

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...	139,704	176,090	198,420	219,459	232,684	253,669	218,059	NA	255,079
Negro.....number...	636	965	920	1,116	1,092	1,477	1,229	NA	1,616
Other nonwhite.....number...	13	19	19		7		8	NA	...
By age:									
Under 25 years..... operators reporting...	2,363	2,721	4,082	4,352	5,234	NA	4,012	NA	8,112
25 to 34 years..... operators reporting...	16,064	22,322	26,906	27,262	26,572	NA	25,260	NA	43,721
35 to 44 years..... operators reporting...	30,764	39,666	40,869	44,340	43,485	NA	48,304	NA	60,308
45 to 54 years..... operators reporting...	34,617	40,322	44,683	55,278	56,419	NA	54,074	NA	62,186
55 to 64 years..... operators reporting...	29,734	36,226	41,326	48,439	50,231	NA	46,155	NA	48,175
65 or more years..... operators reporting...	26,136	32,406	32,122	38,739	40,587	NA	33,241	NA	30,358
Average age..... years...	51.0	50.6	49.9	50.6	50.8	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number...	1,788	2,811	9,174	2,165	11,255	NA	8,250	NA	3,835
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...	124,118	166,659	186,305	206,982	212,293	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...	7,235	7,628	8,358	11,959	9,656	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	9,000	2,787	4,696	1,634	11,834	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total..... operators reporting...	71,981	91,228	89,697	74,659	75,106	75,388	63,643	NA	NA
1 to 49 days..... operators reporting...	13,666	18,105	18,166	10,684	17,009	24,217	24,197	NA	NA
50 to 99 days..... operators reporting...	6,241	7,321	7,960	5,483	8,193	12,452	8,665	NA	NA
100 or more days..... operators reporting...	52,184	65,722	63,492	58,492	49,904	38,719	30,781	NA	NA
100 to 199 days..... operators reporting...	9,836	11,168	12,616	9,513	17,966	18,202	12,218	NA	NA
200 or more days..... operators reporting...	42,349	54,574	50,876	48,979	31,938	20,517	18,563	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	68,386	86,870	109,623	145,916	158,677	179,758	155,653	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold..... operators reporting...	60,122	60,014	66,931	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	66,362	62,896	39,386	18,904	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	67,060	54,211	40,316	19,646	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers.....farms reporting...	68,372	63,936	34,241	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	69,848	54,680	34,691	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	41,607	29,216	12,241	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	41,809	29,357	12,378	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	9,660	7,322	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	10,161	7,447	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	69,902	69,016	66,861	38,670	31,872	NA	36,693	NA	6,960
.....number...	81,622	77,859	64,780	42,808	35,169	NA	39,210	NA	7,319
Tractors.....farms reporting...	120,016	137,627	127,390	110,803	83,265	NA	50,693	29,951	9,934
.....number...	242,762	233,093	122,421	130,426	89,999	NA	52,974	30,905	10,469
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	116,332	130,402	119,907	110,803	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	204,621	198,306	161,611	126,114	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	64,370	78,422	86,627	194,287	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	41,140	40,314	27,676	14,259	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	14,395	8,914	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	3,735	1,922	5,704	12,297	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	1,692	770	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	114,872	130,022	118,822	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	199,947	194,967	158,638	124,359	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	4,226	3,044	2,660	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	4,734	3,349	2,873	1,755	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	36,064	33,226	20,401	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	38,071	34,787	20,970	7,020	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	126,319	161,627	163,216	185,116	188,863	NA	172,078	NA	119,511
.....number...	161,626	197,161	208,027	221,587	231,368	NA	201,552	NA	128,284
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	131,038	160,696	163,216	185,116	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting...	113,769	126,863	119,736	111,461	88,888	NA	121,214	NA	159,478
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	90,316	79,408	36,139	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	36,402	41,396	39,436	20,069	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	30,679	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bulk-type milk cooler.....farms reporting...	7,439	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	3,484	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	63,963	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	97,716	NA	116,320	NA	99,153	NA	276,070	373,261	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	36,300	NA	64,222	NA	99,627	NA	479,188	566,647	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	4,879	NA	10,365	NA	25,986	NA	55,142	93,871	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	2,658	NA	NA	196,502	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	2,221	NA	NA	15,006	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting...	1,259	NA	NA	14,411	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	822	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting...	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	90	NA	NA	595	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.