

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...	142,635	181,874	207,570	206,902	219,642	239,387	210,519	218,022	214,592
Negro..... number...	15,018	21,266	24,044	27,529	27,972	34,396	35,123	34,647	38,181
Other nonwhite..... number...	35	9	17		3		15		1
By age:									
Under 25 years..... operators reporting...	2,789	4,392	8,486	7,274	13,461	NA	19,825	NA	19,935
25 to 34 years..... operators reporting...	14,824	23,376	34,383	34,896	43,439	NA	42,906	NA	52,281
35 to 44 years..... operators reporting...	31,690	46,261	60,260	54,159	49,976	NA	52,563	NA	59,098
45 to 54 years..... operators reporting...	42,087	49,062	46,661	54,483	53,121	NA	55,755	NA	56,606
55 to 64 years..... operators reporting...	34,373	38,978	39,899	44,718	43,413	NA	40,566	NA	37,209
65 or more years..... operators reporting...	30,621	36,371	33,976	36,795	34,053	NA	26,378	NA	24,838
Average age..... years.....	61.7	60.1	58.2	48.6	47.0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age..... number...	1,402	4,966	17,960	2,106	10,154	NA	7,664	NA	2,807
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...	137,503	186,253	215,050	220,632	224,584	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated..... operators reporting...	8,039	9,304	8,227	11,490	12,402	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence..... number...	12,146	7,592	8,354	2,309	10,631	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total..... operators reporting...	76,204	93,686	88,413	60,319	76,932	74,204	92,434	NA	NA
1 to 49 days..... operators reporting...	16,229	23,877	23,300	11,057	21,436	30,350	39,225	NA	NA
50 to 99 days..... operators reporting...	8,180	11,612	11,697	7,262	12,439	14,119	19,365	NA	NA
100 or more days..... operators reporting...	50,866	68,297	63,616	42,000	43,057	29,735	33,844	NA	NA
100 to 199 days..... operators reporting...	10,606	14,624	13,990	10,745	17,843	13,137	17,499	NA	NA
200 or more days..... operators reporting...	40,349	43,773	39,686	31,255	25,214	16,598	16,345	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm..... number...	82,491	109,699	143,111	174,112	170,685	199,579	153,223	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold..... operators reporting...	68,327	67,966	76,776	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines..... farms reporting...	12,074	11,010	8,147	2,731	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	13,003	11,796	10,168	2,969	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers..... farms reporting...	8,344	4,614	1,782	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	8,538	4,663	1,824	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers..... farms reporting...	12,837	7,332	4,738	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	13,103	7,896	4,800	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters..... farms reporting...	2,896	2,022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	2,999	2,069	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks..... farms reporting...	68,922	67,637	66,600	24,659	17,727	NA	8,563	NA	1,362
..... number...	76,843	72,998	60,272	26,326	18,908	NA	9,039	NA	1,430
Tractors..... farms reporting...	78,606	73,020	60,797	21,892	10,967	NA	6,556	4,571	1,796
..... number...	109,663	90,026	69,798	24,052	11,817	NA	6,865	4,767	1,872
Tractors other than garden..... farms reporting...	74,096	70,293	48,866	21,892	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	97,800	84,869	66,860	23,468	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor..... farms reporting...	58,049	60,142	43,226	20,203	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors..... farms reporting...	11,877	7,830	4,311	1,384	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors..... farms reporting...	2,634	1,608	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors..... farms reporting...	918	489	1,389	305	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors..... farms reporting...	718	424	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors..... farms reporting...	73,293	69,839	48,020	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	96,006	83,396	66,466	22,887	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors..... farms reporting...	2,690	1,330	1,266	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	2,794	1,473	1,384	578	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors..... farms reporting...	11,371	5,007	2,810	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
..... number...	11,853	6,166	2,948	614	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles..... farms reporting...	100,903	104,966	99,076	86,355	78,800	NA	84,067	NA	22,446
..... number...	114,486	118,731	113,072	91,392	85,233	NA	89,022	NA	23,550
Automobiles and/or motortrucks..... farms reporting...	122,003	143,180	99,096	86,355	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone..... farms reporting...	80,646	61,663	43,641	36,365	32,468	NA	45,205	NA	56,880
Home freezer..... farms reporting...	66,386	36,772	12,447	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine..... farms reporting...	11,029	7,222	6,266	1,796	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler..... farms reporting...	12,177	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops)..... farms reporting...	603	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower..... farms reporting...	7,662	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface..... farms reporting...	61,009	NA	69,903	NA	33,160	NA	223,433	19,829	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale..... farms reporting...	71,336	NA	116,708	NA	108,817	NA	57,790	38,886	NA
Dirt or unimproved..... farms reporting...	22,122	NA	46,007	NA	95,746	NA	149,603	188,355	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road..... farms reporting...	8,647	NA	NA	NA	193,814	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road..... farms reporting...	13,681	NA	NA	NA	28,210	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile..... farms reporting...	6,383	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles..... farms reporting...	6,064	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles..... farms reporting...	988	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles..... farms reporting...	1,166	NA	NA	NA	2,457	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.