

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<br>(For definitions and explanations, see text)  | Census of—          |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | 1959<br>(Oct.-Nov.) | 1954<br>(Oct.-Nov.) | 1950<br>(April 1) | 1945<br>(January 1) | 1940<br>(April 1) | 1935<br>(January 1) | 1930<br>(April 1) | 1925<br>(January 1) | 1920<br>(January 1) |
| <b>FARM OPERATORS</b>   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| By color:   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| White..... number...  | 11,127              | 17,300              | 22,121            | 36,653              | 31,416            | 34,804              | 25,534            | NA                  | 31,880              |
| Negro..... number...  | 49                  | 46                  | 89                | 354                 | 451               | 290                 | 63                | NA                  | 103                 |
| Other nonwhite..... number...   | 3                   | 15                  | 10                |                     | 30                |                     | 1                 | NA                  | 18                  |
| By age:   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| Under 25 years..... operators reporting...  | 81                  | 141                 | 225               | 310                 | 330               | NA                  | 233               | NA                  | 393                 |
| 25 to 34 years..... operators reporting...  | 886                 | 1,398               | 2,099             | 2,730               | 2,369             | NA                  | 1,822             | NA                  | 3,072               |
| 35 to 44 years..... operators reporting...  | 2,247               | 3,673               | 4,472             | 6,716               | 5,005             | NA                  | 5,137             | NA                  | 6,388               |
| 45 to 54 years..... operators reporting...  | 3,071               | 3,391               | 6,044             | 10,481              | 8,229             | NA                  | 6,483             | NA                  | 8,580               |
| 55 to 64 years..... operators reporting...  | 2,672               | 4,130               | 4,924             | 9,236               | 7,700             | NA                  | 5,964             | NA                  | 7,146               |
| 65 or more years..... operators reporting...  | 2,098               | 3,708               | 4,279             | 6,979               | 6,790             | NA                  | 4,537             | NA                  | 5,613               |
| Average age..... years  | 52.6                | 52.7                | 52.1              | 53.7                | 52.7              | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Operators not reporting age..... number...  | 116                 | 279                 | 1,162             | 555                 | 1,474             | NA                  | 1,422             | NA                  | 809                 |
| By residence:   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| Residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...   | 9,768               | 16,160              | 20,601            | 34,648              | 28,272            | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Not residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...   | 821                 | 872                 | 1,014             | 2,001               | 1,767             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Operators not reporting residence..... number...  | 590                 | 329                 | 605               | 358                 | 1,858             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| By off-farm work:   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| Working off their farms, total..... operators reporting...  | 6,182               | 8,513               | 10,630            | 16,815              | 12,778            | 12,088              | 9,852             | NA                  | NA                  |
| 1 to 49 days..... operators reporting...  | 610                 | 830                 | 1,106             | 314                 | 1,098             | 1,599               | 1,972             | NA                  | NA                  |
| 50 to 99 days..... operators reporting...   | 316                 | 398                 | 778               | 456                 | 1,071             | 1,845               | 1,291             | NA                  | NA                  |
| 100 or more days..... operators reporting...  | 4,266               | 7,285               | 8,747             | 16,045              | 10,609            | 8,644               | 6,589             | NA                  | NA                  |
| 100 to 199 days..... operators reporting...   | 519                 | 941                 | 1,229             | 1,572               | 2,842             | 3,496               | 2,103             | NA                  | NA                  |
| 200 or more days..... operators reporting...  | 3,747               | 6,344               | 7,518             | 14,473              | 7,767             | 5,148               | 4,486             | NA                  | NA                  |
| Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm..... number...        | 5,967               | 8,803               | 11,576            | 20,192              | 19,119            | 23,006              | 15,746            | NA                  | NA                  |
| By other income:  |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold..... operators reporting... | 4,709 3,582         | 6,550               | 9,103             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| <b>SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD</b>  |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| Grain combines..... farms reporting...  | 98                  | 92                  | 138               | 15                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 98                  | 94                  | 144               | 20                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Com pickers..... farms reporting...   | 100                 | 67                  | 48                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 100                 | 67                  | 48                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Pick-up balers..... farms reporting...  | 2,310               | 1,785               | 690               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 2,379               | 1,826               | 700               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Field forage harvesters..... farms reporting...   | 1,362               | 1,090               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 1,479               | 1,121               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Mototrucks..... farms reporting...  | 7,238               | 9,430               | 10,626            | 14,589              | 9,934             | NA                  | 7,982             | NA                  | 3,136               |
| ..... number...   | 12,331              | 14,411              | 15,368            | 18,751              | 12,465            | NA                  | 9,572             | NA                  | 3,535               |
| Tractors..... farms reporting...  | 7,955               | 10,168              | 10,322            | 12,075              | 6,550             | NA                  | 3,563             | 2,046               | 540                 |
| ..... number...   | 15,464              | 16,236              | 14,637            | 14,026              | 7,335             | NA                  | 3,921             | 2,212               | 592                 |
| Tractors other than garden..... farms reporting...  | 8,733               | 8,487               | 8,616             | 12,075              | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 12,068              | 12,656              | 11,476            | 11,410              | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 1 tractor..... farms reporting...   | 3,665               | 5,698               | 6,604             | 10,582              | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 2 tractors..... farms reporting...  | 1,871               | 2,014               | 1,471             | 1,198               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 3 tractors..... farms reporting...  | 790                 | 563                 | 540               | 1,295               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 4 tractors..... farms reporting...  | 271                 | 187                 | 187               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 5 or more tractors..... farms reporting...  | 186                 | 96                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Wheel tractors..... farms reporting...  | 6,647               | 8,367               | 8,316             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 11,226              | 12,054              | 10,779            | 10,471              | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Crawler tractors..... farms reporting...  | 774                 | 552                 | 615               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 842                 | 602                 | 697               | 939                 | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Garden tractors..... farms reporting...   | 2,837               | 3,234               | 2,918             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| ..... number...   | 3,396               | 3,580               | 3,221             | 3,654               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Automobiles..... farms reporting...   | 9,330               | 13,854              | 15,763            | 28,505              | 19,743            | NA                  | 14,737            | NA                  | 8,181               |
| ..... number...   | 12,412              | 19,946              | 21,443            | 32,901              | 23,734            | NA                  | 17,638            | NA                  | 9,309               |
| Automobiles and/or mototrucks..... farms reporting...   | 10,438              | 15,490              | 18,229            | 31,227              | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Telephone..... farms reporting...   | 10,430              | 16,504              | 17,309            | 26,295              | 17,066            | NA                  | 16,581            | NA                  | 16,537              |
| Home freezer..... farms reporting...  | 6,780               | 6,691               | 4,253             | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Milking machine..... farms reporting...   | 3,236               | 4,104               | 4,067             | 2,794               | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Electric milk cooler..... farms reporting...  | 3,279               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops)..... farms reporting...                                | 213                 | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower..... farms reporting...                                  | 2,206               | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| Farms by kind of road on which located:   |                     |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                   |                     |                     |
| Hard surface..... farms reporting...  | 9,438               | NA                  | 17,143            | NA                  | 21,123            | NA                  | 29,219            | 39,626              | NA                  |
| Gravel, shell, or shalo..... farms reporting...   | 698                 | NA                  | 1,275             | NA                  | 3,095             | NA                  | 45,338            | 57,177              | NA                  |
| Dirt or unimproved..... farms reporting...  | 767                 | NA                  | 1,044             | NA                  | 6,509             | NA                  | 9,979             | 16,357              | NA                  |
| Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road..... farms reporting...                                       | 637                 | NA                  | NA                | 632,737             | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 1 or more miles to a hard surface road..... farms reporting...  | 230                 | NA                  | NA                | 6863                | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 1 mile..... farms reporting...  | 160                 | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 2 or 3 miles..... farms reporting...  | 80                  | NA                  | NA                | 6842                | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 4 miles..... farms reporting...   | NA                  | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |
| 5 or more miles..... farms reporting...   | NA                  | NA                  | NA                | 21                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                | NA                  | NA                  |

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Figures for 1945 are for all tractors.

<sup>2</sup>Concrete, brick, asphalt, and macadam.

<sup>3</sup>Concrete or brick and macadam. Asphalt was not included.

<sup>4</sup>Includes sand-clay.

<sup>5</sup>Gravel.

<sup>6</sup>Distance to all-weather road. See text.