

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...	81,915	112,056	122,399	138,096	139,795	154,421	130,937	143,576	138,456	
Negro.....number...	15,629	24,294	28,527	34,955	35,062	43,211	39,598	50,147	47,690	
Other nonwhite.....number...	79	66	71		28		75		96	
By age:										
Under 25 years.....operators reporting...	1,189	2,096	2,784	3,566	5,839	NA	7,041	NA	7,771	
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting...	8,179	14,118	16,386	20,429	22,480	NA	21,826	NA	30,120	
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting...	18,239	28,361	30,112	35,871	32,896	NA	37,022	NA	45,055	
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting...	24,077	32,391	32,707	42,282	40,145	NA	42,406	NA	46,183	
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting...	22,638	28,943	29,876	36,625	35,615	NA	33,168	NA	31,785	
65 or more years.....operators reporting...	22,623	28,081	28,788	33,514	30,729	NA	24,140	NA	23,108	
Average age.....years	53.2	51.7	51.2	50.9	50.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Operators not reporting age.....number...	774	2,391	10,472	764	7,181	NA	5,007	NA	2,220	
By residence:										
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	86,899	126,869	141,102	162,179	159,856	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting...	5,159	6,159	5,584	9,935	7,335	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Operators not reporting residence.....number...	5,565	3,388	4,311	937	7,694	NA	NA	NA	NA	
By off-farm work:										
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting...	44,462	68,610	67,367	59,719	61,955	72,485	69,471	NA	NA	
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting...	7,896	12,412	10,951	6,691	10,878	22,080	19,937	NA	NA	
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting...	4,564	7,164	7,228	4,609	7,726	12,398	12,325	NA	NA	
100 or more days.....operators reporting...	32,002	49,034	49,188	48,419	43,351	38,007	37,209	NA	NA	
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting...	6,620	9,784	12,129	10,331	15,727	16,222	16,681	NA	NA	
200 or more days.....operators reporting...	26,682	39,269	37,059	38,088	27,624	21,785	20,528	NA	NA	
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number...	53,167	67,761	83,466	113,332	112,930	125,147	101,139	NA	NA	
By other income:										
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting...	44,070	66,672	69,793	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD										
Grain combines.....farms reporting...	9,766	8,660	6,071	2,866	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	10,133	8,948	6,388	3,044	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Com pickers.....farms reporting...	7,647	6,949	2,407	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	7,914	6,019	2,440	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting...	14,148	9,032	3,607	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	14,419	9,123	3,676	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting...	3,666	2,136	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	3,864	2,197	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Motortrucks.....farms reporting...	47,831	50,732	41,702	27,966	20,818	NA	17,964	NA	2,389	
.....number...	68,007	68,936	49,099	31,956	23,272	NA	19,459	NA	2,544	
Tractors.....farms reporting...	66,962	64,777	36,616	20,418	10,808	NA	9,142	6,362	2,206	
.....number...	92,229	77,667	48,133	23,418	11,951	NA	9,757	6,750	2,379	
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting...	60,332	48,964	32,896	20,418	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	76,143	64,760	41,867	22,166	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1 tractor.....farms reporting...	34,961	38,600	26,920	12,276	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
2 tractors.....farms reporting...	10,094	7,429	4,378	11,701	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
3 tractors.....farms reporting...	3,284	1,926	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
4 tractors.....farms reporting...	1,136	574	1,697	1,442	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting...	867	686	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting...	49,897	48,634	32,191	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	72,881	63,013	40,231	21,168	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting...	2,074	1,534	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	2,262	1,737	1,636	1,008	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Garden tractors.....farms reporting...	16,242	12,441	6,027	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
.....number...	17,186	12,817	6,268	1,689	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Automobiles.....farms reporting...	66,063	81,900	77,078	83,037	75,273	NA	80,296	NA	28,557	
.....number...	77,966	100,799	94,010	94,413	86,785	NA	88,463	NA	30,959	
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting...	79,866	101,920	77,078	83,037	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Telephone.....farms reporting...	49,170	45,869	36,847	31,835	26,228	NA	30,418	NA	33,422	
Home freezer.....farms reporting...	41,404	31,968	11,607	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Milking machine.....farms reporting...	6,666	6,101	4,122	1,248	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting...	7,144	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting...	993	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting...	8,586	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Farms by kind of road on which located:										
Hard surface.....farms reporting...	48,607	NA	66,236	NA	49,621	NA	219,637	214,790	NA	
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting...	21,398	NA	33,946	NA	20,022	NA	429,034	211,204	NA	
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting...	26,222	NA	44,876	NA	98,117	NA	112,876	161,687	NA	
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	12,698	NA	NA	6128,823	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting...	13,664	NA	NA	624,903	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1 mile.....farms reporting...	6,222	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting...	5,648	NA	NA	632,308	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
4 miles.....farms reporting...	682	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
5 or more miles.....farms reporting...	612	NA	NA	62,595	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.