

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
Total farms reporting age:								
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
Under 25 years:								
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
25 to 34 years:								
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
35 to 44 years:								
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
45 to 64 years:								
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
55 to 64 years:								
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
65 years or more:								
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
All farm operators:								
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
Farm operators working off their farms:								
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
Farm operators working off their farms 100 days or more:								
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
Farm operators working off their farms 200 days or more:								
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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