

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..	11,774	12,504	18,985	17,908	28,701	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	30,642	28,870	30,882	36,916	48,837	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.6	2.3	1.6	2.1	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	11,533	11,986	18,609	16,547	26,398	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	17,901	17,363	24,102	25,772	35,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	11,198	11,368	18,222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	4,763	4,367	4,371	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	6,703	5,995	5,880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,592	3,920	3,185	4,860	7,153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	12,741	11,307	6,780	11,144	13,328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	2,125	3,135	(NA)	5,523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	4,805	4,319	(NA)	5,021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	5,811	3,743	(NA)	600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	110	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	1,523	2,100	2,046	(NA)	4,916	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	862	918	606	(NA)	1,263	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	665	549	336	(NA)	642	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	341	242	136	(NA)	243	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	201	111	61	(NA)	89	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	980	3,083	3,256	3,255	3,456	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	3,351	3,402	2,809	3,499	4,850	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	2,055	2,361	2,196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,211	938	572	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	85	103	41	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	8,182	8,584	15,800	13,048	21,548	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	4,715	5,258	12,042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	3,217	2,811	3,412	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	250	515	346	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	241	518	376	1,361	2,303	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	4,783	5,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	1,118,207	1,226,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	5,700	7,116	8,740	7,598	(NA)	9,696	11,611	13,142
.....dollars..	18,251,772	23,593,952	18,890,427	9,078,801	(NA)	11,755,717	10,602,210	11,066,883
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	800	1,136	1,814	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	572	631	885	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	977	1,126	1,349	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	787	870	1,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	981	1,586	1,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	819	1,768	1,474	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	465			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	206			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	113			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	10,459	11,687	16,794	15,380	(NA)	15,038	20,710	19,791
.....dollars..	41,545,691	38,050,790	28,391,105	12,691,817	(NA)	13,030,306	12,590,290	11,721,292
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	9,164	9,921	(NA)	10,634	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	3,290,243	3,547,563	(NA)	1,566,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	6,008	(NA)	11,494	8,832	(NA)	59,474	(NA)	12,668
.....dollars..	4,287,141	(NA)	3,741,000	1,814,794	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,893,658
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	2,956	(NA)	3,515	4,804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	330,249	(NA)	263,365	188,107	(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.