

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.....	99,886	128,643	146,609	171,412	168,705	190,911	172,056	NA	201,799
Negro.....number.....	161	223	259	349	319	373	353	NA	451
Other nonwhite.....number.....	5	10	19		3		10	NA	...
By age:									
Under 25 years.....operators reporting.....	1,647	2,272	2,778	3,396	2,629	NA	2,974	NA	5,131
25 to 34 years.....operators reporting.....	11,911	16,140	19,667	20,913	16,833	NA	19,070	NA	29,815
35 to 44 years.....operators reporting.....	22,380	29,196	31,329	35,142	31,585	NA	38,423	NA	46,166
45 to 54 years.....operators reporting.....	26,153	30,149	32,637	43,896	42,882	NA	43,659	NA	50,783
55 to 64 years.....operators reporting.....	20,416	26,317	30,646	37,577	38,113	NA	35,597	NA	39,971
65 or more years.....operators reporting.....	17,730	23,377	23,917	29,918	30,570	NA	25,794	NA	26,535
Average age.....years.....	60.4	60.4	49.9	50.5	50.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting age.....number.....	912	1,322	6,777	919	6,415	NA	6,902	NA	3,849
By residence:									
Residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.....	89,340	122,462	137,441	162,607	156,222	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not residing on farm operated.....operators reporting.....	4,595	4,838	5,283	8,306	6,242	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operators not reporting residence.....number.....	6,117	1,576	4,163	848	6,563	NA	NA	NA	NA
By off-farm work:									
Working off their farms, total.....operators reporting.....	61,186	69,208	73,400	69,837	63,868	71,445	69,717	NA	NA
1 to 49 days.....operators reporting.....	9,001	12,718	12,607	6,631	13,931	26,920	25,264	NA	NA
50 to 99 days.....operators reporting.....	3,861	6,004	6,486	4,490	7,886	12,150	10,098	NA	NA
100 or more days.....operators reporting.....	38,333	50,484	54,407	58,716	42,051	32,375	34,355	NA	NA
100 to 199 days.....operators reporting.....	7,673	10,218	13,362	9,287	18,078	17,140	14,618	NA	NA
200 or more days.....operators reporting.....	30,760	40,266	41,045	49,429	23,973	15,235	19,737	NA	NA
Operators not working off their farm or not reporting as to work off their farm.....number.....	48,864	69,627	73,361	101,924	105,159	119,839	102,702	NA	NA
By other income:									
With other income of family exceeding value of agricultural products sold.....operators reporting.....	43,037	48,016	67,863	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND KIND OF ROAD									
Grain combines.....farms reporting.....	26,087	21,967	14,178	7,082	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	26,431	22,218	14,638	7,436	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn pickers.....farms reporting.....	21,637	16,236	8,085	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	22,044	16,345	8,168	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pick-up balers.....farms reporting.....	38,123	24,268	9,141	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	38,491	24,431	9,241	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field forage harvesters.....farms reporting.....	14,179	7,664	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	14,995	7,796	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Motortrucks.....farms reporting.....	67,684	60,322	64,336	48,070	38,981	NA	43,168	NA	8,761
.....number.....	71,373	72,042	66,103	56,271	44,323	NA	47,062	NA	9,372
Tractors.....farms reporting.....	86,167	99,623	91,122	80,740	50,968	NA	31,688	19,008	5,374
.....number.....	168,466	159,196	126,651	92,638	54,842	NA	33,513	19,764	5,697
Tractors other than garden.....farms reporting.....	82,476	93,836	86,633	80,740	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	144,769	137,476	112,367	89,117	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 tractor.....farms reporting.....	41,761	61,664	66,013	171,203	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 tractors.....farms reporting.....	26,626	24,330	16,673	8,059	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3 tractors.....farms reporting.....	9,967	6,817	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 tractors.....farms reporting.....	2,846	1,334	3,947	1,478	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more tractors.....farms reporting.....	1,386	701	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wheel tractors.....farms reporting.....	81,627	92,727	83,776	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	138,692	132,026	107,609	84,661	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crawler tractors.....farms reporting.....	6,669	6,017	4,343	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	6,067	6,461	4,778	4,460	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Garden tractors.....farms reporting.....	22,263	20,907	12,984	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
.....number.....	23,707	21,720	13,464	6,089	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Automobiles.....farms reporting.....	86,341	106,311	112,668	136,608	124,784	NA	121,292	NA	69,865
.....number.....	113,238	144,643	161,633	165,166	157,988	NA	152,222	NA	76,491
Automobiles and/or motortrucks.....farms reporting.....	92,770	116,697	126,441	145,256	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Telephone.....farms reporting.....	32,360	38,674	77,181	69,455	54,472	NA	73,321	NA	87,887
Home freezer.....farms reporting.....	68,227	61,673	32,197	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milking machine.....farms reporting.....	37,045	39,349	36,409	20,026	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Electric milk cooler.....farms reporting.....	36,937	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bulk-type milk cooler.....farms reporting.....	6,672	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crop drier (for grain, forage, or other crops).....farms reporting.....	3,447	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Power-operated elevator, conveyor, or blower.....farms reporting.....	34,312	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farms by kind of road on which located:									
Hard surface.....farms reporting.....	67,760	NA	79,341	NA	75,363	NA	238,078	330,956	NA
Gravel, shell, or shale.....farms reporting.....	19,022	NA	16,602	NA	14,757	NA	415,494	59,280	NA
Dirt or unimproved.....farms reporting.....	22,169	NA	44,322	NA	73,563	NA	111,798	147,665	NA
Less than 1 mile to a hard surface road.....farms reporting.....	14,169	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 or more miles to a hard surface road.....farms reporting.....	3,001	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1 mile.....farms reporting.....	5,244	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2 or 3 miles.....farms reporting.....	2,677	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4 miles.....farms reporting.....	110	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 or more miles.....farms reporting.....	70	NA	NA	NA	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.