	10,133	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	58,362	90,461	127,779	160,425	175,358	205,107	182,902	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting...	64,436	64,207	76,868	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	4,603	4,618	4,072	1,938	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	5,116	6,086	4,532	2,148	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers.....farms reporting...	6,469	2,242	678	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	6,607	2,974	696	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	4,233	2,962	2,321	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	4,361	3,016	2,437	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	1,007	769	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	1,097	803	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	55,272	59,317	47,102	21,939	14,094	NA	12,169	NA	1,114
.....number.....	63,416	66,369	52,743	23,949	15,257	NA	12,838	NA	1,180
Tractors.....farms reporting...	53,624	53,875	37,783	14,688	6,822	NA	4,259	2,261	737
.....number.....	70,886	66,176	45,761	17,060	7,638	NA	4,664	2,465	811
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	61,910	51,982	36,487	14,688	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	67,559	62,526	44,067	16,616	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	41,842	45,112	31,606	13,026	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	7,108	4,963	3,441	1,250	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	1,745	1,061	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	619	418	1,440	412	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	602	428	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	51,626	51,643	35,661	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	66,264	61,542	42,748	15,766	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	1,146	891	1,192	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	1,296	978	1,519	860	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	3,200	2,569	1,626	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	3,327	2,649	1,684	266	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	67,136	75,603	64,417	56,187	46,202	NA	71,167	NA	15,906
.....number.....	76,937	82,371	71,212	58,449	48,473	NA	73,634	NA	16,592
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	91,417	111,887	64,417	56,187	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting...	39,807	28,138	17,438	11,162	8,254	NA	19,510	NA	38,407
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	48,206	29,147	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	2,251	2,538	2,218	600	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	2,008	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	410	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	3,392	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	47,483	NA	49,125	NA	17,747	NA	24,516	32,567	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	21,403	NA	47,322	NA	37,851	NA	456,008	524,973	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	44,597	NA	104,099	NA	164,023	NA	183,977	200,281	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	18,737	NA	NA	6158,383	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	25,860	NA	NA	650,278	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting...	11,355	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	11,526	NA	NA	637,800	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting...	1,302	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	1,678	NA	NA	612,478	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available.

¹Figures for 1945 are for all tractors.

²Concrete, brick, asphalt, and macadam.

³Concrete or brick and macadam. Asphalt was not included.

⁴Includes sand-clay.

⁵Gravel.

⁶Distance to all-weather road. See text.