

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1940

TABLE 5.—HIRED LABOR—FARMS REPORTING HIRED LABORERS WEEK OF MARCH 24-30, 1940, CROSS-CLASSIFIED BY TOTAL NUMBER OF HIRED LABORERS AND TOTAL VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS,¹ 1939, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND DIVISIONS

[Bold face figures are the 1940 Census recorded totals for all farms; all other entries are based upon a 2-percent sample of the reports for the individual farms, expanded and adjusted to agree with the recorded totals. Number of persons 14 years old and over working the equivalent of 2 or more days during the week of March 24-30, 1940. Housework and contract construction work not included. For frequency data on classes of farm labor by States for farms with \$10,000 and over total value of farm products, see table 5]

| UNITED STATES OR DIVISION AND VALUE GROUP | HIRED LABOR, TOTAL | | | | | | FARMS REPORTING HIRED LABORERS, BY NUMBER OF LABORERS | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| | Farms reporting | | | Persons working | | | 1 hired laborer | 2 hired laborers | 3 or more hired laborers | Percent distribution of farms in each value group reporting | | |
| | Number | Percent of total | Percent of all farms | Number | Average per farm reporting | Percent of total | | | | 1 hired laborer | 2 hired laborers | 3 or more hired laborers |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 882,648 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 1,753,441 | 1.96 | 100.0 | 609,900 | 152,146 | 130,602 | 68.3 | 17.0 | 14.6 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | 7,651 | 0.9 | 6.0 | 13,017 | 1.70 | 0.7 | *5,734 | *979 | *938 | *74.9 | *12.8 | *12.3 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 884,997 | 99.1 | 14.8 | 1,740,424 | 1.97 | 99.3 | 604,166 | 151,167 | 129,664 | 68.3 | 17.1 | 14.7 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 703,247 | 78.8 | 12.4 | 1,075,691 | 1.53 | 61.3 | 521,353 | 110,619 | 71,075 | 74.1 | 15.8 | 10.1 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 137,908 | 15.4 | 54.2 | 326,272 | 2.37 | 18.6 | 73,045 | 31,954 | 32,909 | 53.0 | 23.2 | 23.9 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 43,842 | 4.9 | 75.2 | 338,461 | 7.72 | 19.3 | 9,768 | 8,394 | 25,680 | 22.3 | 19.1 | 58.6 |
| GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW ENGLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 27,215 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 55,769 | 2.05 | 100.0 | 16,695 | 5,622 | 4,898 | 61.3 | 20.7 | 18.0 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *81 | *0.3 | *2.4 | *84 | *1.04 | *0.2 | *78 | *3 | *..... | *96.3 | *3.7 | *..... |
| Classified farms, total..... | 27,134 | 99.7 | 20.6 | 55,685 | 2.05 | 99.8 | 16,617 | 5,619 | 4,898 | 61.2 | 20.7 | 18.1 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 17,901 | 65.8 | 15.2 | *28,458 | *1.59 | *51.0 | 12,460 | *3,428 | *2,013 | 69.6 | *19.1 | *11.2 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 7,086 | 26.0 | 64.5 | *13,762 | *1.94 | *24.7 | 3,807 | *1,815 | *1,464 | 53.7 | *25.6 | *20.7 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 2,147 | 7.9 | 81.8 | 13,465 | 6.27 | 24.1 | 350 | 378 | 1,421 | 16.3 | 17.5 | 66.2 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 76,161 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 137,122 | 1.80 | 100.0 | 52,054 | 14,102 | 10,005 | 68.3 | 18.5 | 13.1 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *704 | *0.9 | *8.7 | *1,057 | *1.50 | *0.8 | *562 | *71 | *71 | *79.8 | *10.1 | *10.1 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 75,457 | 99.1 | 22.2 | 136,065 | 1.80 | 99.2 | 51,492 | 14,031 | 9,934 | 68.2 | 18.6 | 13.2 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 54,520 | 71.6 | 17.6 | 75,279 | 1.38 | 54.9 | 43,180 | *7,699 | *3,641 | 79.2 | *14.1 | *6.7 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 16,935 | 22.2 | 67.8 | *34,908 | *2.06 | *25.5 | 7,790 | 5,613 | *3,532 | 46.0 | 33.1 | *20.9 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 4,002 | 5.3 | 85.7 | 25,878 | 6.47 | 18.9 | 522 | 719 | 2,761 | 13.0 | 18.0 | 69.0 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 156,138 | 100.0 | 15.5 | 227,835 | 1.46 | 100.0 | 122,431 | 21,983 | 11,724 | 78.4 | 14.1 | 7.5 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *936 | *0.6 | *4.0 | *1,164 | *1.24 | *0.5 | *708 | *228 | *..... | *75.6 | *24.4 | *..... |
| Classified farms, total..... | 155,202 | 99.4 | 15.8 | 226,671 | 1.46 | 99.5 | 121,723 | 21,755 | 11,724 | 78.4 | 14.0 | 7.6 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 120,017 | 76.9 | 13.0 | 153,043 | 1.28 | 67.2 | 100,979 | 13,990 | *5,048 | 84.1 | 11.7 | *4.2 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 29,783 | 19.1 | 55.3 | 49,568 | 1.66 | 21.8 | 19,138 | 6,397 | *4,248 | 34.3 | 21.5 | *14.3 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 5,402 | 3.5 | 76.8 | 24,060 | 4.45 | 10.6 | 1,606 | 1,368 | 2,428 | 29.7 | 25.3 | 44.9 |
| WEST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 146,924 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 213,466 | 1.45 | 100.0 | 113,158 | 22,248 | 11,518 | 77.0 | 15.1 | 7.8 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *1,100 | *0.7 | *4.6 | *1,832 | *1.67 | *0.9 | *917 | *..... | *183 | *83.4 | *..... | *16.6 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 145,824 | 99.3 | 13.7 | 211,634 | 1.45 | 99.1 | 112,241 | 22,248 | 11,335 | 77.0 | 15.3 | 7.8 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 107,779 | 73.4 | 11.0 | 139,335 | 1.29 | 65.3 | 87,869 | 14,532 | *5,378 | 81.5 | 13.5 | *5.0 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 30,331 | 20.6 | 42.2 | 46,951 | 1.55 | 22.0 | 21,211 | 5,706 | *3,414 | 69.9 | 18.8 | *11.3 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 7,714 | 5.3 | 67.1 | 25,348 | 3.29 | 11.9 | 3,161 | 2,010 | 2,543 | 41.0 | 26.1 | 33.0 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 175,385 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 401,361 | 2.29 | 100.0 | 109,572 | 32,076 | 33,737 | 62.5 | 18.3 | 19.2 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *1,765 | *1.0 | *9.8 | *9,399 | *1.93 | *0.8 | *1,198 | *252 | *315 | *67.9 | *14.3 | *17.8 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 173,620 | 99.0 | 17.3 | 391,962 | 2.29 | 99.2 | 108,374 | 31,824 | 33,422 | 62.4 | 18.3 | 19.3 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 156,398 | 89.2 | 16.0 | 267,309 | 1.71 | 66.6 | 105,472 | 28,655 | 22,271 | 67.4 | 18.3 | 14.2 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 13,234 | 7.5 | 75.4 | *60,616 | *4.59 | *15.1 | *2,637 | *2,886 | 7,711 | *19.9 | *21.8 | 58.3 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 3,988 | 2.3 | 83.6 | 70,037 | 17.56 | 17.4 | 265 | 283 | 3,440 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 85.3 |
| EAST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 101,063 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 197,827 | 1.96 | 100.0 | 66,871 | 18,053 | 16,139 | 66.2 | 17.9 | 16.0 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *819 | *0.8 | *5.6 | *1,533 | *1.87 | *0.8 | *504 | *252 | *63 | *81.5 | *30.8 | *7.7 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 100,244 | 99.2 | 9.9 | 196,294 | 1.96 | 99.2 | 66,367 | 17,801 | 16,076 | 66.2 | 17.8 | 16.0 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 93,902 | 92.9 | 9.4 | 156,614 | 1.67 | 79.2 | 66,024 | 16,619 | 12,259 | 69.2 | 17.7 | 13.1 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | *4,890 | *4.8 | 60.1 | *21,388 | *4.37 | *10.8 | *1,236 | *1,075 | *2,579 | *25.3 | *22.0 | *52.7 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 1,452 | 1.4 | 80.9 | 18,292 | 12.60 | 9.2 | 107 | 107 | 1,238 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 85.3 |
| WEST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 121,843 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 285,375 | 2.34 | 100.0 | 76,700 | 21,807 | 23,336 | 62.9 | 17.9 | 19.2 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *957 | *0.8 | *5.5 | *1,580 | *1.65 | *0.6 | *788 | *56 | *113 | *82.3 | *5.9 | *11.8 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 120,886 | 99.2 | 12.8 | 283,795 | 2.35 | 99.4 | 75,912 | 21,751 | 23,223 | 62.8 | 18.0 | 19.2 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 102,328 | 84.0 | 11.1 | 172,537 | 1.69 | 60.5 | 69,472 | 18,179 | 14,677 | 67.9 | 17.8 | 14.3 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 13,121 | 10.8 | 59.7 | *47,962 | *3.66 | *16.8 | 5,480 | *2,715 | 4,926 | 41.8 | *20.7 | 37.5 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 5,437 | 4.5 | 77.1 | 63,296 | 11.64 | 22.2 | 950 | 857 | 3,620 | 17.7 | 15.8 | 66.6 |
| MOUNTAIN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 37,366 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 86,072 | 2.30 | 100.0 | 22,204 | 7,116 | 8,046 | 59.4 | 19.0 | 21.5 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *527 | *1.4 | *5.9 | *1,395 | *2.65 | *1.6 | *351 | *..... | *176 | *66.6 | *..... | *33.4 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 36,839 | 98.6 | 16.4 | 84,677 | 2.30 | 98.4 | 21,853 | 7,116 | 7,870 | 59.3 | 19.3 | 21.4 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 22,089 | 59.1 | 11.1 | 35,139 | 1.69 | 40.8 | 15,762 | *3,621 | *2,676 | 71.5 | *16.4 | *12.1 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 9,606 | 25.7 | 50.3 | *18,808 | *1.98 | *21.9 | 4,932 | *2,466 | *2,208 | 51.3 | *25.7 | *23.0 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 5,144 | 13.8 | 73.1 | 30,730 | 5.97 | 35.7 | 1,129 | 1,029 | 2,986 | 21.9 | 20.0 | 58.0 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups..... | 50,553 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 148,614 | 2.94 | 100.0 | 30,215 | 9,139 | 11,199 | 59.8 | 18.1 | 22.2 |
| Unclassified farms and \$0..... | *762 | *1.5 | *7.4 | *973 | *1.28 | *0.7 | *628 | *117 | *..... | *82.4 | *15.4 | *2.2 |
| Classified farms, total..... | 49,791 | 98.5 | 18.7 | 147,641 | 2.97 | 99.3 | 29,587 | 9,022 | 11,182 | 59.4 | 18.1 | 22.5 |
| Under \$4,000..... | 28,313 | 56.0 | 12.4 | 47,977 | 1.69 | 32.3 | 21,105 | *4,096 | *3,112 | 74.5 | *14.5 | *11.0 |
| \$4,000 to \$9,999..... | 12,922 | 25.6 | 49.2 | *32,909 | *2.50 | *21.7 | 6,814 | *3,281 | *2,627 | 52.7 | *25.4 | *21.9 |
| \$10,000 and over..... | 8,556 | 16.9 | 72.3 | 67,305 | 7.87 | 45.3 | 1,688 | 1,645 | 5,243 | 19.5 | 19.2 | 61.3 |

¹Value of farm products sold, traded, or used by farm households. ²Arbitrary adjustment to secure consistency with totals shown in table 1. ³Figures marked with asterisks have a coefficient of variation of approximately 10 percent or more, and may, therefore, be subject to sampling errors greatly in excess of that amount. See text.