

Table 20. Farm Operators by Tenure and by Years on Present Farm: 1910 to 1974

(Years-on-farm groups not strictly comparable for the several censuses because of variations in census dates. All data for conterminous United States for 1959, 1954, 1950, and 1945, except the number of years on present farm in 1954, are based on reports for only a sample of farms)

All Farms	All farm operators	Farm operators reporting years on present farm				Not reported	Percent distribution by years on present farm			Percent distribution by years-on-farm group		
		Total	Under 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over		Under 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over	Under 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 years and over
Total.....1974	2,279,270	1,604,653	357,820	232,133	1,014,700	674,617	22.3	14.5	63.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
1969	2,730,250	2,145,362	429,456	330,645	1,385,261	584,888	20.0	15.4	64.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
1964	3,157,857	2,986,810	611,862	469,147	1,905,801	171,047	20.5	15.7	63.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
1959	3,707,973	3,608,348	638,599	629,773	2,339,976	99,625	17.7	17.5	64.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954 ¹	4,783,021	4,670,289	1,010,935	1,171,866	2,487,488	112,732	21.6	25.1	53.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	5,385,525	5,064,249	1,857,874	1,012,262	2,194,113	321,276	36.7	20.0	43.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
1945 ¹	5,858,889	5,726,543	2,432,860	957,489	2,336,194	132,346	42.5	16.7	40.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940	6,102,417	5,610,594	2,148,786	944,513	2,517,295	491,823	38.3	16.8	44.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
1935 ¹	6,812,350	6,677,242	2,909,174	1,080,447	2,687,621	135,108	43.6	16.2	40.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930	6,295,103	6,043,160	2,710,092	939,418	2,393,650	251,943	44.8	15.5	39.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
1925 ¹	6,371,640	6,218,479	2,984,560	1,215,291	2,018,628	153,161	48.0	19.5	32.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
1920 ¹	6,448,343	6,227,539	2,956,690	1,086,458	2,184,391	220,804	47.5	17.4	35.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
1910 ¹	6,361,502	5,794,768	2,999,760	992,468	1,802,340	566,734	51.8	17.1	31.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full Owners...1974	1,405,847	950,429	211,774	138,789	599,866	455,418	22.3	14.6	63.1	59.2	59.8	59.1
1969	1,705,720	1,291,351	262,023	192,702	836,626	414,369	20.3	14.9	64.8	61.0	58.3	60.4
1964	1,818,254	1,709,898	285,651	241,026	1,183,221	108,356	16.7	14.1	69.2	46.7	51.4	62.1
1959	2,116,594	2,053,609	264,008	316,519	1,473,082	62,985	12.9	15.4	71.7	41.3	50.3	63.0
1954 ¹	2,744,708	2,685,402	391,588	617,404	1,676,410	59,306	14.6	23.0	62.4	38.7	52.7	67.4
1950	3,093,556	2,893,482	776,328	576,571	1,540,583	200,074	26.8	19.9	53.2	41.8	57.0	70.2
1945 ¹	3,292,063	3,216,643	999,739	541,209	1,675,695	75,420	31.1	16.8	52.1	41.1	56.5	71.7
1940	3,085,491	2,803,420	624,026	437,931	1,741,463	282,071	22.3	15.6	62.1	29.0	46.4	69.2
1935 ¹	3,210,224	3,143,905	729,990	531,017	1,882,898	66,319	23.2	16.9	59.9	25.1	49.1	70.1
1930	2,913,411	2,773,686	618,554	451,705	1,703,427	139,725	22.3	16.3	61.4	22.8	48.1	71.2
1925 ¹	3,366,510	3,298,623	970,207	617,857	1,710,559	67,887	29.4	18.7	51.9	32.8	56.9	78.3
1920 ¹	3,354,897	2,953,001	935,465	589,532	1,428,004	401,896	31.7	20.0	48.4	31.2	59.4	79.2
Part Owners...1974	616,716	469,441	72,481	62,626	334,334	147,275	15.4	13.3	71.2	20.3	27.0	32.9
1969	671,607	567,914	68,761	78,814	420,339	103,693	12.1	13.9	74.0	16.0	23.8	30.3
1964	781,884	747,643	109,745	116,142	521,756	34,241	14.7	15.5	69.8	17.9	24.8	27.4
1959	834,470	816,896	97,700	133,690	585,506	17,574	12.0	16.4	71.7	15.3	21.2	25.0
1954 ¹	868,180	853,904	116,823	224,666	512,415	14,276	13.7	26.3	60.0	11.6	19.2	20.6
1950	841,671	798,306	217,249	179,842	401,215	43,365	27.2	22.5	50.3	11.7	17.8	18.3
1945 ¹	661,156	650,594	188,139	123,133	339,322	10,562	28.9	18.9	52.2	7.7	12.9	14.5
1940	615,502	575,161	116,198	93,330	365,633	40,341	20.2	16.2	63.6	5.4	9.9	14.5
1935 ¹	688,867	677,300	145,391	127,551	404,358	11,567	21.5	18.8	59.7	5.0	11.8	15.0
1930	656,750	629,693	150,533	115,134	364,026	27,057	23.9	18.3	57.8	5.6	12.3	15.2
1925 ¹	558,580	546,613	212,297	120,610	213,706	11,967	38.8	22.1	39.1	7.2	11.1	9.8
1920 ¹	593,825	557,867	239,743	126,855	191,269	35,958	43.0	22.7	34.3	8.0	12.8	10.6
Managers.....1974	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964	17,798	16,120	5,602	3,314	7,204	34.8	20.6	44.7	.9	.7	.4	
1959	21,060	19,188	6,501	4,774	7,913	1,872	33.9	24.9	41.2	1.0	.8	.3
1954 ¹	20,894	19,550	7,706	5,290	6,554	1,344	39.4	27.1	33.5	.8	.5	.3
1950	23,282	20,914	8,893	4,697	7,324	2,368	42.5	22.5	35.0	.5	.5	.3
1945 ¹	47,357	46,131	25,321	8,077	12,733	1,226	54.9	17.5	27.6	1.0	.8	.5
1940	36,501	31,970	17,715	6,409	7,846	4,531	55.4	20.0	24.5	.8	.7	.3
1935 ¹	48,104	45,990	27,785	8,773	9,432	2,114	60.4	19.1	20.5	1.0	.8	.4
1930	56,131	52,476	33,710	9,074	9,692	3,655	64.2	17.3	18.5	1.2	1.0	.4
1925 ¹	40,700	39,197	27,504	6,419	5,274	1,503	70.2	16.4	13.5	.9	.5	.3
1920 ¹	68,449	64,011	44,574	10,439	8,998	4,438	69.6	16.3	14.1	1.5	1.0	.4
1910 ¹	58,104	53,341	37,079	8,366	7,896	4,763	69.5	15.7	14.8	1.2	.8	.4
Tenants.....1974	256,707	184,783	73,565	30,718	80,500	71,924	39.8	16.6	43.6	20.6	13.2	7.9
1969	352,923	286,097	98,672	59,129	128,296	66,826	34.5	20.7	44.8	23.0	17.9	9.3
1964	539,921	513,149	210,864	108,665	193,620	26,772	41.1	21.2	37.7	34.5	23.2	10.2
1959	735,849	718,655	270,390	174,790	273,475	17,194	37.6	24.3	38.1	42.3	27.8	11.7
1954 ¹	1,149,239	1,111,433	494,818	324,506	292,109	37,806	44.5	29.2	26.3	48.9	27.7	11.7
1950	1,427,016	1,351,547	855,404	251,152	244,991	75,469	63.3	18.6	18.1	46.0	24.8	11.2
1945 ¹	1,858,313	1,813,175	1,219,661	285,070	308,444	45,138	67.3	15.7	17.0	50.1	29.8	13.2
1940	2,364,923	2,200,043	1,390,847	406,843	402,353	164,880	63.2	18.5	18.3	64.7	43.1	16.0
1935 ¹	2,865,155	2,810,047	2,006,008	413,106	390,933	55,108	71.4	14.7	13.9	69.0	38.2	14.5
1930	2,668,811	2,587,305	1,907,295	363,505	316,505	81,506	73.7	14.0	12.2	70.4	38.7	13.2
1925 ¹	2,462,608	2,399,521	1,892,497	314,832	192,192	63,087	78.9	13.1	8.0	63.4	25.9	9.5
1920 ¹	2,454,804	2,318,292	1,729,612	337,552	251,128	136,512	74.6	14.6	10.8	58.5	31.1	11.5
1910 ¹	2,354,676	2,230,559	1,787,473	267,715	175,371	124,117	80.1	12.0	7.9	59.6	27.0	9.7

¹No data available for Alaska and Hawaii.

²Subtract data for managers and tenants from total to get data for full and part owners.

³All 330 owners in Alaska and 1,437 owners in Hawaii counted as full owners.