

State Table 7.—FARM LABOR AND SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1954

[Data in italics are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

Item (For definitions and explanations, see text)	Census of—							
	1954 (November)	1950 (April 1)	1945 (January 1)	1940 (April 1)	1935 (January 1)	1930 (April 1)	1925 (January 1)	1920 (January 1)
FARM LABOR								
Farm workers for specified week: ¹								
Family and/or hired workers ²farms reporting..	127,874	151,103	169,672	190,856	247,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	363,307	263,455	260,384	339,882	495,361	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.8	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	126,625	149,531	168,886	184,198	244,902	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	213,874	220,221	251,528	284,988	455,387	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	123,247	141,736	163,894	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	52,383	55,038	64,491	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	90,627	78,485	87,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	18,533	13,790	4,694	21,929	15,939	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	149,433	43,234	8,856	54,894	39,974	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	3,185	3,080	(NA)	11,435	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	30,743	29,069	(NA)	38,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	115,505	10,361	(NA)	4,832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	724	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,681	7,252	3,054	(NA)	10,010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,929	2,573	818	(NA)	2,694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,337	1,989	512	(NA)	1,675	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,632	1,224	234	(NA)	936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	3,954	752	76	(NA)	624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	17,418	31,283	29,097	25,818	5,034	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	17,284	12,218	3,908	15,271	12,862	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	9,537	8,349	2,427	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	7,457	3,466	1,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	290	403	136	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	109,341	137,313	164,978	168,927	232,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	64,705	86,144	101,968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	41,548	43,777	58,154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	3,088	7,392	4,856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,249	1,572	786	6,658	3,077	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	60,977	61,682	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	16,365,726	13,253,256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	55,239	73,350	61,949	50,878	(NA)	66,036	62,223	66,720
dollars..	56,152,100	62,889,405	35,226,167	12,738,817	(NA)	9,627,117	9,677,517	12,068,268
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	16,894	27,447	24,967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	8,271	11,541	10,368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	11,685	14,349	12,437	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,513	7,751	6,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	6,842	7,012	4,895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,791			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	1,332	5,250	2,866	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	600			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	311			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	107,196	119,881	129,100	100,940	(NA)	110,676	111,809	118,998
dollars..	71,923,373	43,655,280	32,036,079	8,527,061	(NA)	12,406,536	12,378,669	17,725,489
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	68,824	56,954	(NA)	51,494	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	27,130,589	19,717,814	(NA)	3,271,136	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	86,810	(NA)	78,564	55,165	(NA)	573,314	(NA)	41,338
dollars..	22,024,313	(NA)	5,616,164	2,098,891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,572,678
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	3,733	(NA)	4,859	1,676	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	471,705	(NA)	319,455	42,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of Oct. 24-30; Census of 1950, week preceding enumeration; Censuses of 1945 and 1935, first week of January; Census of 1940, last week of March.

²See text for differences in definition of farm workers.

³For Census of 1954, expenditures during calendar year 1954; for earlier censuses, expenditures during the preceding calendar year.

⁴Cash payments for farm labor; housework not included. For 1954, 1950, 1945, and 1940, the data do not include expenditures for contract construction work, machine hire, and labor included in cost of machine hire. For 1920, the value of board furnished was included.

⁵Farms reporting tons of commercial fertilizer.