

# FARM POPULATION AND FARM LABOR

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Table 2.—FAMILY WORKERS AND HIRED WORKERS WORKING DURING SPECIFIED WEEKS, 1945, 1940, AND 1935, AND CASH PAID FOR FARM LABOR, 1869 TO 1944; FOR THE UNITED STATES

[Figures for divisions and States in tables 8 to 11]

ITEM AND YEAR	FARMS REPORTING		NUMBER OF PERSONS OR AMOUNT (DOLLARS)			
	Number	Percent of all farms	Total	Average per farm (based on all farms)	Average per farm reporting	
			(number)			
Family and/or hired workers <sup>1</sup> .....	first week of Jan. 1945..	5,155,346	88.0	8,375,239	1.45	1.82
	last week of March 1940..	5,321,248	87.3	9,894,188	1.59	1.82
	first week of Jan. 1935..	6,640,286	97.5	12,407,614	1.82	1.87
Family workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	5,111,005	87.2	7,824,898	1.30	1.49
	last week of March 1940..	5,081,848	83.4	7,940,727	1.30	1.58
	first week of Jan. 1935..	6,488,846	95.3	10,762,012	1.58	1.66
Farms by number of family workers:						
1 family worker.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	3,281,566	55.7	3,281,566	0.56	1.00
	first week of Jan. 1935..	4,013,782	58.9	4,013,782	0.59	1.00
2 family workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	1,421,699	24.3	2,843,398	0.49	2.00
	first week of Jan. 1935..	1,505,417	22.1	3,010,834	0.44	2.00
3 or more family workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	427,740	7.3	1,519,934	0.26	3.55
	first week of Jan. 1935..	989,647	14.2	3,737,398	0.55	5.85
Operators.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	4,977,686	85.0	4,977,686	0.85	1.00
Unpaid members of operator's family.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	1,946,890	33.2	2,647,232	0.45	1.38
Hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	402,489	6.9	748,341	0.13	1.88
	last week of March 1940..	892,648	14.6	1,753,441	0.29	1.86
	first week of Jan. 1935..	987,594	14.2	1,645,602	0.24	1.70
Farms by number of hired workers:						
1 hired worker.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	290,418	5.0	290,418	0.05	1.00
	last week of March 1940..	609,900	10.0	609,900	0.10	1.00
	first week of Jan. 1935..	722,645	10.6	722,645	0.11	1.00
2 hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	60,584	1.0	121,168	0.02	2.00
	last week of March 1940..	152,146	2.5	304,292	0.05	2.00
	first week of Jan. 1935..	137,670	2.0	275,340	0.04	2.00
3 or more hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	51,487	0.9	386,755	0.06	6.54
	last week of March 1940..	130,802	2.1	889,249	0.14	6.43
	first week of Jan. 1935..	107,279	1.6	647,617	0.10	6.04
3 to 4 hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	30,257	0.5	(*)	(*)	(*)
	first week of Jan. 1945..	15,127	0.3	(*)	(*)	(*)
5 to 9 hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	6,103	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
	first week of Jan. 1945..	11,410	0.2	(*)	(*)	(*)
Farms by kind of workers:						
No workers reported.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	705,825	12.0	-----	-----	-----
	last week of March 1940..	775,551	12.7	-----	-----	-----
	first week of Jan. 1935..	172,064	2.5	-----	-----	-----
Family workers only.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	4,752,857	81.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
	last week of March 1940..	4,428,600	72.6	(*)	(*)	(*)
	first week of Jan. 1935..	5,672,692	83.3	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator only.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	2,925,407	49.9	2,925,407	0.50	1.00
Operator and members of his family.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	1,702,091	29.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family only.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	125,559	2.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Family workers and hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	358,148	6.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
	last week of March 1940..	655,248	10.7	(*)	(*)	(*)
	first week of Jan. 1935..	818,154	12.0	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator and hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	258,708	4.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	111,480	1.9	(*)	(*)	(*)
Members of operator's family and hired workers.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	7,980	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hired workers only.....	first week of Jan. 1945..	44,341	0.8	(*)	(*)	(*)
	last week of March 1940..	259,400	5.9	(*)	(*)	(*)
	first week of Jan. 1935..	151,440	2.2	(*)	(*)	(*)
				(dollars)		
Cash wages paid for hired labor <sup>3</sup> .....	1944.....	2,799,026	47.8	1,881,026,434	318	865
	1939.....	2,260,237	37.1	781,791,558	128	346
	1929.....	2,651,601	41.8	955,420,313	152	365
	1924.....	2,536,721	39.8	864,982,384	186	341
	1919.....	2,888,999	44.8	1,098,712,517	170	380
	1909.....	2,922,279	45.9	521,729,941	82	179
	1899.....	(*)	(*)	4357,391,930	62	(*)
	1869.....	(*)	(*)	4248,229,028	95	(*)
Farms by amount of cash wages paid in 1944:						
\$1 to \$49.....		594,254	10.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$50 to \$99.....		416,822	7.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$100 to \$199.....		473,112	8.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$200 to \$499.....		569,944	9.7	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$500 to \$999.....		358,987	5.8	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 and over.....		405,927	6.9	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....		270,684	4.6	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....		81,019	1.4	(*)	(*)	(*)
\$5,000 and over.....		54,224	0.9	(*)	(*)	(*)

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\*Not available.  
<sup>1</sup>Persons 14 years old and over working at farm work the equivalent of 2 or more days during the specified week; housework and contract construction work not included; for census of 1935 age not specified.  
<sup>2</sup>Based on tabulations of all farms with \$10,000 or more value of products sold or used by farm households plus 2 percent sample of all other farms enumerated at the 1940 Census of Agriculture.  
<sup>3</sup>Cash paid for farm labor during calendar year; for 1899 to 1944 housework specifically excluded; for 1944 and 1939 expenditures for contract construction work, for machine hire, and for labor included in cost of such machine hire specifically excluded.  
<sup>4</sup>1899 and 1869 include value of board furnished; 1869 represents value in gold—one-fifth less than the \$510,286,285 currency value published in the reports for that year.