

**NAME**

`TIFFFieldReadCount` - get number of values to be read from field

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <tiffio.h>
```

```
int TIFFFieldReadCount(const TIFFField *fip)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

`TIFFFieldReadCount()` returns the number of values available to be read from the specified TIFF field; that is, the number of arguments that should be supplied to `TIFFGetField()`. For most field types this is a small positive integer, typically 1 or 2, but there are some special values:

- ⊕ **TIFF\_VARIABLE** = -1 indicates that a variable number of values is possible; then, a **uint16\_t** *count* argument and a pointer *data* argument must be supplied to `TIFFGetField()`.
- ⊕ **TIFF\_VARIABLE2** = -3 is the same as **TIFF\_VARIABLE** except that the *count* argument must have type **uint32\_t**.
- ⊕ **TIFF\_SPP** = -2 indicates that the number of arguments is equal to the image's number of samples per pixel.

*fip* is a field information pointer previously returned by `TIFFFindField()`, `TIFFFieldWithTag()`, or `TIFFFieldWithName()`.

**RETURN VALUES**

`TIFFFieldReadCount()` returns an integer.

**SEE ALSO**

`TIFFFieldDataType` (3tiff), `TIFFFieldName` (3tiff), `TIFFFieldPassCount` (3tiff), `TIFFFieldQuery` (3tiff), `TIFFFieldTag` (3tiff), `TIFFFieldWriteCount` (3tiff), `libtiff` (3tiff)

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