

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.. | 5,594 | 5,925 | 8,390 | 6,277 | 10,075 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| persons..... | 13,716 | 12,290 | 14,456 | 12,047 | 16,231 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Average per farm reporting.....persons.. | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Family workers, including operators....farms reporting.. | 5,385 | 5,623 | 8,299 | 5,403 | 9,810 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| persons..... | 7,943 | 8,357 | 12,191 | 7,675 | 13,174 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons.. | 5,301 | 5,271 | 8,140 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting.. | 1,886 | 2,284 | 2,950 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| persons..... | 2,642 | 3,086 | 4,051 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hired workers.....farms reporting.. | 1,921 | 1,768 | 1,105 | 2,237 | 1,898 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| persons..... | 5,773 | 3,933 | 2,265 | 4,372 | 3,057 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Workers hired by month.....persons.. | 372 | 422 | (NA) | 1,544 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Workers hired by day or week.....persons.. | 2,043 | 1,867 | (NA) | 2,516 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons.. | 3,358 | 1,512 | (NA) | 312 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| No report as to basis of payment.....persons.. | ... | 132 | (NA) | ... | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Farms reporting by number of hired workers: | | | | | | | | |
| 1 hired worker.....farms reporting.. | 1,044 | 1,124 | 716 | (NA) | 1,480 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 2 hired workers.....farms reporting.. | 422 | 371 | 198 | (NA) | 252 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting.. | 221 | 161 | 93 | (NA) | 99 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting.. | 156 | 90 | 75 | (NA) | 42 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| 10 or more workers.....farms reporting.. | 78 | 32 | 23 | (NA) | 25 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Farms by kind of workers during specified week: | | | | | | | | |
| No workers reported.....farms.. | 697 | 1,527 | 906 | 2,717 | 306 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Family workers and hired workers.....farms.. | 1,712 | 1,466 | 1,014 | 1,363 | 1,633 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operator and hired workers.....farms.. | 1,181 | 925 | 623 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms.. | 512 | 479 | 371 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms.. | 19 | 62 | 20 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Family workers only.....farms.. | 3,673 | 4,157 | 7,285 | 4,040 | 8,177 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operator only.....farms.. | 2,318 | 2,414 | 4,726 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Operator and members of his family.....farms.. | 1,290 | 1,453 | 2,420 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Members of operator's family only.....farms.. | 65 | 290 | 139 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hired workers only.....farms.. | 209 | 302 | 91 | 874 | 265 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³ | | | | | | | | |
| Machine hire.....farms reporting.. | 3,470 | 3,987 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| dollars.. | 829,882 | 862,550 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hired labor ⁴farms reporting.. | 3,523 | 3,840 | 4,983 | 4,462 | (NA) | 5,285 | 4,426 | 5,394 |
| dollars.. | 7,780,063 | 5,693,380 | 5,191,120 | 2,087,346 | (NA) | 2,518,058 | 1,768,536 | 2,052,218 |
| \$1 to \$99.....farms reporting.. | 680 | 800 | 1,172 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$100 to \$199.....farms reporting.. | 516 | 575 | 780 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$200 to \$499.....farms reporting.. | 644 | 721 | 1,022 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$500 to \$999.....farms reporting.. | 481 | 544 | 813 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting.. | 637 | 761 | 805 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting.. | 248 | | | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting.. | 163 | 439 | 391 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting.. | 108 | | | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| \$20,000 and over.....farms reporting.. | 46 | | | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting.. | 4,898 | 5,494 | 7,448 | 6,174 | (NA) | 7,417 | 6,926 | 6,405 |
| dollars.. | 40,655,476 | 36,988,449 | 38,316,160 | 6,419,511 | (NA) | 3,684,889 | 1,935,095 | 1,490,252 |
| Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting.. | 4,885 | 4,478 | (NA) | 3,024 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| dollars.. | 2,559,474 | 1,820,262 | (NA) | 395,390 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting.. | 4,884 | (NA) | 5,323 | 5,953 | (NA) | 7,525 | (NA) | 9,107 |
| dollars.. | 3,907,116 | (NA) | 1,244,708 | 791,741 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 1,222,329 |
| Lime and liming material.....farms reporting.. | 1,505 | (NA) | 3,184 | 2,363 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| dollars.. | 309,107 | (NA) | 411,171 | 157,733 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of October 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.