

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)
<b>FARM OPERATORS</b>									
<b>By color:</b>									
White.....number...	166,967	199,060	226,813	238,937	252,410	273,196	250,079	NA	260,178
Negro.....number...	1,684	2,541	3,214	3,997	3,686	5,258	5,844	NA	2,824
Other nonwhite.....number...	21	13	18		4		17	NA	2
<b>By age:</b>									
Under 25 years.....operators reporting...	2,765	2,960	6,553	3,935	7,368	NA	10,604	NA	12,934
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting...	16,866	23,089	29,798	30,529	36,692	NA	39,392	NA	52,622
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting...	32,076	41,798	47,014	51,723	50,433	NA	57,123	NA	62,399
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting...	43,067	48,096	49,827	58,381	58,610	NA	57,819	NA	59,523
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting...	38,978	44,071	46,636	51,666	50,261	NA	48,645	NA	44,405
65 or more years.....operators reporting...	33,032	32,999	37,189	43,905	43,354	NA	36,351	NA	28,108
Average age.....years.....	61.8	61.2	49.8	49.6	49.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number...	1,906	2,677	14,041	2,795	9,382	NA	6,006	NA	3,013
<b>By residence:</b>									
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	149,477	188,235	213,889	226,317	234,762	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	10,472	10,587	10,543	14,186	10,211	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	8,723	2,792	5,613	2,431	11,127	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>By off-farm work:</b>									
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting...	74,692	88,078	82,180	55,009	71,274	81,812	74,083	NA	NA
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting...	17,186	25,909	24,869	13,043	23,094	43,698	33,914	NA	NA
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting...	7,816	10,587	10,805	6,694	10,592	12,872	13,028	NA	NA
100 or more days.....operators reporting...	49,690	51,602	47,096	35,272	37,588	25,242	27,141	NA	NA
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting...	10,932	13,662	12,643	9,863	16,069	10,709	11,983	NA	NA
200 or more days.....operators reporting...	38,660	37,940	34,453	25,409	21,519	14,533	15,158	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	94,087	113,602	147,798	187,925	184,826	196,642	181,857	NA	NA
<b>By other income:</b>									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting...	62,930	60,127	63,222	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD</b>									
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	49,837	43,087	26,210	10,483	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	61,993	44,672	27,726	11,127	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers.....farms reporting...	44,762	33,876	16,972	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	46,195	34,310	17,286	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	31,327	20,609	8,912	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	31,697	20,775	9,032	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	9,911	7,523	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	10,222	7,634	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	96,672	87,791	71,804	44,241	29,845	NA	19,215	NA	4,878
.....number...	109,687	96,880	77,260	47,225	31,771	NA	20,132	NA	5,059
Tractors.....farms reporting...	128,239	128,956	100,312	67,533	41,948	NA	23,673	12,066	7,438
.....number...	217,999	183,105	126,636	76,110	45,155	NA	24,999	12,745	7,889
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	124,009	126,174	97,402	167,533	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	191,512	168,428	119,295	77,332	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	76,812	93,180	81,402	160,943	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	34,227	24,827	12,757	15,325	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	9,028	4,931	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	2,321	1,299	3,243	1,265	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	1,661	877	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	123,163	124,963	96,725	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	186,870	165,866	117,385	76,608	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	4,223	2,279	1,788	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	4,642	2,562	1,910	824	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	26,748	14,422	6,068	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	26,427	14,677	6,241	1,066	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	133,773	142,355	144,652	156,285	162,640	NA	164,087	NA	81,392
.....number...	161,040	161,096	162,548	165,243	176,285	NA	176,466	NA	86,229
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	157,429	178,266	184,463	179,388	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting...	111,756	106,301	106,768	109,055	99,799	NA	137,712	NA	163,543
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	83,837	61,092	16,200	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	23,632	19,773	14,186	4,092	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	16,339	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	1,976	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	33,032	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Farms by kind of road on which located:</b>									
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	43,419	NA	39,780	NA	22,826	NA	211,287	36,907	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	94,134	NA	110,716	NA	90,343	NA	440,691	328,299	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	28,348	NA	68,422	NA	132,166	NA	192,415	216,588	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	10,923	NA	NA	6188,226	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	17,425	NA	NA	647,923	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting...	6,476	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	7,838	NA	NA	645,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting...	1,315	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	1,796	NA	NA	2,923	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.