

**Age of operator.**—Data for the proportion of farm operators 65 years old and over and 55 to 64 years of age are given by type of farm in tables 50 and 51.

**Table 14.—AGE OF OPERATOR BY VALUE OF SALES WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1959**

Age of farm operator and year	Farms with sales of \$2,500 or more							
	Total		\$2,500 to \$4,999		\$5,000 to \$9,999		\$10,000 or more	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>Total farms reporting age:</b>								
1959.....	2,043,317	100.0	610,300	100.0	647,199	100.0	785,818	100.0
1954.....	2,066,241	100.0	798,395	100.0	696,292	100.0	571,554	100.0
1950.....	1,974,873	100.0	832,753	100.0	686,039	100.0	456,081	100.0
<b>Under 25 years:</b>								
1959.....	35,915	1.8	11,762	1.9	11,946	1.8	12,207	1.6
1954.....	41,818	2.0	17,897	2.2	14,844	2.1	9,077	1.6
1950.....	55,514	2.8	27,261	3.3	18,588	2.7	9,665	2.1
<b>25 to 34 years:</b>								
1959.....	264,770	13.0	60,258	10.0	81,192	12.5	123,320	15.7
1954.....	334,044	16.2	111,839	14.0	115,677	16.6	106,528	18.6
1950.....	355,944	18.0	142,257	17.1	129,531	18.9	84,156	18.5
<b>35 to 44 years:</b>								
1959.....	508,139	24.9	122,956	20.1	155,747	24.1	229,436	29.2
1954.....	553,673	26.8	197,864	24.8	189,853	27.3	165,956	29.0
1950.....	525,292	26.6	208,305	25.0	187,164	27.3	129,823	28.5
<b>45 to 64 years:</b>								
1959.....	585,667	28.6	169,462	27.8	191,395	29.6	224,810	28.6
1954.....	536,156	25.9	206,584	25.9	181,317	26.0	148,255	25.9
1950.....	487,986	24.7	198,470	23.8	170,904	24.9	118,612	26.0
<b>55 to 64 years:</b>								
1959.....	436,200	21.3	150,147	24.6	145,032	22.4	141,021	17.9
1954.....	391,497	18.9	164,197	20.6	129,495	18.6	97,805	17.1
1950.....	371,511	18.8	166,767	20.0	124,511	18.1	80,233	17.6
<b>65 years or more:</b>								
1959.....	212,626	10.4	95,715	15.7	61,887	9.6	55,024	7.0
1954.....	209,053	10.1	100,014	12.5	65,106	9.4	43,933	7.7
1950.....	178,626	9.0	89,693	10.8	53,341	8.1	33,592	7.4

**Changes in Tenure of Operator.**—The proportion of farms with sales of \$2,500 or more operated by full owners or part owners has been increasing. (See table 16.)

**Off-Farm Work by the Farm Operator.**—The proportion of the farm operators working off their farms has increased significantly for farms with sales of less than \$10,000.

**Table 15.—OFF-FARM WORK BY FARM OPERATOR, BY VALUE OF SALES, WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1959.**

Item	Farms with value of farm products sold of \$2,500 or more							
	Total		\$2,500 to \$4,999		\$5,000 to \$9,999		\$10,000 or more	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>All farm operators:</b>								
1959.....	2,064,444	100.0	616,819	100.0	653,150	100.0	794,475	100.0
1954.....	2,101,871	100.0	812,108	100.0	706,852	100.0	582,911	100.0
1950.....	2,087,895	100.0	882,302	100.0	721,211	100.0	484,382	100.0
<b>Farm operators working off their farms:</b>								
1959.....	708,608	34.3	267,421	43.4	229,475	35.1	211,712	26.6
1954.....	664,980	31.6	295,081	36.3	220,549	31.2	149,350	25.6
1950.....	524,565	25.1	249,466	28.3	173,149	24.0	101,950	21.0
<b>Farm operators working off their farms 100 days or more:</b>								
1959.....	349,485	16.9	164,810	26.7	105,977	16.2	78,698	9.9
1954.....	246,918	11.7	131,124	16.1	72,148	10.2	43,646	7.5
1950.....	180,390	8.6	97,163	11.0	50,742	7.0	32,485	6.7
<b>Farm operators working off their farms 200 days or more:</b>								
1959.....	244,990	11.9	120,286	19.5	71,399	10.9	53,305	6.7
1954.....	164,543	7.8	88,006	10.8	46,686	6.6	29,851	5.1
1950.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available.

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