

# CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1945

STATE TABLE 1.—FARMS AND FARM CHARACTERISTICS: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1945

ITEM (For definitions, see text)	Census of 1945 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1940 (Apr. 1)	Census of 1935 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1930 (Apr. 1)	Census of 1925 (Jan. 1)	Census of 1920 (Jan. 1)
<b>FARMS, ACREAGE, AND LAND AREA</b>						
Farms.....number..	138,917	132,658	150,360	135,676	136,409	117,670
Approximate land area (see text).....acres..	100,353,920	100,353,920	99,617,280	99,617,280	99,617,280	99,617,280
Proportion in farms.....percent..	34.9	30.4	30.6	30.6	27.6	29.5
Land in farms.....acres..	35,054,379	30,524,324	30,437,995	30,442,581	27,516,855	29,365,687
Owned by operator <sup>1</sup> .....acres..	22,166,898	13,885,917	14,146,597	13,226,233	13,880,371	(*)
Rented by operator.....acres..	12,887,541	12,414,888	11,375,995	11,347,320	8,916,724	(*)
Average size of farm.....acres..	252.3	230.1	202.4	224.4	201.7	249.6
Land in farms according to use: <sup>2</sup>						
Cropland harvested.....farms reporting..	112,399	110,754	130,510	120,276	(*)	(*)
acres..	7,535,523	6,534,562	6,578,724	6,549,967	5,722,800	5,761,190
Farms reporting by acres harvested:						
1 to 9 acres.....number..	39,757	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 to 19 acres.....number..	21,378	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
20 to 29 acres.....number..	10,509	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
30 to 49 acres.....number..	13,594	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 acres.....number..	12,430	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
100 to 199 acres.....number..	7,444	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 acres and over.....number..	7,347	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
200 to 499 acres.....number..	4,915	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
500 to 999 acres.....number..	1,533	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1,000 acres and over.....number..	839	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Crop failure.....farms reporting..	3,440	5,338	8,775	8,992	(*)	(*)
acres..	108,446	296,391	459,505	293,486	984,900	(*)
Cropland idle or fallow.....farms reporting..	12,463	23,941	26,381	24,143	(*)	(*)
acres..	1,522,536	1,821,423	1,625,097	1,546,349	1,693,642	(*)
Cropland used only for pasture.....farms reporting..	24,281	439,334	431,751	426,880	423,553	(*)
acres..	2,196,312	4,242,598	4,297,526	4,307,362	4,303,414	(*)
Woodland pastured.....farms reporting..	7,710	(*)	11,969	10,983	12,022	(*)
acres..	3,341,441	(*)	5,015,106	3,946,006	4,227,934	(*)
Other land pastured.....farms reporting..	32,353	(*)	21,074	21,553	19,312	(*)
acres..	18,210,722	(*)	11,516,134	12,969,581	9,610,287	(*)
Woodland not pastured.....farms reporting..	5,554	(*)	5,826	5,028	4,824	(*)
acres..	690,923	(*)	690,407	556,749	437,489	(*)
All other land.....farms reporting..	109,537	(*)	111,409	93,902	(*)	(*)
acres..	1,448,476	(*)	1,584,496	1,505,081	1,806,489	(*)
Cropland, total.....farms reporting..	122,071	124,116	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	11,362,817	12,894,974	11,630,852	11,465,164	11,434,756	(*)
Land used for crops (harvested and failure).....farms reporting..	113,142	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	7,643,989	6,830,953	7,036,229	6,843,453	6,707,700	(*)
Land pastured, total.....farms reporting..	55,979	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	23,748,475	(*)	19,489,766	19,990,949	16,871,635	(*)
Woodland, total.....farms reporting..	12,208	11,308	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
acres..	4,032,384	2,337,090	5,706,513	4,502,755	4,665,423	4,252,287
<b>VALUE OF FARM PROPERTY</b>						
Value of farms (land and buildings).....dollars..	3,484,548,812	2,166,452,648	2,325,446,364	3,419,470,764	3,152,488,322	3,073,811,109
Average per farm:						
All farms.....dollars..	25,084	16,331	15,466	25,203	23,111	26,122
Farms of 30 acres and over.....dollars..	41,789	26,545	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per acre, all farms.....dollars..	99.40	70.97	76.40	112.33	114.57	104.67
Value of implements and machinery <sup>5</sup> .....farms reporting..	92,636	101,452	(*)	109,890	(*)	(*)
dollars..	207,080,480	132,337,109	(*)	135,741,365	113,487,700	136,069,290
Farms reporting by value of implements and machinery:						
\$1 to \$99.....number..	6,881	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1 to \$49.....number..	3,316	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	3,565	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$249.....number..	11,480	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$250 to \$499.....number..	10,213	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$749.....number..	10,852	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$750 to \$999.....number..	4,584	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	25,521	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....number..	10,877	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,500 to \$2,499.....number..	14,644	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 and over.....number..	23,105	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	12,846	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....number..	6,198	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$10,000 and over.....number..	4,061	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Value of livestock on farms (see text).....dollars..	301,826,320	143,894,171	107,482,983	185,478,753	156,838,475	218,471,038
<b>FARM DWELLINGS AND POPULATION</b>						
Dwellings on farms.....farms reporting..	130,030	(*)	136,241	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	186,335	(**)	192,521	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied.....farms reporting..	127,409	(*)	132,658	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	168,924	(**)	173,445	(**)	(**)	(**)
Unoccupied.....farms reporting..	10,605	(*)	13,870	(**)	(**)	(**)
number..	17,411	(**)	19,076	(**)	(**)	(**)
Occupied dwellings on farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....farms reporting..	22,191	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
number..	63,706	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farm population (persons living in occupied dwellings on farms).....persons..	538,672	670,426	608,838	820,506	531,008	516,770
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.19	(**)	3.51	(**)	(**)	(**)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	137,569	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Boys.....persons..	70,227	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Girls.....persons..	67,342	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
14 years old and over.....persons..	401,103	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Men and boys.....persons..	209,083	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
Women and girls.....persons..	192,020	(**)	(*)	(**)	(**)	(**)
For farms with 2 or more occupied dwellings.....persons..	199,267	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Average per occupied dwelling.....persons..	3.13	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Under 14 years old.....persons..	87,010	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Boys.....persons..	29,191	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Girls.....persons..	27,819	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
14 years old and over.....persons..	142,257	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Men and boys.....persons..	78,437	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Women and girls.....persons..	63,820	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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<b>FARM OPERATORS</b>						
(For tenure, see table 5)						
By color: <sup>6</sup>						
White.....number..	136,279	125,928	143,467	130,204	(*)	111,184
Nonwhite.....number..	2,638	6,730	6,993	5,472	(*)	6,486
By age:						
Under 35 years.....number..	15,098	14,141	(*)	15,605	(*)	22,173
Under 25 years.....number..	1,449	2,185	(*)	1,894	(*)	2,851
25 to 34 years.....number..	13,649	11,956	(*)	13,711	(*)	19,322
35 to 54 years.....number..	68,260	58,845	(*)	65,997	(*)	60,742
35 to 44 years.....number..	26,793	23,928	(*)	30,761	(*)	30,872
45 to 54 years.....number..	39,467	34,917	(*)	35,236	(*)	29,870
55 to 64 years.....number..	32,799	30,245	(*)	27,290	(*)	21,270
65 years and over.....number..	20,069	20,977	(*)	17,923	(*)	11,072
Age not reported.....number..	2,691	8,450	(*)	8,861	(*)	2,413
Average age reported.....years..	50.7	51.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Owners.....years..	51.8	53.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tenants.....years..	44.0	44.6	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By residence:						
On farm operated.....number..	119,339	112,762	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not on farm operated.....number..	18,397	12,714	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Residence not reported.....number..	1,181	7,182	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By years on farm (see text):						
Less than 5 years.....number..	59,028	37,482	54,103	48,718	61,960	57,765
Less than 1 year <sup>7</sup> .....number..	15,779	3,623	17,711	13,874	16,242	17,472
1 year.....number..	12,938	10,008	10,137	12,604	11,244	13,570
2 to 4 years.....number..	27,311	23,851	26,255	22,240	34,474	26,723
2 years.....number..	10,439	8,764	9,822	(*)	10,873	(*)
3 years.....number..	7,618	8,067	7,369	(*)	10,110	(*)
4 years.....number..	9,254	7,020	9,064	(*)	13,491	(*)
5 to 9 years.....number..	23,352	21,388	29,136	26,498	<sup>8</sup> 32,587	24,881
10 years and over.....number..	53,325	59,005	63,077	52,817	<sup>9</sup> 37,313	32,177
10 to 14 years.....number..	14,178	17,915	23,046	21,810	<sup>10</sup> 13,950	(*)
15 years and over.....number..	39,147	41,090	40,031	31,007	23,363	(*)
Years on farm not reported.....number..	3,212	14,793	(*)	7,643	(*)	2,847
Average years on farm.....years..	12	13	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
By work off farm: <sup>11</sup>						
All operators reporting.....number..	41,928	42,951	46,326	42,511	(*)	(*)
.....days worked..	9,747,910	8,206,861	7,950,253	6,884,941	(*)	(*)
Operators reporting—						
1 to 49 days.....number..	3,025	6,616	7,583	8,906	(*)	(*)
1 to 24 days.....number..	1,371	3,142	3,288	5,246	(*)	(*)
25 to 49 days.....number..	1,654	3,474	4,295	4,660	(*)	(*)
50 to 99 days.....number..	3,022	5,337	7,448	6,521	(*)	(*)
100 days and over.....number..	35,881	30,998	31,295	26,084	(*)	(*)
100 to 149 days.....number..	2,638	3,874	5,174	4,155	(*)	(*)
150 to 199 days.....number..	3,519	4,972	5,246	4,313	(*)	(*)
200 to 249 days.....number..	4,495	4,319	4,676	3,986	(*)	(*)
250 days and over.....number..	25,229	17,833	16,199	13,630	(*)	(*)
<b>FACILITIES</b>						
Specified facilities in farm dwelling:						
(Figures relate only to farms reporting dwellings)						
Running water.....farms reporting..	120,182	(**)	(*)	(12)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	8,412	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	1,436	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electricity.....farms reporting..	116,048	110,014	(*)	(12)	(*)	(12)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	12,590	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	1,392	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and running water.....farms reporting..	112,369	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Radio.....farms reporting..	119,188	(**)	(*)	(*)	13,254	(*)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	9,232	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	1,610	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	60,421	134,621	(*)	13,48,171	(*)	13,37,309
.....farms reporting "no" ..	67,967	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	1,642	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electricity.....farms reporting..	58,247	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and electric distribution line						
within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	57,097	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and radio.....farms reporting..	59,601	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
and automobile on farm.....farms reporting..	55,443	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Electric distribution line within 1/4 mile.....farms reporting..	121,734	113,705	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms reporting "no" ..	13,907	15,037	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
.....farms not reporting..	3,276	3,916	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
with no electricity in farm dwelling or not reported.....farms..	3,198	5,402	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Specified facilities in farm dwelling for farms with resident operators:						
Running water.....farms reporting..	111,635	(**)	(*)	97,639	(*)	65,928
Electricity.....farms reporting..	107,748	(*)	(*)	85,941	(*)	14,30,519
Radio.....farms reporting..	111,811	(**)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Telephone.....farms reporting..	56,678	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

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<b>ROADS, MOTORTRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND AUTOMOBILES</b>						
Distance to nearest all-weather road:						
0.0 to 0.2 mile.....farms reporting..	118,366	<sup>15</sup> 90,492	(*)	<sup>16</sup> 67,560	<sup>15</sup> 54,340	(*)
0.3 to 0.5 mile.....farms reporting..	4,894	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
0.6 to 0.9 mile.....farms reporting..	1,096	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
1.0 to 1.9 miles.....farms reporting..	3,395	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2.0 to 4.9 miles.....farms reporting..	2,074	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5.0 miles and over.....farms reporting..	1,111	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Not reporting.....farms..	7,981	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Motortrucks on farms.....farms reporting..	61,960	46,574	(*)	35,674	(*)	5,909
number..	85,696	58,015	(*)	40,971	(*)	6,416
with no automobile.....farms reporting..	8,589	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms reporting—						
1 motortruck.....number..	48,276	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 or more motortrucks.....number..	13,684	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tractors on farms.....farms reporting..	56,370	43,934	(*)	37,510	25,891	12,131
number..	79,839	55,191	(*)	44,437	29,948	13,852
Farms reporting—						
1 tractor.....number..	43,628	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 tractors.....number..	8,383	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more tractors.....number..	4,389	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Automobiles on farms.....farms reporting..	114,632	106,012	(*)	104,206	(*)	62,453
number..	160,252	150,534	(*)	136,842	(*)	71,518
<b>FARM LABOR</b>						
Persons 14 years old and over working the equivalent of 2 or more days during specified week (first week of January 1945 and 1935; the last week of March 1946)						
Family and/or hired workers.....farms reporting..	116,588	105,329	138,957	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	251,193	243,579	300,105	(**)	(*)	(**)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.12	2.31	2.16	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers.....farms reporting..	114,145	94,967	124,710	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	150,866	137,899	172,232	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of family workers:						
1 person.....number..	85,613	(*)	92,592	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	23,110	(*)	22,890	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 or more persons.....number..	5,422	(*)	9,228	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operators.....persons..	111,875	(*)	(**)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Unpaid members of operators' families.....farms reporting..	30,362	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	38,991	(*)	(**)	(**)	(*)	(**)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	26,127	30,565	45,458	(*)	(*)	(*)
persons..	100,327	105,680	127,873	(**)	(*)	(**)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:						
1 person.....number..	14,573	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
2 persons.....number..	5,212	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
3 to 4 persons.....number..	3,895	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
5 to 9 persons.....number..	2,725	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
10 or more persons.....number..	1,721	(*)	2,014	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:						
No workers reported.....farms..	20,329	27,329	11,403	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers only.....farms..	90,461	74,744	93,499	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator only.....farms..	65,188	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	23,393	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	1,878	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	23,684	20,223	31,211	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	18,605	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	4,687	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family and hired workers.....farms..	392	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers only.....farms..	4,443	10,362	14,247	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cash wages paid for hired labor <sup>12</sup> .....farms reporting..	89,637	82,888	(*)	90,492	84,836	<sup>17</sup> 76,414
dollars..	301,966,621	114,123,135	(*)	130,158,510	105,348,372	109,928,053
Farms reporting by cash wages paid:						
\$1 to \$49.....number..	4,653	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....number..	4,939	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$199.....number..	7,820	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$200 to \$499.....number..	15,273	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$999.....number..	13,202	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 and over.....number..	43,800	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....number..	19,409	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....number..	11,368	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 and over.....number..	13,028	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

\* Not available.  
 \*\* Available data not comparable; see text.  
<sup>1</sup> 1945 figures include land in managed farms classified on basis of whether owned or rented by the employer; 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 figures exclude land in managed farms.  
<sup>2</sup> In 1944, 1939, 1934, 1928, 1924, and 1919, respectively.  
<sup>3</sup> Total acreage of crops for which figures are available, except that corn cut for forage was excluded as most of this acreage was probably duplicated in the acreage of corn harvested for grain.  
<sup>4</sup> The figures for 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 are not strictly comparable with those for 1945. The figures for 1945 include land used only for pasture which had been plowed within 7 years. The figures for 1940, 1935, 1930, and 1925 include land pastured which could have been plowed and used for crops without additional clearing, drainage, or irrigation. This land may not have been plowed within 7 years prior to the census date.  
<sup>5</sup> 1945 figure excludes automobiles; 1940 and earlier figures include automobiles.  
<sup>6</sup> White includes Mexicans; nonwhite includes Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and other nonwhite races.  
<sup>7</sup> For the 1945 Census, taken as of Jan. 1, 1945, the figure includes all operators reporting 1944 or 1945 as year they began operations—2,443 operators reporting 1945; for the 1940 Census, taken as of Apr. 1, 1940, the figure includes only operators reporting 1940 as year they began operations; the figures for the 1935, 1930, 1925, and 1920 Censuses are in general comparable with those for 1945 as they include all operators who began operations within a year preceding the census date. See text.  
<sup>8</sup> 5 to 10 years.  
<sup>9</sup> 11 years and over.  
<sup>10</sup> 11 to 14 years.  
<sup>11</sup> In 1944, 1939, 1934, and 1929, respectively.  
<sup>12</sup> Shown under "Specified facilities in farm dwellings for farms with resident operators," as the 1930 inquiry referred to "farmer's dwelling" and the 1920 inquiry referred to "operator's dwelling."  
<sup>13</sup> Farms having telephones.  
<sup>14</sup> Gas or electricity.  
<sup>15</sup> For 1940, farms on hard-surfaced, gravel, shell, shale, etc., roads; for 1930, farms on concrete, brick, asphalt, macadam, gravel, and sand-clay roads; for 1925, farms on concrete, brick, macadam, and gravel roads.  
<sup>16</sup> In 1944, 1939, 1928, 1924, and 1919.  
<sup>17</sup> Includes value of board furnished.