

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 (October)	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..	37,235	40,346	42,327	43,235	61,101	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	96,043	84,146	73,793	79,151	107,659	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	36,717	39,466	41,775	41,254	59,994	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	59,726	64,924	64,046	61,051	92,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	36,937	38,011	40,978	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family								
working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	15,360	17,746	16,315	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	23,789	26,913	23,068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	9,614	9,610	5,204	9,268	9,158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	36,317	19,221	9,747	18,100	15,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	7,674	9,192	(NA)	10,674	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	6,711	4,797	(NA)	5,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on								
piece-work basis.....persons..	21,932	5,000	(NA)	1,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	232	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,612	5,928	3,458	(NA)	6,402	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,812	1,947	861	(NA)	1,502	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,340	995	535	(NA)	840	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	923	574	289	(NA)	357	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	927	166	61	(NA)	57	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	3,437	5,190	5,291	8,201	2,543	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	9,096	8,730	4,652	7,287	8,051	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	5,163	5,110	2,860	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family,								
and hired workers.....farms..	3,794	3,433	1,712	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	139	187	80	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	27,621	30,736	37,123	33,967	51,943	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	16,194	16,610	22,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	10,786	12,858	13,806	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	641	1,268	717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	518	880	552	1,981	1,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	21,542	26,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	9,312,408	13,490,748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	21,914	29,135	30,689	25,556	(NA)	35,016	33,749	35,149
dollars..	33,606,232	42,691,136	35,760,787	13,525,693	(NA)	21,549,844	16,853,544	23,146,568
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	3,701	5,312	5,926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	2,766	3,501	4,280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	4,319	5,735	6,470	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	3,302	4,218	4,643	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	4,027	5,764	5,512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,306			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	1,037	4,605	3,858	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	332			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	124			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	31,127	34,109	36,999	30,780	(NA)	31,212	29,598	36,092
dollars..	64,543,767	43,447,610	30,046,419	10,231,919	(NA)	13,829,325	10,370,591	18,430,975
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	34,910	35,320	(NA)	30,144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	23,897,421	23,038,898	(NA)	5,471,584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and								
fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	9,633	(NA)	5248	2,606	(NA)	749	(NA)	1,184
dollars..	3,930,657	(NA)	638,321.80,246	165,105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	294,448
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	67	(NA)	733	119	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	5,680	(NA)	77589	3,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; 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.