

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...	211,561	265,401	297,052	339,027	365,249	429,232	409,426	383,920	357,249
Negro.....number...	15,432	27,459	34,389	45,950	52,648	71,785	85,940	81,726	78,597
Other nonwhite.....number...	78	87	126		105		123		187
By age:									
Under 25 years.....operators reporting...	2,790	4,248	8,117	6,501	17,129	NA	51,018	NA	40,862
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting...	18,987	30,572	40,446	49,995	71,486	NA	102,234	NA	104,779
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting...	41,859	60,968	72,081	92,960	91,733	NA	115,011	NA	108,927
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting...	60,300	74,724	74,100	99,225	96,460	NA	104,791	NA	91,478
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting...	64,584	64,163	66,476	77,209	73,967	NA	67,883	NA	54,618
65 or more years.....operators reporting...	45,160	62,818	48,313	55,258	49,486	NA	38,786	NA	30,966
Average age.....years	62.5	61.1	60.4	49.1	46.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number...	2,939	6,669	22,004	3,829	17,741	NA	15,766	NA	4,403
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	177,739	251,254	292,296	352,328	372,582	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	35,332	36,363	30,873	30,056	31,401	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	14,000	5,330	8,398	2,593	14,019	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting...	109,712	142,903	156,670	105,236	108,971	136,231	135,343	NA	NA
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting...	20,305	31,775	36,647	16,963	33,755	68,818	67,420	NA	NA
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting...	11,310	17,686	17,030	12,122	17,815	22,943	27,938	NA	NA
100 or more days.....operators reporting...	78,097	93,443	82,993	76,151	57,401	44,470	39,985	NA	NA
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting...	13,887	20,418	18,645	17,952	20,872	18,177	19,348	NA	NA
200 or more days.....operators reporting...	64,210	73,027	63,648	58,199	36,529	26,293	20,637	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	116,887	160,249	196,746	279,741	309,031	364,786	360,146	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting...	96,638	112,066	103,861	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	36,514	36,964	30,328	13,664	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	40,723	40,896	36,080	16,666	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers.....farms reporting...	3,679	6,918	2,863	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	3,896	7,087	2,967	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	12,933	10,366	6,803	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	13,691	10,661	6,041	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	6,727	4,689	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	6,368	5,064	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	149,831	163,946	121,827	78,809	51,416	NA	49,966	NA	5,124
.....number...	197,792	189,726	146,637	89,286	56,707	NA	52,580	NA	5,399
Tractors.....farms reporting...	166,736	174,118	162,676	131,231	85,973	NA	31,776	14,871	8,084
.....number...	278,040	277,019	232,328	162,381	98,923	NA	37,348	16,780	9,048
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	153,147	169,860	131,231	131,231	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	263,233	268,613	226,601	163,691	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	23,135	111,222	116,901	1109,748	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	38,063	38,580	23,666	16,031	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	14,878	15,119	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	5,900	4,411	12,703	15,452	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	6,172	4,008	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	152,385	169,688	168,124	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	262,361	264,440	222,471	160,037	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	4,826	3,915	3,254	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	6,822	4,173	4,030	3,564	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	8,952	8,097	6,671	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number...	9,807	8,406	6,827	1,189	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	176,646	206,469	210,975	240,838	248,580	NA	280,758	NA	99,697
.....number...	210,725	260,841	254,510	259,599	277,664	NA	300,176	NA	105,292
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	210,240	254,788	261,700	274,917	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting...	126,840	111,425	79,137	67,725	54,564	NA	97,346	NA	140,234
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	113,440	93,445	38,070	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	7,967	10,033	10,081	3,621	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	7,307	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	1,414	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	14,611	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	96,386	NA	96,267	NA	58,654	NA	223,434	37,453	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	64,113	NA	62,041	NA	64,934	NA	463,240	555,952	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	73,081	NA	164,727	NA	275,893	NA	378,170	391,175	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	24,622	NA	NA	6229,921	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	48,336	NA	NA	6141,750	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting...	17,631	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	22,491	NA	NA	6103,871	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting...	3,402	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	4,912	NA	NA	637,879	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.