

MALE AND FEMALE FARMERS IN THE UNITED STATES

The number of farms in the United States on January 1, 1920, according to the Fourteenth Census, was 6,448,366. Of this number 6,186,813, or 95.5 per cent, were operated by male farmers and 261,553, or 4.1 per cent, by female farmers. There are no comparative figures for earlier years, since the census of 1920 was the first to obtain information separately for male and female farm operators.

The percentage of farms operated by women in the various states ranged from 1.9 in Nebraska to 7.2 in Rhode Island. In seven states the proportion of farms operated by women was 6 per cent or greater. These states were Rhode Island, with 7.2 per cent; Mississippi, with 7.0 per cent; New Hampshire, with 7.0 per cent; Connecticut, with 6.9 per cent; Alabama, with 6.4 per cent; Massachusetts, with 6.2 per cent; and South Carolina, with 6 per cent.

Of the 6,186,813 male farmers, 3,737,326 were owners, 67,762 were managers, and 2,381,725 were tenants. The 261,553 female farm operators were distributed as follows: 187,769 owners, 763 managers, and 73,021 tenants. In 1920, 60.4 per cent of all male farmers were owners, 1.1 per cent were tenants, while 71.8 per cent of all female farmers were owners, 0.3 per

cent were managers, and 27.9 per cent were tenants.

The total land area in farms on January 1, 1920, was 955,676,545 acres. Male farmers operated 929,878,145 acres, or 97.3 per cent, of the total farm acreage, while female farmers operated 25,790,400 acres, or 2.7 per cent.

The following is a tabular classification of male and female farmers in the United States.

	Number	Per cent of total
All farm operators.....	6,448,366	100.0
Male.....	6,186,813	95.9
Female.....	261,553	4.1
Owners.....	3,925,095	100.0
Male.....	3,737,326	95.2
Female.....	187,769	4.8
Managers.....	68,525	100.0
Male.....	67,762	98.9
Female.....	763	1.1
Tenants.....	2,454,746	100.0
Male.....	2,381,725	97.0
Female.....	73,021	3.0
Land in farms, total.....acres	955,676,545	100.0
Operated by males.....acres	929,878,145	97.3
Operated by females.....acres	25,798,400	2.7
Average acreage per farm:		
All farms.....	148.2
Farms operated by males.....	150.3
Farms operated by females.....	98.6