

Table 28. Selected Characteristics of Farm Operators by Age and by Year Began: 1974

(Applies only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorships) and partnerships)

All Farms	Total	Year farm operator began operating farm								Not reported
		1973 and 1974	1970 to 1972	1965 to 1969	1960 to 1964	1955 to 1959	1950 to 1954	1945 to 1949	Before 1945	
United States:										
Farms.....number..	2,279,270	145,174	212,646	232,133	195,221	162,683	172,983	197,850	285,962	674,618
Land in farms.....acres..	858,885,529	34,197,026	55,410,693	74,552,166	75,965,709	72,226,339	78,836,171	99,645,002	135,430,546	232,621,877
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	66,445,292	2,631,434	4,450,001	6,399,597	6,551,511	6,576,485	6,798,237	7,847,659	8,670,425	16,519,942
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	1,502,488	83,092	143,641	172,274	156,281	139,235	150,143	175,899	254,279	227,644
Not on farm operated.....number..	371,833	60,262	67,035	57,804	37,193	22,211	21,160	20,002	27,624	58,542
On another farm.....number..	94,073	21,256	20,610	14,507	7,732	3,860	3,201	2,731	3,512	16,664
Rural area not on farm.....number..	67,312	12,549	12,966	10,409	6,323	3,402	2,968	3,609	11,453	11,453
City, town, or urban area.....number..	210,448	26,457	33,459	32,888	23,138	14,718	14,557	14,303	20,503	30,425
Not reported.....number..	404,949	1,820	1,970	2,055	1,747	1,237	1,680	1,949	4,059	388,432
Under 25 years:										
Farms.....number..	52,418	18,456	13,409	2,950	-	-	-	-	-	17,603
Land in farms.....acres..	12,648,612	3,769,362	3,250,722	735,957	-	-	-	-	-	4,892,571
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	1,150,758	352,580	316,537	72,614	-	-	-	-	-	409,026
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	26,074	9,536	7,684	1,784	-	-	-	-	-	7,070
Not on farm operated.....number..	18,233	8,660	5,593	1,129	-	-	-	-	-	2,851
On another farm.....number..	10,585	5,326	3,409	609	-	-	-	-	-	1,241
Rural area not on farm.....number..	3,047	1,380	893	236	-	-	-	-	-	538
City, town, or urban area.....number..	4,601	1,954	1,291	284	-	-	-	-	-	1,072
Not reported.....number..	8,111	260	132	37	-	-	-	-	-	7,682
25 to 34 years:										
Farms.....number..	239,674	42,599	62,652	49,420	19,870	2,948	-	-	-	62,185
Land in farms.....acres..	78,374,789	9,947,805	16,624,921	18,778,268	9,881,523	1,566,413	-	-	-	21,575,859
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	7,120,183	834,700	1,517,888	1,890,893	1,029,810	154,359	-	-	-	1,692,533
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	152,585	26,821	46,166	39,294	16,283	2,466	-	-	-	21,555
Not on farm operated.....number..	52,171	15,418	16,097	9,818	3,459	465	-	-	-	6,914
On another farm.....number..	18,668	5,472	5,766	3,680	1,225	147	-	-	-	2,378
Rural area not on farm.....number..	12,516	3,856	3,970	2,173	767	102	-	-	-	1,648
City, town, or urban area.....number..	20,987	6,090	6,361	3,965	1,467	216	-	-	-	2,888
Not reported.....number..	34,918	360	389	308	128	17	-	-	-	33,716
35 to 44 years:										
Farms.....number..	400,059	35,789	58,318	68,811	59,584	47,561	22,360	4,179	-	103,457
Land in farms.....acres..	153,387,760	8,273,940	14,016,884	20,849,938	26,439,790	27,775,356	15,044,925	2,675,686	-	38,311,241
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	13,807,301	606,129	1,172,203	1,986,429	2,547,931	2,813,212	1,379,917	240,307	-	3,061,172
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	270,330	21,239	41,751	54,487	51,007	42,191	19,800	3,681	-	36,174
Not on farm operated.....number..	69,978	14,237	16,158	13,896	8,218	5,109	2,389	458	-	9,513
On another farm.....number..	17,341	3,713	3,969	3,320	1,890	1,075	486	90	-	2,798
Rural area not on farm.....number..	15,731	3,415	3,663	3,005	1,753	1,043	563	101	-	2,188
City, town, or urban area.....number..	36,906	7,109	8,526	7,571	4,575	2,991	1,340	267	-	4,527
Not reported.....number..	59,751	313	409	428	359	261	171	40	-	57,770
45 to 54 years:										
Farms.....number..	577,064	25,830	42,905	58,203	58,556	56,588	71,710	76,731	26,511	160,030
Land in farms.....acres..	244,095,685	6,515,319	11,955,803	18,462,969	21,233,096	23,276,823	36,954,325	48,409,897	16,754,582	60,532,871
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	20,326,258	475,028	843,111	1,407,363	1,777,307	2,257,799	3,436,835	4,166,185	1,348,951	4,613,679
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	389,043	13,530	26,698	41,457	46,733	49,367	63,793	69,007	23,869	54,589
Not on farm operated.....number..	92,967	11,915	15,754	16,198	11,378	6,888	7,401	7,185	2,419	13,829
On another farm.....number..	20,327	3,373	3,826	3,318	2,147	1,276	1,185	1,078	363	3,761
Rural area not on farm.....number..	16,113	2,189	2,558	2,605	1,928	1,198	1,285	1,171	410	2,769
City, town, or urban area.....number..	56,527	6,353	9,370	10,275	7,303	4,414	4,931	4,936	1,646	7,299
Not reported.....number..	95,054	385	453	548	445	333	516	539	223	91,612
55 to 64 years:										
Farms.....number..	588,584	15,842	25,252	36,579	39,362	38,020	53,310	82,496	119,580	178,143
Land in farms.....acres..	228,674,919	3,932,581	7,004,726	11,390,973	12,766,039	13,697,582	18,855,205	37,265,430	61,333,310	62,429,073
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	16,858,057	280,402	459,359	802,791	936,752	1,040,930	1,556,480	2,849,717	4,517,634	4,413,992
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	395,837	8,327	15,061	24,453	29,441	31,535	45,885	73,555	107,663	59,917
Not on farm operated.....number..	83,938	7,211	9,813	11,701	9,449	6,097	6,899	8,146	10,548	14,074
On another farm.....number..	17,179	2,340	2,595	2,530	1,684	864	966	1,084	1,390	3,726
Rural area not on farm.....number..	12,460	1,219	1,371	1,718	1,315	886	1,019	1,127	1,351	2,454
City, town, or urban area.....number..	54,299	3,652	5,847	7,453	6,450	4,347	4,914	5,935	7,807	7,894
Not reported.....number..	108,809	304	378	425	472	388	526	795	1,369	104,152
65 and over:										
Farms.....number..	421,471	6,658	10,110	16,170	17,849	17,566	25,603	34,444	139,871	153,200
Land in farms.....acres..	141,703,764	1,758,019	2,557,637	4,334,061	5,645,261	5,910,165	7,981,716	11,293,989	57,342,654	44,880,262
Market value of all agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	7,182,735	82,595	140,903	239,507	259,711	310,185	425,005	591,450	2,803,840	2,329,540
Operators by place of residence:										
On farm operated.....number..	268,619	3,639	6,281	10,799	12,817	13,676	20,665	29,656	122,747	48,339
Not on farm operated.....number..	54,546	2,821	3,620	5,062	4,689	3,652	4,471	4,213	14,657	11,361
On another farm.....number..	9,973	1,032	1,045	1,050	786	498	564	479	1,759	2,760
Rural area not on farm.....number..	7,445	490	511	672	560	404	535	569	1,848	1,856
City, town, or urban area.....number..	37,128	1,299	2,064	3,340	3,343	2,750	3,372	3,165	11,050	6,745
Not reported.....number..	98,306	198	209	309	343	238	467	575	2,467	93,500