



Of the 2,773,000 farms reporting wheel and crawler tractors (garden tractors excluded) in 1954, 1,698,000 had only one tractor on each farm while 1,075,000 had two or more tractors per farm. Farms with one tractor accounted for 61.2 percent of all farms reporting tractors but they had only 39.1 percent of all wheel and crawler tractors on farms. The number of farms with one tractor decreased from 1,698,000 in 1954 to 1,293,000 in 1959, or 23.9 percent, while the number of farms with two or more tractors increased from 1,075,000 to 1,292,000, or 20.3 percent. The number of tractors on farms with two or more tractors increased from 2,647,000 to 3,393,000, or 28.2 percent. For the two or more trac-

tors per farm group, the average number of tractors per farm increased from 2.46 to 2.62. During the interval from November 1954 to November 1959, the number of farms reporting wheel and crawler tractors decreased 6.8 percent as the number of wheel and crawler tractors on farms increased 7.8 percent with a resultant increase in the average number of tractors per farm reporting from 1.57 in 1954 to 1.81 in 1959. The number of garden tractors increased nearly 30 percent during the 5-year period. The use of more tractors per farm is consistent with the increase in the average size of farm and particularly with the increase in the number of farms containing 500 acres or more.

Table 7.—FARMS REPORTING NUMBER OF TRACTORS, OTHER THAN GARDEN, PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF TRACTORS PER FARM, BY SPECIFIED NUMBER OF TRACTORS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1959 AND 1954

[Data for conterminous United States are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text.]

Item	All farms	Farms reporting tractors				Farms not reporting tractors
		Any tractors	1 tractor	2 tractors	3 or more tractors	
Farms reporting.....1959...	3,707,973	2,586,788	1,294,040	809,969	482,779	1,121,185
.....1954 ¹	4,783,021	2,773,074	1,698,435	774,382	300,257	2,009,947
Increase or decrease.....percent ¹	-22.6	-6.8	-23.9	4.4	37.8	-44.5
Percent distribution.....1959...	100.0	69.8	34.9	21.9	13.0	30.2
.....1954 ¹	100.0	58.0	35.5	16.2	6.3	42.0
Number of tractors.....1959...	4,688,493	4,688,493	1,294,040	1,619,938	1,774,515	...
.....1954 ¹	4,345,234	4,345,234	1,698,435	1,548,764	1,098,035	...
Increase or decrease.....percent ¹	7.8	7.8	-23.9	4.4	38.1	...
Percent distribution.....1959...	...	100.0	27.6	34.6	37.8	...
.....1954 ¹	...	100.0	39.1	35.6	25.3	...
Average number of tractors per farm.....1959...	1.26	1.81	1.00	2.00	3.68	...
.....1954 ¹	0.91	1.57	1.00	2.00	3.66	...

¹Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.