

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..	36,365	36,933	36,577	36,966	43,732	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	86,781	66,593	57,282	63,463	69,575	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	35,928	36,493	36,284	35,578	42,916	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	57,808	54,169	52,267	51,316	60,763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	34,967	34,250	35,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	14,823	13,564	11,661	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	22,841	19,919	16,637	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	8,028	6,534	2,865	6,514	5,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	28,973	12,424	5,015	12,147	8,812	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	5,961	6,463	(NA)	7,432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	4,187	2,368	(NA)	3,648	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	18,825	3,447	(NA)	1,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	146	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,033	4,362	2,027	(NA)	4,012	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,540	1,157	423	(NA)	862	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,059	622	255	(NA)	401	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	791	291	128	(NA)	184	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	605	102	32	(NA)	36	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	2,445	4,378	4,921	6,697	1,381	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	7,591	6,094	2,572	5,126	4,679	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	4,279	3,872	1,692	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	3,144	2,102	828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	168	120	52	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	28,337	29,399	33,712	30,452	38,237	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	16,826	18,057	22,931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	10,718	10,219	10,179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	793	1,123	602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	437	440	293	1,388	816	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	24,087	25,849	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	9,510,105	8,510,612	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	21,908	26,203	28,836	25,483	(NA)	25,475	22,811	24,789
dollars..	30,442,241	32,196,779	29,415,136	11,487,378	(NA)	12,706,235	9,293,688	14,733,521
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	3,881	4,862	5,505	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	2,926	3,395	3,994	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	4,931	5,760	6,849	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	3,403	4,464	4,859	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,628	4,670	4,890	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,896	3,062	2,739	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	826			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	260			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	29,250	30,386	32,153	24,726	(NA)	22,051	19,360	24,062
dollars..	26,724,171	24,749,164	22,120,136	6,135,958	(NA)	7,040,244	5,494,083	10,709,475
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	32,897	31,077	(NA)	22,307	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	19,086,688	15,071,471	(NA)	3,653,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	17,357	(NA)	9,772	6,117	(NA)	51,342	(NA)	575
dollars..	8,380,325	(NA)	74,405	329,362	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	106,121
Line and liming material.....farms reporting..	...	(NA)	1,513,871	1,585	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	...	(NA)	1,315,430	30,036	(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.