

GENERAL REPORT

Table 4.—NUMBER OF FARMS, BY COLOR AND TENURE
[Data for conterminous United States for 1959 and 1954 are based on reports for only

Color and tenure of operator	Number of farms												
	1959	1954 ¹	1950	1945 ¹	1940	1935 ¹	1930	1925 ¹	1920	1910 ²	1900	1890	1880
1 All farm operators.....	3,707,973	4,783,021	5,388,437	5,859,169	6,102,417	6,812,350	6,295,103	6,371,640	6,453,991	6,365,822	5,739,657	4,564,641	4,008,907
2 Full owners.....	2,116,594	2,744,708	3,091,666	3,301,361	3,085,491	3,210,224	3,913,052	3,313,490	3,368,146	3,355,731	3,202,643	3,269,728	2,984,306
3 Part owners.....	834,470	868,180	825,670	660,502	615,502	688,867	657,109	554,842	558,708	593,954	451,515		
4 Managers.....	21,060	20,894	23,646	38,885	36,501	48,104	56,131	40,700	68,583	58,353	59,213		
5 All tenants.....	735,849	1,149,239	1,447,455	1,858,421	2,364,923	2,865,155	2,668,811	2,462,608	2,458,554	2,357,784	2,026,286	1,294,913	1,024,601
6 Cash.....	107,217	160,131	215,392	402,175	514,438	NA	489,210	393,452	483,577	475,188	475,920	454,659	322,357
7 Share-cash.....	132,524	165,241	193,141	137,858	278,605	NA	NA	NA	127,822	128,466			
8 Crop-share.....	201,046	327,261	420,049	694,928	815,799	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,273,366	484,254	4702,244
9 Livestock-share.....	86,429	111,154	115,283	446,556	541,291	716,256	776,278	623,058	561,091				
10 Croppers ³	121,037	267,662	346,765										
11 Other and unspecified.....	87,596	117,790	156,825	176,904	214,790	NA	NA	NA	4168,172	4113,993	NA	NA	NA
12 White, total ⁴	6,423,361	4,301,420	4,802,520	5,169,954	5,378,913	5,956,795	6,373,703	6,499,707	6,453,991	6,365,822	5,739,657	4,564,641	4,008,907
13 Full owners.....	2,016,808	2,604,730	2,936,960	3,126,212	2,917,255	3,036,910	3,210,224	3,174,675	3,174,675	3,159,560	3,026,214	3,269,728	2,984,306
14 Part owners.....	792,422	814,112	769,751	629,734	581,678	650,787	612,887	517,820	517,820	548,457	420,916		
15 Managers.....	20,457	20,236	23,140	38,263	35,750	46,914	52,890	66,317	66,317	56,679	57,353		
16 All tenants.....	592,417	862,342	1,072,669	1,375,745	1,844,230	2,222,184	1,954,247	1,740,534	1,740,534	1,676,676	1,465,646	988,546	NA
17 Cash.....	49,456	130,737	171,489	326,787	444,205	NA	387,834	NA	374,001	374,954	477,100		
18 Share-cash.....	129,928	161,571	187,116	132,302	271,597	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
19 Crop-share.....	168,000	255,787	321,414	597,614	722,726	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	936,569		
20 Livestock-share.....	85,391	109,543	113,443	176,260	242,173	347,848	383,381	278,736	227,378				
21 Croppers ³	47,650	107,416	148,708										
22 Other and unspecified.....	71,992	97,288	130,499	142,782	163,529	NA	NA	NA	483,191	488,492	NA	NA	NA
23 Nonwhite, total ⁵	6284,612	481,601	481,601	585,917	689,215	723,504	855,555	6921,400	6954,284	924,450	769,528	NA	NA
24 Full owners.....	97,388	139,978	154,706	175,149	168,236	173,314	159,894	193,126	193,126	196,171	176,429		
25 Part owners.....	40,733	54,068	55,919	30,768	33,824	38,080	43,863	40,888	40,888	45,497	30,599		
26 Managers.....	489	658	506	622	751	1,190	3,202	2,258	2,258	1,674	1,860		
27 All tenants.....	141,017	286,897	374,786	482,676	520,693	642,971	714,433	718,009	718,009	681,108	560,640	NA	NA
28 Cash.....	15,738	29,394	43,903	75,388	70,233	NA	101,376	NA	109,576	4267,234	4275,820	NA	NA
29 Share-cash.....	2,578	3,670	6,025	5,556	7,008	NA	NA	NA	8,427	14,623			
30 Crop-share.....	32,987	71,474	98,635	97,314	93,073	NA	NA	NA	181,323		284,820	NA	NA
31 Livestock-share.....	1,037	1,611	1,840			NA	NA	NA	NA	373,750			
32 Croppers ³	73,387	160,246	198,057	270,296	299,118	368,408	392,897	344,322	333,713				
33 Other and unspecified.....	15,290	20,502	26,326	34,122	51,261	NA	NA	NA	484,970	425,501	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available.
¹Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.
²Forty-nine States; no classification by tenure for Alaska for 1910.
³Full owners for 1930 include 330 "Owners" and for 1920 include 345 "Owners" for Alaska for whom no differentiation was made between full and part owners.
⁴For 1920 standing renters (renters paying a fixed quantity of products) for the North and West were included with "Cash tenants," and those for the South with "Other tenants"; for 1910, standing renters were included with "Cash tenants" for all States; for 1900, standing renters and unspecified tenants were included with cash tenants; for 1890 and 1880, all tenants were classified as either renting for fixed money rental or for share of products. See Table 2. In determining increase-decrease

Table 5.—NUMBER OF FARMS, BY COLOR AND TENURE
[Data for 1959 and 1954 are based on reports for only a sample of

Color and tenure of operator	Number of farms												
	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880
THE SOUTH													
1 All farm operators.....	1,645,028	2,317,296	2,652,423	2,881,135	3,007,170	3,421,923	3,223,816	3,131,418	3,206,664	3,097,547	2,620,391	1,836,372	1,531,077
2 Full owners.....	946,613	1,275,226	1,411,123	1,509,056	1,327,690	1,339,946	1,190,683	1,333,429	1,405,762	1,329,390	1,237,114	1,130,029	977,229
3 Part owners.....	322,952	351,016	325,999	193,607	216,607	234,720	224,992	185,764	191,463	215,121	133,368		
4 Managers.....	9,196	9,971	9,979	13,193	13,580	15,782	17,358	10,926	18,318	16,284	18,765		
5 All tenants.....	366,267	681,483	905,322	1,165,279	1,449,293	1,831,475	1,790,783	1,601,299	1,591,121	1,536,752	1,231,144	706,343	553,848
6 Cash.....	49,231	88,782	119,855	232,234	254,351	NA	238,032	182,614	219,188	453,060	458,790	247,999	180,038
7 Share-cash.....	18,025	22,271	30,023	38,678	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	22,672			
8 Crop-share.....	112,858	214,153	298,325	355,297	479,044	NA	NA	NA	651,224		981,676	772,354	458,344
9 Livestock-share.....	14,144	14,833	16,021			NA	NA	NA	NA				
10 Croppers.....	121,037	267,662	346,765	446,556	541,291	716,256	776,278	623,058	561,091				
11 Other and unspecified.....	50,972	73,782	94,333	110,403	135,929	NA	NA	NA	136,946	162,351	NA	NA	NA
12 White, total.....	1,379,407	1,853,820	2,093,333	2,215,722	2,326,904	2,606,176	2,342,129	2,299,963	2,283,750	2,207,406	1,879,721	1,130,029	977,229
13 Full owners.....	856,864	1,145,372	1,269,641	1,348,076	1,185,788	1,189,833	1,050,187	1,173,778	1,227,204	1,154,100	1,078,635		
14 Part owners.....	285,418	300,280	274,135	165,355	185,246	198,768	183,469	150,875	152,432	171,944	105,171		
15 Managers.....	8,906	9,190	9,740	12,751	13,215	15,401	16,529	10,259	16,548	15,084	17,172		
16 All tenants.....	228,219	398,978	539,817	689,540	942,655	1,202,174	1,091,944	965,051	887,566	866,278	678,743	491,655	NA
17 Cash.....	34,376	60,634	80,293	159,092	189,667	NA	140,112	103,854	118,913	192,094	187,088		
18 Share-cash.....	15,619	18,808	24,367	15,549	32,131	NA	NA	NA	NA	14,465			
19 Crop-share.....	81,144	144,918	202,864	261,429	389,561	NA	NA	NA	NA	474,513			
20 Livestock-share.....	13,198	13,327	14,285			NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
21 Croppers.....	47,650	107,416	148,708	176,260	242,173	347,848	383,381	278,736	227,378				
22 Other and unspecified.....	36,232	53,875	69,300	77,210	89,123	NA	NA	NA	52,297	137,367	NA	NA	NA
23 Nonwhite, total.....	265,621	463,476	559,090	665,413	680,266	815,747	881,687	831,455	922,914	890,141	740,670	NA	NA
24 Full owners.....	89,749	129,854	141,482	160,980	141,902	150,113	140,496	159,651	178,558	175,290	158,479		
25 Part owners.....	37,534	50,736	51,864	28,252	31,361	35,952	41,523	34,889	39,031	43,177	28,197		
26 Managers.....	290	381	239	442	365	667	829	667	1,770	1,200	1,593		
27 All tenants.....	138,048	282,505	365,505	475,739	506,638	629,301	698,839	636,248	703,555	670,474	552,401	NA	NA
28 Cash.....	14,855	28,148	39,562	73,142	64,684	NA	97,920	78,760	100,275	1260,966	1271,702	NA	NA
29 Share-cash.....	2,406	3,463	5,656	5,280	6,547	NA	NA	NA	8,207	14,218			
30 Crop-share.....	31,714	69,235	95,461	93,828	89,483	NA	NA	NA	176,711		280,699	NA	NA
31 Livestock-share.....	946	1,506	1,736			NA	NA	NA	NA				
32 Croppers.....	73,387	160,246	198,057	270,296	299,118	368,408	392,897	344,322	333,713				
33 Other and unspecified.....	14,740	19,907	25,033	33,193	46,806	NA	NA	NA	84,649	124,984	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available.
² Less than 0.05 percent.

COLOR, RACE, AND TENURE OF FARM OPERATOR

OF OPERATOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1880 TO 1959

a sample of farms. See text. Figures for divisions and States in Tables 24 and 25]

Increase or decrease (-)											Percent distribution, by tenure													
Number		Percent																						
1954-1959	1950-1954	1954-1959	1950-1954	1945-1950	1940-1945	1935-1940	1930-1935	1925-1930	1920-1925	1910-1920	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	
-1,075,048	-605,416	-22.5	-11.2	-8.0	-4.0	-10.4	8.2	-1.2	-1.3	1.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1
-628,114	-346,958	-22.9	-11.2	-6.4	7.0	-3.9	10.2	-12.1	-1.6	0.4	57.1	57.4	57.4	56.3	50.6	47.1	46.3	52.0	52.7	52.7	55.8	55.8	55.8	2
-33,710	42,510	-3.9	5.1	-25.0	7.3	-10.7	4.8	18.4	-0.7	-5.9	22.5	18.2	15.3	11.3	10.1	10.1	10.4	8.7	9.3	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	3
166	-2,752	0.8	-11.6	-39.2	6.5	-24.1	-14.3	37.9	-40.7	17.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	4
-413,390	-298,216	-36.0	-20.6	-22.1	-21.4	-17.5	7.4	8.4	0.2	4.3	19.8	24.0	26.9	31.7	38.8	42.1	42.4	38.6	38.1	37.0	35.3	28.4	25.6	5
-52,914	-55,261	-33.0	-25.7	-46.4	-21.8	NA	NA	24.3	-18.6	-17.7	2.9	3.3	4.0	6.9	8.4	NA	7.8	6.2	7.5	11.2	13.1	10.0	8.0	6
-32,717	-27,900	-19.8	-14.4	40.1	-50.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.4	4.6	NA	NA	NA	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	7
-126,215	-92,788	-38.6	-22.1	-23.0	-14.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.4	6.8	7.8	11.9	13.4	NA	NA	NA	17.3	22.0	22.2	18.4	17.5	8.0	8
-24,725	-4,129	-22.2	-3.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	9
-146,625	-79,103	-54.8	-22.8	-22.3	-17.5	-24.4	-7.7	24.6	11.0	3.3	5.6	6.4	7.6	8.9	10.5	12.3	9.8	8.7	22.0	22.2	18.4	17.5	10.0	10
-30,194	-39,035	-25.6	-24.9	-11.4	-17.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	-44.6	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.5	NA	NA	NA	2.6	1.8	NA	NA	NA	11
-878,059	-501,100	-20.4	-10.4	-7.1	-3.9	-9.7	10.9	NA	NA	1.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12
-587,922	-332,230	-22.6	-11.3	-6.1	7.2	-3.9	10.3	NA	NA	0.5	58.9	60.6	61.2	60.5	54.2	51.0	51.2	NA	57.7	58.1	60.9	60.9	60.9	13
-21,690	44,361	-1.7	5.8	22.2	8.3	-10.6	6.2	NA	NA	-5.6	23.1	18.9	16.0	12.2	10.8	10.9	11.4	NA	9.4	10.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	14
221	-2,904	2.1	-12.5	-39.5	7.0	-23.8	-11.3	NA	NA	17.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	NA	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	15
-269,925	-210,327	-31.3	-19.6	-22.0	-25.4	-17.0	13.7	NA	NA	3.8	17.3	20.0	22.3	26.6	34.3	37.3	36.4	NA	31.6	30.8	29.5	29.5	29.5	16
-41,281	-40,752	-31.6	-23.8	-47.5	-26.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	-10.5	2.6	3.0	3.6	6.3	8.3	7.2	NA	6.8	8.2	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	17
-31,643	-25,545	-19.6	-13.7	41.4	-51.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	2.6	5.0	NA	NA	2.2	2.1	18.9	19.9	NA	NA	18
-87,787	-65,627	-34.3	-20.4	-27.2	-17.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.9	5.9	6.7	11.6	13.4	NA	NA	NA	17.0	18.9	19.9	NA	NA	NA	19
-24,152	3,900	-22.0	-3.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	20
-59,766	-41,292	-55.6	-27.8	-15.6	-27.2	-30.4	-9.3	37.5	22.6	1.4	2.5	3.1	3.4	4.5	5.8	7.1	NA	4.1	18.9	19.9	NA	NA	NA	21
-25,296	-33,211	-26.0	-25.4	-8.6	-12.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	-36.6	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.0	NA	NA	NA	1.5	1.6	NA	NA	NA	22
-196,989	-104,316	-40.9	-17.8	-15.0	-4.7	-15.4	-7.1	NA	NA	3.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	NA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	23
-42,590	-14,728	-30.4	-9.5	-11.7	4.1	-2.9	8.4	NA	NA	-1.6	34.8	29.1	26.4	25.4	23.3	20.3	17.4	NA	20.2	21.2	22.9	22.9	22.9	24
-13,335	-1,851	-24.7	-3.3	81.7	-9.0	-11.2	-13.2	NA	NA	-10.1	14.6	11.2	9.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.8	NA	4.3	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	25
-169	152	-25.7	30.0	-18.6	-17.2	-36.9	-62.8	NA	NA	34.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	NA	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	26
-145,880	-87,889	-50.8	-23.5	-22.4	-7.3	-19.0	-10.0	NA	NA	5.4	50.4	59.6	64.0	70.0	72.0	75.2	77.5	NA	75.2	73.7	72.9	72.9	72.9	27
-13,656	-14,509	-46.5	-33.0	-41.8	7.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	-29.4	5.6	6.1	7.5	10.9	9.7	NA	11.1	NA	11.5	28.9	35.8	35.8	35.8	28
-1,092	-2,355	-29.8	-39.1	8.4	-20.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	-42.4	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.0	NA	NA	0.9	1.6	37.0	NA	NA	NA	29
-38,487	-27,161	-53.8	-27.5	3.2	4.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.8	14.8	16.8	14.1	12.9	NA	NA	NA	19.0	40.4	37.0	NA	NA	NA	30
-974	-229	-35.6	-12.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	31
-86,859	-37,811	-54.2	-19.1	-26.7	-9.6	-18.8	-6.2	14.1	3.2	26.2	33.3	33.8	39.2	41.3	43.1	42.6	(5)	35.1	37.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	32
-5,212	-5,824	-25.4	-22.1	-22.8	-33.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	-72.4	5.5	4.3	4.5	5.0	7.1	NA	NA	8.9	2.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	33

1910-1920, the 27,072 white and the 77,924 nonwhite standing renters reported for the South for 1920 were included with cash tenants.

⁵South only. Croppers for Missouri (shown separately in table 3) are included with crop-share tenants. See text.

⁶Totals by color include 1,257 white and 4,985 nonwhite operators for 1959 for Hawaii, 492 white and 8 nonwhite operators for 1930 for Alaska, and 361 white and 3 nonwhite operators for 1920 for Alaska, for whom tenure distribution is not available.

⁷Full owners by color for 1930 include 359 part owners for Hawaii; the tenure distribution by color for Hawaii for that year was for "Owners" with no differentiation between full and part owners.

TENURE OF OPERATOR, FOR THE SOUTH: 1880 TO 1959

farms. See text. Figures for divisions and States in Tables 24 and 25]

Increase or decrease (-)											Percent distribution, by tenure													
Number		Percent																						
1954-1959	1950-1954	1954-1959	1950-1954	1945-1950	1940-1945	1935-1940	1930-1935	1925-1930	1920-1925	1910-1920	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930	1925	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	
-672,268	-335,127	-29.0	-12.6	-7.9	-4.2	-12.1	6.1	3.0	-2.3	3.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1
-328,613	-135,897	-25.8	-9.6	-6.5	13.7	-0.9	12.5	-10.7	-5.1	5.7	57.5	55.0	53.2	52.4	44.2	39.2	36.9	42.6	43.8	42.9	47.2	61.5	63.8	2
-28,064	25,017	-8.0	7.7	68.4	-10.6	-7.7	4.3	21.1	-3.0	11.0	19.6	15.1	12.3	6.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	5.9	6.0	6.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	3
-375	-408	-3.9	-4.1	-24.4	-2.8	-14.0	-9.1	58.9	-40.4	12.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	4
-315,216	-223,839	-46.3	-24.7	-22.3	-19.6	-20.9	2.3	11.8	0.6	3.5	22.3	29.4	34.1	40.4	48.2	53.5	55.5	51.1	49.6	49.6	47.0	38.5	36.2	5
-39,551	-31,073	-44.5	-25.9	-48.4	-8.7	NA	NA	30.3	-16.7	28.4	3.0	3.8	4.5	8.1	8.5	NA	7.4	5.8	6.8	14.6	17.5	13.5	11.8	6
-4,246	-7,752	-19.1	-25.8	44.1	-46.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	-42.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.3	NA	NA	0.7	1.3	29.5	25.0	24.4	7	
-101,295	-84,172	-47.3	-28.2	-11.5	-25.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.9	9.2	11.2	12.3	15.9	NA	NA	NA	20.3	31.7	29.5	25.0	24.4	8	
-689	-1,188	-4.6	-7.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	9
-146,625	-79,103	-54.8	-22.8	-22.3	-17.5	-24.4	-7.7	24.6	11.0	7.4	11.6	13.1	15.5	18.0	20.9	24.1	19.9	17.5	31.7	29.5	25.0	24.4	10	
-22,810	-20,551	-30.9	21.8	-14.6	-18.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	-48.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.8	4.5	NA	NA	NA	4.3	2.0	NA	NA	NA	11
-474,413	-239,513	-25.6	-11.4	-5.5	-4.8	-10.7	11.3	1.8	0.7	3.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12
-288,508	-124,269	-25.2	-9.8	-5.8	13.7	-0.3	13.3	-10.5	-4.4	6.3	62.1	61.8	60.7	60.8	51.0	45.7	44.8	51.0	53.7	52.3	57.4	57.4	57.4	13
-14,862	26,145	-4.9	9.5	65.8	-10.7	-6.8	8.3	21.6	-1.0	-11.3	20.7	16.2	13.1	7.5	8.0	7.6	7.8	6.6	6.7	7.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	14
-284	-550	-3.1	-5.6	-23.6	-3.5	-14.2	-6.8	61.1	-38.0	9.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	15
-170,759	-140,839	-42.8	-26.1	-21.7	-26.9	-21.6	10.1	13.1	8.7	2.5	16.5	21.5	25.8	31.1	40.5	46.1	46.6	42.0	38.9	39.2	36.1	36.1	36.1	16
-26,258	-19,659	-43.3	-24.5	-49.5	-16.1	NA	NA	34.9	-12.7	-24.0	2.5	3.3	3.8	7.2	8.2	NA	6.0	4.5	5.2	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	17
-3,189	-5,559	-17.0	-22.8	56.7	-51.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	-43.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.4									