

All Farms

Table 20. Farm Operators by Age, by Tenure: 1890 to 1969

	All farm operators	Operators reporting age							Average age	Operators not reporting age	
		Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over			
Total.....	1969.....	2,730,230	2,730,230	82,905	273,662	522,698	723,977	704,014	452,994	51.2	(X)
	1964.....	3,157,837	3,157,837	53,182	309,203	653,509	851,338	742,334	548,291	51.3	(X)
	1959.....	3,707,973	3,670,989	61,527	403,410	806,106	980,018	802,658	617,270	50.5	36,984
	1954 ¹	4,783,021	4,695,569	90,856	619,984	1,100,458	1,153,679	951,310	779,282	49.6	87,452
	1950.....	5,385,525	5,050,046	163,966	792,352	1,188,211	1,158,553	1,001,627	745,337	(NA)	335,479
	1945 ¹	5,858,889	5,797,635	147,296	854,058	1,323,786	1,432,434	1,173,014	867,047	48.7	61,254
	1940.....	6,102,417	5,841,445	233,492	949,931	1,252,038	1,429,148	1,147,903	828,933	(NA)	260,972
	1930 ²	6,288,648	6,073,523	371,679	1,049,052	1,452,425	1,459,959	1,064,034	676,374	(NA)	215,125
	1920 ²	6,448,343	6,364,163	383,680	1,333,020	1,587,519	1,482,494	993,771	583,679	(NA)	84,180
	1910 ²	6,361,502	6,339,476	419,330	1,413,876	1,571,469	1,432,707	947,524	554,570	(NA)	22,026
	1900 ²	5,649,008	5,635,747	275,098	1,194,482	1,409,829	1,296,147	864,769	595,422	(NA)	13,261
	1890 ¹	4,767,179	(^b)	218,531	1,082,620	1,182,056	1,034,792	1,249,180	(^c)	(NA)	(^c)
Full owners.....	1969.....	1,705,720	1,705,720	19,412	127,718	282,856	430,572	476,212	368,950	53.6	(X)
	1964.....	1,818,254	1,818,254	127,350	267,871	303,336	453,418	480,764	447,386	(NA)	(X)
	1959.....	2,116,594	2,094,665	13,454	140,365	370,105	536,784	532,249	501,708	54.1	21,929
	1954 ¹	2,744,708	2,702,885	17,810	221,500	521,691	664,354	652,602	624,928	53.4	41,823
	1950.....	3,093,556	2,907,305	32,436	292,223	592,420	696,831	699,317	594,078	(NA)	186,251
	1945 ¹	3,292,063	3,263,294	31,669	295,915	633,450	841,405	785,403	675,452	52.3	28,769
	1940.....	3,085,491	2,959,081	39,899	267,871	526,445	759,696	728,448	636,722	(NA)	126,410
	1930 ²	2,911,644	2,808,122	37,395	250,764	576,845	747,751	678,233	517,134	(NA)	103,522
	1920 ²	3,366,510	3,320,649	68,081	443,272	771,482	876,813	704,526	456,475	(NA)	45,861
	1910 ²	3,354,897	3,342,361	78,130	490,008	788,815	880,140	663,107	442,161	(NA)	12,536
Part owners.....	1969.....	671,607	671,607	7,245	68,664	157,614	211,970	167,694	58,420	49.1	(X)
	1964.....	781,884	781,884	85,711	127,350	200,712	253,691	175,367	66,403	(NA)	(X)
	1959.....	834,470	829,319	7,019	90,368	224,941	264,195	172,116	70,680	48.3	5,151
	1954 ¹	868,180	859,435	8,404	108,916	248,670	246,056	166,949	80,440	47.8	8,745
	1950.....	841,671	797,196	13,238	123,604	226,274	213,670	152,732	67,678	(NA)	44,475
	1945 ¹	661,156	659,829	8,441	96,212	170,108	192,948	134,858	57,262	47.4	1,327
	1940.....	615,502	594,792	7,661	65,160	142,103	191,627	131,659	56,582	(NA)	20,710
	1930 ²	656,750	638,997	9,861	84,025	189,180	194,878	115,628	45,425	(NA)	17,753
	1920 ²	558,580	552,385	19,319	118,170	166,692	144,632	76,053	27,519	(NA)	6,195
	1910 ²	593,825	592,607	19,560	130,953	181,044	156,353	78,507	26,190	(NA)	1,218
Managers.....	1969.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
	1964.....	17,798	17,798	2,835	4,721	5,203	3,613	1,426	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
	1959.....	21,060	18,851	488	3,103	5,308	5,130	3,294	1,528	46.0	2,209
	1954 ¹	20,894	18,956	600	3,457	5,786	4,851	2,870	1,392	45.3	1,938
	1950.....	23,282	18,923	610	3,684	5,717	4,651	3,049	1,212	(NA)	4,359
	1945 ¹	47,357	45,338	1,080	8,392	12,211	11,879	8,367	3,409	45.8	2,019
	1940.....	36,501	32,126	1,401	7,670	8,533	7,838	4,842	1,842	(NA)	4,375
	1930 ²	55,889	50,957	2,782	11,183	14,601	12,340	7,044	3,007	(NA)	4,932
	1920 ²	68,449	66,636	5,484	17,983	18,757	14,063	7,226	3,123	(NA)	1,813
	1910 ²	58,104	56,846	4,820	15,700	16,212	11,724	5,840	2,550	(NA)	1,258
All tenants.....	1969.....	352,923	352,923	26,248	77,280	82,228	81,435	60,108	25,624	43.8	(X)
	1964.....	539,921	539,921	146,489	144,740	144,740	133,026	82,590	33,076	(NA)	(X)
	1959.....	735,849	728,154	40,566	169,574	205,752	173,909	94,999	43,354	42.9	7,695
	1954 ¹	1,149,239	1,114,293	64,042	286,111	324,311	238,418	128,889	72,522	42.2	34,946
	1950.....	1,427,016	1,326,622	117,682	372,841	363,800	243,401	146,529	82,369	(NA)	100,394
	1945 ¹	1,858,313	1,829,174	106,106	453,539	508,017	386,202	244,386	130,924	42.8	29,139
	1940.....	2,364,923	2,255,446	184,531	609,230	574,957	469,987	282,954	133,787	(NA)	109,477
	1930 ²	2,664,365	2,575,447	321,641	703,080	671,799	504,990	263,129	110,808	(NA)	88,918
	1920 ²	2,454,804	2,424,493	290,796	753,595	446,986	205,966	96,562	(NA)	(NA)	30,311
	1910 ²	2,354,676	2,347,662	316,820	777,215	585,398	384,490	200,070	83,669	(NA)	7,014

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Table 20. Farm Operators by Age, by Tenure: 1890 to 1969—Continued

	Percent distribution operators reporting by age							All farm operators	Percent distribution of operators in each age group							Not reporting age	
	Reporting age								Total	Reporting age							
	Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Under 25 years			25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over			
Total.....	1969.....	1.9	10.0	19.1	26.5	25.8	16.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(X)
	1964.....	11.5		20.7	27.0	23.5	17.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(X)
	1959.....	1.7	11.0	22.0	26.7	21.9	16.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1954 ¹	1.9	13.2	23.4	24.6	20.3	16.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1950.....	3.2	15.7	23.5	22.9	19.8	14.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1945 ¹	2.5	14.7	22.8	24.7	20.2	15.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1940.....	4.0	16.3	21.4	24.5	19.7	14.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1930 ²	6.1	17.3	23.9	24.0	17.5	11.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1920 ²	6.0	20.9	24.9	23.3	15.6	9.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1910 ²	6.6	22.3	24.8	22.6	14.9	8.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1900 ²	4.9	21.2	25.0	23.0	15.3	10.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	1890 ³	4.6	22.7	24.8	21.7	26.2		100.0	(⁵)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(⁵)	(⁵)
Full owners....	1969.....	1.1	7.5	16.6	25.2	27.9	21.6	62.5	62.5	36.7	46.7	54.1	59.5	67.6	81.4		(X)
	1964.....	7.0		16.7	25.3	26.4	24.0	57.6	57.6	35.1		46.4	54.0	64.8	81.6		(X)
	1959.....	0.6	6.7	17.7	25.6	25.4	24.0	57.1	57.1	21.9	34.8	45.9	54.8	66.3	81.3		59.3
	1954 ¹	0.7	8.2	19.3	24.6	24.1	23.1	57.4	57.6	19.6	35.7	47.4	57.6	68.6	80.2		47.8
	1950.....	1.1	10.1	20.4	24.0	24.1	20.4	57.4	57.6	19.8	36.9	49.9	60.1	69.8	79.7		55.5
	1945 ¹	1.0	9.1	19.4	25.8	24.1	20.7	56.2	56.3	21.5	34.6	47.9	58.7	67.0	77.9		47.0
	1940.....	1.3	9.1	17.8	25.7	24.6	21.5	50.6	50.7	17.1	28.2	42.0	53.2	63.5	76.8		48.4
	1930 ²	1.3	8.9	20.5	26.6	24.2	18.4	46.3	46.2	10.1	23.9	39.7	51.2	63.7	76.5		48.1
	1920 ²	2.1	13.3	23.2	26.4	21.2	13.7	52.2	52.2	17.7	33.3	48.6	59.1	70.9	78.2		54.5
	1910 ²	2.3	14.7	23.6	26.3	19.8	13.2	52.7	52.7	18.6	34.7	50.2	61.4	70.0	79.7		56.9
Part owners....	1969.....	1.1	10.2	23.5	31.6	25.0	8.7	24.6	24.6	13.7	25.1	30.2	29.3	23.8	12.9		(X)
	1964.....	11.0		25.7	32.4	22.4	8.5	24.8	24.8	23.7		30.7	29.8	23.6	12.1		(X)
	1959.....	0.8	10.9	27.1	31.9	20.8	8.5	22.5	22.6	11.4	22.4	27.9	27.0	21.4	11.5		13.9
	1954 ¹	1.0	12.7	28.9	28.6	19.4	9.4	18.2	18.3	9.2	17.6	22.6	21.3	17.5	10.3		10.0
	1950.....	1.7	15.5	28.4	26.8	19.2	8.4	15.6	15.8	8.1	15.6	19.0	18.4	15.2	9.1		13.3
	1945 ¹	1.3	14.6	25.8	29.2	20.4	8.7	11.3	11.4	5.7	11.3	12.8	13.5	11.5	6.6		2.2
	1940.....	1.3	11.0	23.9	32.2	22.1	9.5	10.1	10.2	3.3	6.9	11.3	13.4	11.5	6.8		7.9
	1930 ²	1.5	13.1	29.6	30.5	18.1	7.1	10.4	10.5	2.7	8.0	13.0	13.3	10.9	6.7		8.3
	1920 ²	3.5	21.4	30.2	26.2	13.8	5.0	8.7	8.7	5.0	8.9	10.5	9.8	7.7	4.7		7.4
	1910 ²	3.3	22.1	30.6	26.4	13.2	4.4	9.3	9.3	4.7	9.3	11.5	10.9	8.3	4.7		5.5
Managers.....	1969.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)		(X)
	1964.....	15.9		26.5	29.2	20.3	8.0	0.6	0.6	0.8		0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3		(X)
	1959.....	2.6	16.5	28.2	27.2	17.5	8.1	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2		6.0
	1954 ¹	3.2	18.2	30.5	25.6	15.1	7.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2		2.2
	1950.....	3.2	19.5	30.2	24.6	16.1	6.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2		1.3
	1945 ¹	2.4	18.5	26.9	26.2	18.5	7.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.4		3.3
	1940.....	4.4	23.9	26.6	24.4	15.1	5.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2		1.7
	1930 ²	5.5	21.9	28.7	24.2	13.8	5.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4		2.3
	1920 ²	8.2	27.0	28.1	21.1	10.8	4.7	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5		2.2
	1910 ²	8.5	27.6	28.5	20.6	10.3	4.5	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5		5.7
All tenants....	1969.....	7.4	21.9	23.3	23.1	17.0	7.3	12.9	12.9	49.6	28.2	15.7	11.2	8.5	5.7		(X)
	1964.....	27.1		26.8	24.6	15.3	6.1	17.1	17.1	40.4		22.1	15.6	11.1	6.0		(X)
	1959.....	5.6	23.3	28.3	23.9	13.0	6.0	19.8	19.8	65.9	42.0	25.5	17.7	11.8	7.0		20.8
	1954 ¹	5.7	25.7	29.1	21.4	11.6	6.5	24.0	23.7	70.5	46.1	29.5	20.7	13.5	9.3		40.0
	1950.....	8.9	28.1	27.4	18.3	11.0	6.2	26.5	26.3	71.8	47.1	30.6	21.0	14.6	11.1		29.9
	1945 ¹	5.8	24.8	27.8	21.1	13.4	7.2	31.7	31.6	72.0	53.1	38.4	27.0	20.8	15.1		47.6
	1940.....	8.2	27.0	25.5	20.8	12.5	5.9	38.7	38.6	79.0	64.1	45.9	32.9	24.6	16.1		41.9
	1930 ²	12.5	27.3	26.1	19.6	10.2	4.3	42.4	42.4	86.5	67.0	46.3	34.6	24.7	16.4		41.3
	1920 ²	12.0	31.1	26.0	18.4	8.5	4.0	38.1	38.1	75.8	56.5	39.7	30.2	20.7	16.5		36.0
	1910 ²	13.5	33.1	24.9	16.4	8.5	3.6	37.0	37.0	75.6	55.0	37.3	26.8	21.1	15.1		31.8

¹Data not available for Alaska and Hawaii.

²Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included.

³Occupants of farm homes. In 1900, the number of occupants of farm homes was 88,364 less than the number of farm operators, while in 1890, the number of occupants of farm homes exceeded the number of farm operators by 202,358.

⁴Excludes 40,872 occupants of farm homes with form of tenure not reported.

⁵Not shown in the reports of the census of 1890, as the number not reporting age was distributed among the several age groups.