

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...	147,642	189,196	213,583	232,542	247,347	270,048	237,395	247,807	257,998
Negro.....number...	3,327	4,290	4,882	5,959	5,546	8,250	9,104	10,717	12,624
Other nonwhite.....number...	17	1	11		1				4
By age:									
Under 25 years.....operators reporting...	5,238	4,352	7,390	6,509	12,734	NA	16,602	NA	21,870
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting...	16,090	22,735	30,876	34,227	42,976	NA	41,246	NA	57,098
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting...	30,118	42,058	45,179	52,891	50,974	NA	54,494	NA	63,876
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting...	37,427	43,776	43,593	56,078	54,273	NA	53,237	NA	58,737
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting...	32,869	37,835	39,245	45,999	44,690	NA	41,997	NA	38,934
65 or more years.....operators reporting...	31,104	37,903	35,175	40,923	39,031	NA	30,644	NA	26,981
Average age.....years	61.7	60.7	49.0	49.3	47.8	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number...	1,138	4,789	18,780	1,874	8,616	NA	8,279	NA	3,130
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	130,615	175,844	203,497	220,054	230,824	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	8,968	10,499	8,474	16,325	12,469	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	11,403	7,144	6,505	2,122	9,601	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting...	65,586	78,693	77,893	59,974	79,405	81,798	88,488	NA	NA
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting...	16,563	22,480	19,208	8,692	19,650	38,395	33,330	NA	NA
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting...	8,087	11,600	12,178	6,956	13,965	14,533	18,611	NA	NA
100 or more days.....operators reporting...	40,846	44,713	46,507	44,326	45,790	28,870	36,547	NA	NA
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting...	10,609	16,688	16,778	12,925	24,052	14,143	19,593	NA	NA
200 or more days.....operators reporting...	30,337	30,027	29,189	31,401	21,738	14,727	16,954	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	86,386	114,763	140,944	178,527	173,489	196,500	158,011	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting...	66,711	64,357	66,484	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	9,393	8,716	6,617	2,243	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	10,617	9,221	7,046	2,422	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Com pickers.....farms reporting...	16,331	10,448	4,848	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	16,692	10,594	4,980	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	18,155	11,242	5,827	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	18,397	11,334	6,084	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	2,999	1,891	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	3,144	1,937	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	65,863	62,323	49,794	25,175	17,830	NA	6,740	NA	1,455
number.....	74,947	68,013	54,967	27,194	19,100	NA	7,188	NA	1,538
Tractors.....farms reporting...	80,612	71,312	49,342	22,367	11,246	NA	6,951	4,793	1,913
number.....	113,494	88,644	68,818	24,409	11,927	NA	7,322	4,994	2,029
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	77,338	69,301	47,690	22,367	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	103,416	83,842	56,148	23,426	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	68,901	68,684	41,744	120,764	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	13,660	8,164	4,666	11,320	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	3,220	1,611	1,290	1,283	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	900	502	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	607	340	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	76,730	69,036	47,121	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	100,950	82,839	55,173	22,865	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	2,230	928	976	560	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	2,465	1,003	976	560	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	9,685	4,669	2,673	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
number.....	10,079	4,802	2,670	753	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	101,986	105,260	102,938	95,883	88,979	NA	82,034	NA	28,532
number.....	116,644	122,212	118,846	102,997	98,699	NA	86,784	NA	30,146
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	122,726	134,353	108,938	95,883	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting...	68,263	50,076	46,813	42,118	39,851	NA	61,631	NA	73,145
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	56,617	30,273	12,165	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	12,924	9,097	7,143	1,324	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	12,796	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	681	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	10,437	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	65,308	NA	68,016	NA	46,460	NA	237,363	343,242	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	58,049	NA	82,893	NA	63,126	NA	440,390	255,927	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	23,421	NA	58,109	NA	133,695	NA	148,335	179,492	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	8,866	NA	NA	6165,269	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	14,555	NA	NA	62,961	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting...	5,598	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	5,620	NA	NA	624,419	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting...	1,066	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	2,222	NA	NA	68,542	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.