

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... | 17,350 | 23,356 | 30,339 | 42,145 | 38,962 | 41,893 | 38,989 | NA | 48,214 |
| Negro.....number... | 9 | 10 | 17 | 39 | 13 | 14 | 15 | NA | 13 |
| Other nonwhite.....number... | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 5 | | 2 | NA | ... |
| By age: | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years.....operators reporting... | 866 | 191 | 365 | 442 | 474 | NA | 489 | NA | 867 |
| 25 to 34 years.....operators reporting... | 1,784 | 2,484 | 3,635 | 4,247 | 3,651 | NA | 3,730 | NA | 5,529 |
| 35 to 44 years.....operators reporting... | 3,600 | 4,909 | 6,106 | 8,231 | 6,772 | NA | 7,166 | NA | 9,617 |
| 45 to 54 years.....operators reporting... | 4,234 | 6,675 | 6,930 | 10,092 | 8,803 | NA | 9,023 | NA | 11,858 |
| 55 to 64 years.....operators reporting... | 3,019 | 6,279 | 6,537 | 9,132 | 8,727 | NA | 8,893 | NA | 10,706 |
| 65 or more years.....operators reporting... | 3,558 | 4,691 | 5,788 | 9,390 | 8,669 | NA | 7,634 | NA | 8,907 |
| Average age.....years | 61.9 | 61.4 | 61.4 | 52.5 | 53.0 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Operators not reporting age.....number | 87 | 242 | 1,114 | 650 | 1,884 | NA | 2,071 | NA | 743 |
| By residence: | | | | | | | | | |
| Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting... | 16,022 | 21,992 | 28,248 | 38,775 | 34,939 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting... | 795 | 998 | 1,426 | 2,860 | 2,211 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Operators not reporting residence.....number | 543 | 378 | 684 | 549 | 1,830 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| By off-farm work: | | | | | | | | | |
| Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting... | 9,566 | 13,708 | 16,934 | 18,746 | 18,038 | 19,602 | 19,253 | NA | NA |
| 1 to 49 days.....operators reporting... | 1,636 | 2,827 | 3,296 | 1,714 | 3,988 | 6,392 | 5,864 | NA | NA |
| 50 to 99 days.....operators reporting... | 902 | 1,091 | 1,806 | 1,374 | 2,469 | 3,704 | 3,024 | NA | NA |
| 100 or more days.....operators reporting... | 7,017 | 9,790 | 11,833 | 15,658 | 11,581 | 9,506 | 10,365 | NA | NA |
| 100 to 199 days.....operators reporting... | 1,219 | 1,708 | 2,769 | 2,957 | 4,499 | 4,585 | 4,416 | NA | NA |
| 200 or more days.....operators reporting... | 6,798 | 8,082 | 9,074 | 12,701 | 7,082 | 4,921 | 5,949 | NA | NA |
| Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number | 7,787 | 8,663 | 13,434 | 23,438 | 20,942 | 22,305 | 19,753 | NA | NA |
| By other income: | | | | | | | | | |
| With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting... | 6,316 | 9,692 | 13,849 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Grain combines.....farms reporting... | 1,063 | 1,107 | 616 | 201 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 1,077 | 1,116 | 630 | 224 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Corn pickers.....farms reporting... | 48 | 13 | 18 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 48 | 13 | 18 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Pick-up balers.....farms reporting... | 3,089 | 1,796 | 624 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 3,137 | 1,828 | 624 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting... | 806 | 468 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 837 | 473 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Motortrucks.....farms reporting... | 11,617 | 13,660 | 14,864 | 15,229 | 11,698 | NA | 9,879 | NA | 1,061 |
|number... | 17,314 | 18,287 | 19,197 | 17,849 | 13,118 | NA | 10,781 | NA | 1,120 |
| Tractors.....farms reporting... | 12,217 | 13,421 | 12,794 | 12,937 | 7,516 | NA | 3,214 | 1,684 | 605 |
|number... | 20,467 | 18,938 | 16,666 | 14,794 | 8,093 | NA | 3,410 | 1,774 | 635 |
| Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting... | 11,081 | 12,231 | 11,611 | 12,937 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 17,793 | 16,800 | 14,864 | 13,223 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1 tractor.....farms reporting... | 6,603 | 8,217 | 9,238 | 11,490 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 2 tractors.....farms reporting... | 3,018 | 2,497 | 1,817 | 1,209 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 3 tractors.....farms reporting... | 1,080 | 669 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 4 tractors.....farms reporting... | 289 | 165 | 666 | 238 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 5 or more tractors.....farms reporting... | 161 | 63 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Wheel tractors.....farms reporting... | 10,766 | 12,032 | 11,404 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 16,229 | 16,084 | 14,160 | 12,766 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Crawler tractors.....farms reporting... | 1,348 | 668 | 653 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 1,504 | 716 | 704 | 457 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Garden tractors.....farms reporting... | 2,548 | 2,061 | 1,722 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|number... | 2,674 | 2,132 | 1,811 | 1,745 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Automobiles.....farms reporting... | 14,355 | 17,616 | 19,879 | 27,223 | 22,701 | NA | 23,015 | NA | 11,686 |
|number... | 17,205 | 21,792 | 23,937 | 30,095 | 25,540 | NA | 26,227 | NA | 12,569 |
| Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting... | 16,231 | 21,052 | 25,005 | 32,119 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
|farms reporting... | 14,251 | 16,981 | 19,467 | 22,642 | 17,105 | NA | 22,189 | NA | 23,632 |
| Telephone.....farms reporting... | 9,132 | 8,200 | 4,269 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Home freezer.....farms reporting... | 4,307 | 6,091 | 4,770 | 3,092 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting... | 4,315 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting... | 273 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting... | 3,528 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Farms by kind of road on which located: | | | | | | | | | |
| Hard surface.....farms reporting... | 12,064 | NA | 17,869 | NA | 15,615 | NA | 23,493 | 21,800 | NA |
| Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting... | 2,736 | NA | 3,552 | NA | 5,930 | NA | 42,689 | 14,155 | NA |
| Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting... | 2,350 | NA | 7,588 | NA | 15,968 | NA | 20,875 | 33,226 | NA |
| Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting... | 1,225 | NA | NA | 635,848 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting... | 1,126 | NA | NA | 64,853 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1 mile.....farms reporting... | 666 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting... | 307 | NA | NA | 64,484 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 4 miles.....farms reporting... | 41 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 5 or more miles.....farms reporting... | 61 | NA | NA | 369 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

NA Not available.
¹Figures for 1945 are for all tractors.
²Concrete, brick, asphalt, and macadam.
³Concrete, brick and macadam. Asphalt was not included.
⁴Includes sand-clay.
⁵Gravel.
⁶Distance to all-weather road. See text.